



MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor

Paxton Hood-Williams [PHW]
Kevin White [KW]
Sally McGregor [SMcG]
Janet Taylor [JT]

Community Councillor

Daniel Jones [DJ]
Warren Smart [WS]
Belinda Hansford [BH]

Clerk: Ian Donaldson (ID)

Members of the Public present:

Khan Prince 40 Pantydwr, Michael Eales 52 Pantydwr, Ann Davies 59 Pantydwr, and Dana Evans 1 Pentwyn, Three Crosses.

Cllr Hood-Williams left the room whilst residents talked about planning issues, Cllr Smart took the chair. He welcomed the residents to the meeting and invited them to address the council. Ann Davies said she had attended to object to planning application 2018/2127/OUT which was due to be discussed on the agenda for the meeting. She expressed her reasons for objecting namely, the proposed development was too close to the village school, playpark and the entrance as shown was virtually opposite the upper entrance to Llwynderw. These concerns were regarding road safety issues with an increase in vehicular traffic. She said that Pantydwr was a major route to and from school and the Banc area. On road parking along this road at school start at finishing times was bad enough now without further increases in volume. She mentioned the loss of meadow habitat, hedgerows and mature oak trees that are so important to the bio-diversity of the area. There would also be the loss of natural drainage, a point that Michael Eales wished to emphasise, since his property No 52 abuts the land. He said that the area was often waterlogged as the drainage was appalling. Khan Prince said it isn't named Pantydwr by accident. Cllr Smart advised the residents of the village to express their comments on the City & County of Swansea planning website since this council has limited influence in planning matters. Cllr Hansford said is the volume of objections that holds sway more. Cllr Jones reminded those present that this was an application for Outline Planning permission. Khan Prince remarked that this meant it could be altered on any full application and the number of dwellings increased. He concurred with Mrs Davies comments on road safety and loss of habitat. He said the developers were very clever people who knew their way around the planning process. He said that there were moral grounds for objecting to the Chapel from selling land to build homes on what was perceived to be a graveyard. Cllr Smart reminded him that moral grounds were not valid reasons to object. These comments would be better directed at the Chapel themselves. Mr Eales asked if the Community Council could have a word with the Chapel deacons to get them to change their minds. He said that the community had supported them when they were raising funds to renovate the building so it did feel as if they were acting immorally

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to now develop the land. He said if they were short of money they might be better off engaging with the community.

Mr Eales said that looking at the plans, his property would be overlooked by at least two of the planned dwellings with the resultant loss of privacy and light.

Mr Prince said that there would be an adverse visual impact on that side of Pantydwr with the loss of trees and the construction of 7 dwellings. This would spoil the character of the village.

Once again, Cllrs Hansford and Taylor urged the residents to raise personal objections on the planning portal if they felt they wanted to object. This would hold more sway with the planning department.

This was the end of the planning discussion and Cllr Hood- Williams re-entered the room and resumed the chair.

Mr Prince asked the council to re-consider the recent policy of approval of every new post on the Facebook page. He understood the reasons why it was introduced, however he said that there were time sensitive items he had posted that were not approved quickly enough. He recommended that 'ground rules' should be put on the information page and if people broke them they should be blocked.

Cllr Hansford said that she also had reservations about the new policy and would look at changing it in line with the comments made.

Cllr White said that in line with the council's Social Media Policy the onus is on the council to monitor and moderate the Facebook page.

Meeting commenced 8.15pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding

ITEM	HEADING	ACTION BY
1236	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Janet Taylor the recently appointed community councillor.	
1237	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> There were no apologies, all councillors were present.	
1238	<u>DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL INTEREST</u> There were declarations of interest from Cllr Hood-Williams, with regard to all CCS matters.	
1239	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Cllr Jones proposed acceptance of the previous minutes which was seconded by Cllr White. The motion was carried unanimously with Cllr Taylor abstaining as she was not present at the September meeting.	
1240	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> [1217] The Chairman informed the meeting that the Phase 2 Traffic Calming Scheme had been finalised and had gone out for consultation. [1219] Cllr Smart informed the meeting he had attended the Planning Aid Wales Course in Neath 24/9/18. [1220] An informal meeting to discuss the Fete Event, Capital Projects and the	

