**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.00pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton Hood-Williams [PHW]  Belinda Hansford [BH] | Sally McGregor [SMcG]  Warren Smart [WS] |
|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson (ID) |  |
|  | **Members of the Public present:** | None |
|  | Prior to the meeting Council were addressed by Susan Rodaway who is running a Swansea Rural Voice Project called ‘VocalEyes’. The aim is to make rural wards in the County more self sufficient and to encourage engagement through digital platforms. The idea is that residents register on the vocaleyes.org website and put forward ideas to improve their community. She will be facilitating the project for at least a further 15 months. It was agreed that Ms Rodaway should prepare an article for inclusion in the next newsletter and sometime in the spring hold an event to publicise the project. | |
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**Meeting commenced 7.45pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

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| **ITEM** | **HEADING** | **ACTION BY** |
| 1098  1099  1100  1101  1102  1102  1103  1104  1105  1106  1107  1108  1109  1110  1111  1112 | **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**  Cllr Hood-Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the meeting that the legal notices required for work to start on Phase 1 of the Traffic Calming Project on Tirmynydd Road had been published in the Evening Post.  **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  Apologies were received from Cllr Jones, Prince & White.    **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**  There was a declaration of interest from Cllr Hood-Williams, with regard to all CCS matters.  **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**  Following a proposal from Cllr Smart, seconded by Cllr Hansford, the minutes from the 25th January 2018 Monthly and Finance meetings were unanimously approved as a true record of proceedings. Cllr McGregor abstained as she was not present at the previous meeting.    **MATTERS ARISING**  [1077] Cllr Hood-Williams said that he had now prepared the formal complaint to the ombudsman about LHCC.  [1067] Cllr Hood-Williams said that the text to be shown on the information boards had been prepared and circulated for comment and proof reading.  There was a discussion about a possible event to formally open the History Trail. It was decided to involve the school in any such occasion.  Planning applications for the sites would need to be completed by the clerk.  [1081] Cllr Hansford reported that Graham Smith had said he would be happy to be involved in revamping the website home page.  [1085] Cllr Smart said that he had not yet been able to walk the footpath down to Cefn Golau due to excessive mud. The chairman agreed to speak to the Footpath Officers in C&CS about vehicles driving on LH 56 near the village pump on Tirmynydd Rd.  **CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**  **1. Community Centre Storage Heaters –** Following comments about the centre being cold on some evenings, one of the original storage heaters was found to have stopped working. John Green has been out to see if it can be repaired but has advised that it should be replaced.  *The clerk reported that he had sourced a replacement heater for under £300. Cllr Hansford proposed and Cllr McGregor seconded the motion to buy the item and to have it installed by A19 Electrical Services. This was agreed unanimously.*  **2. Internal Audit 2017/18 –** Mr Lyn Llewellyn has confirmed that he will conduct this year’s audit for his 2016/17 fee + 3% [£293.81]  *Cllr McGregor proposed and Cllr Smart seconded the motion that Mr Llewellyn be*  *re-appointed as internal auditor for 2017/18. This was carried unanimously*.  **3. 1918 – 2018 Centenary –** Poppy seeds purchased for planting around the village in March & April.  *It was agreed unanimously that the school be involved in the seeding project.*  *The clerk would draw up a plan of suitable sites around the village.*  **4. Banc Drainage** – Bay Landscapes requested to rod the small lower drain in the manhole.  *The clerk reported that he had arranged a visit by an inspector from the Coal Authority to investigate if mine water overflows were adding to the Banc drainage situation.*  **5. Wildflower Planting –** Confirmed with Parks Dept. that we will be seeding again this year.  **Correspondence Received/Sent in January & February**  **6. Somerset Trust -** Letter sent to Chris Smith 5/2/18 regarding the land at Tirmynydd Road. *No reply received to date*  **7. Data Protection Officer Role –** letter received from Huw Evans at C&CS 31/1/18. A request had been made by several town and community councils at the last Forum that Swansea Council act as the DPO for each community or town council. He asks if TCCC would be interested in such an arrangement at a cost of course**.**  *It was agreed unanimously that the clerk should write to Mr Evans informing him that this council would like to be involved in such a scheme if the cost was reasonable.*  **8. Letter from Ann Stephens –** email received 02/02/18 regarding pedestrian safety and asking if the ‘grass paths’ could be made into gravel ones.  *The chairman reported that he had discussed the matter personally with Mrs Stephens who was satisfied with his response. The clerk would write to her confirming this.*  **9. C&CS Road Safety Dept -**Thank you letter sent to Mark Thomas, Jeff Green & Alan Ferris. Reply received saying it was much appreciated.  **10. 2018/19 Precept –** Confirmation received from C&CS of amount and schedule of dates.  **11. Playground Inspection –** Email from Wicksteed Ltd advising of due date. Inspection arranged for April.  **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the February accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Smart that these be accepted. Cllr McGregor seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  Cllr McGregor reported that the Fete Day marquee and Portaloos had been booked and deposits paid. She said that she had spoken with Cold Comfort Club who were free on the 23rd June for the evening Hog Roast. They had indicated a fee of £200 for the 2 hour performance. Additional musical entertainment was discussed and Cllr McGregor was authorised to spend up to £400 total on this.  It was agreed that Cllr McGregor and the clerk should speak with the Joiners Arms to provide the bar and hog roast once more.  Cllr McGregor was asked to confirm that there would be lights in the toilets.  It was agreed that ticket prices for the event should be the same as last year.  Cllr Hansford asked if the council would like to support the school St David’s Day Cawl Event again this year. They had requested £200 for ingredients.  Cllr McGregor proposed this be agreed. It was seconded by Cllr Smart and passed unanimously.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  Cllr Hansford tabled a list of proposed items for the next newsletter. She proposed finding some individuals in the village willing to participate in the production of the Newsletter, e.g. gathering stories, writing stories and putting it together, as she is concerned that if at any point she decides she does not wish to continue, or for some reason is unable to do so, then Crwys News might not be published. She proposed that we have this as a topic as part of the Vocaleyes Community Action.”  The chairman said he would prepare a short item from Neighbourhood Watch and Cllr Hansford would write a piece on the new village shop. There would also be items on the 2018/19 Budget, progress on traffic calming and Fete Day events.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  These were discussed earlier in the meeting.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  There were no matters to discuss.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  At this point Cllr Hood-Williams left the room and Cllr Smart took the chair. Application 2017/2258, Detached Dwelling on land behind 1,Dukefield, was discussed. It was resolved that the council had no comment to make.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  These had been discussed earlier.    **DELEGATES REPORTS**  There were no reports.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting would take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th March.  The meeting ended at 9.20pm | PHW  ALL  ID  BH/KW  WS  PHW  ID  ID  SMcG  ID  ID  ID  ID  ID  SMcG  ID  SMcG  PHW  BH |