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1240	Community Strategy had been held the previous Sunday evening. [1224] Cleaning road signs, no progress. The clerk agreed to chase up Bay Landscapes Ltd.	ID
1241	<u>APPROVAL OF THE 2017/18 ANNUAL RETURN</u> The clerk informed the meeting that following the external audit it was now his duty to present it to council for their approval and acceptance. Cllr Hansford proposed approval of the document and this was seconded by Cllr Smart. The motion was carried unanimously. The clerk tabled the Issues Arising Report and said there were 3 minor issues raised. Council must approve an action plan to deal with these. Issue 1 – Section 1 of the return was out by £1. <i>[It was agreed that the clerk should be wary of rounding errors and double check the accounts]</i> Issue 2 - Mis-use of S137 Expenditure Powers . <i>[The clerk would only use S137 powers when there was no other statutory power available to use]</i> Issue 3 - Absence of date acquired on the Asset Register. <i>[The clerk would add a new column to the register to show the date if known]</i>	ID ID ID
1242	<u>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</u> 1. External Audit – Approved for 2017/18 accounts with some minor issues raised. OVW contacted with regard to the S137 issues. 2. Wicksteed Playground Inspection – 2 new flat seats and new binx nuts on order. 3. Community Centre Damage – the rear gate and emergency steps have been repaired, it looks as if a vehicle had reversed into them pushing them up the bank. 4. Somerset Trust – Mallards (Wales) Ltd engaged to perform valuation of the land. Site visit has taken place and final report awaited. Final Report received. <i>It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr White that the clerk write to the Trust offering to purchase the land for the amount given in the report. This was agreed unanimously.</i> 5. Community Centre Oak Tree – Site visit with Richard Janetta of Cedar Wood Tree Services arranged for 10.00am 16 th October. Tree coming down on Tuesday 13th November at 12.00 noon 6. Independent Review Panel on Community & Town Councils – Report issued and will be summarised by the clerk in the next meeting. 7. BT / Openreach Box 2 (Chapel Rd) – site meeting being organised for w/c 22 nd October. Now fixed for 11am Tuesday 23rd October. 8. IRPW Draft Annual Report 2018 – received and circulated 3/10/18. No changes needed to TCCC present policies. 9. Community Centre Signage - the clerk reported that the sign at the front of the building had been blown off by the storm. It was agreed that the clerk should obtain a quotation from Evercoat Ltd to coat the whole building. It was also agreed to obtain a quote to clear the moss from the roof tiles. New	ID ID ID ID ID ID

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1242	signage would then be designed including the Council logo.	
<u>Correspondence Received/Sent in September & October</u>		
10. Rebecca Evans AM – Invitation extended to attend the Capel -y- Crwys Remembrance Sunday Service.		
1243	<u>SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> The councillors agreed to accept the recommendations and actions from the Sunday 14 th October informal meeting on next year’s Fete Day event.	ALL
1244	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u> The clerk presented the October accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Jones that these be accepted. Cllr White seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.	
1245	<u>COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS</u> It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Hansford change the Facebook page by setting up ground rules and informing members that membership of the site is conditional on following these rules. Failure to do this could result in individuals being blocked. All agreed that the latest Crwys News was very good indeed with a great cover photo.	BH
1246	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> Cllr Smart told the meeting that he had drafted a plan for the Play Ground Project. He was asked to publish and circulate it for comments. Cllrs Hansford and Taylor were putting together some questions for a village survey on residents priorities. They asked if the CDSA would like to access this information once collected. The chairman asked that the survey should not raise unachievable expectations in the village. However, Cllr White said he didn’t have a problem with this as long as the council could explain why they were not affordable or achievable.	WS BH/JT
1247	<u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> The C&CS scheme to make the Gowerton/ Duvant/ Chapel Rds junction safer for pedestrians was discussed. The proposed scheme was a complex one and Cllr White wondered if the proposed new stretch of footpath could be kept on the Joiners Rd side and the carriageway widened instead. Cllr Hood-Williams agreed to go back to the Road Safety team to see if this was possible. He informed the meeting that the final LDP would go before Full Council on Tuesday 23 rd October. Cllr Jones asked if the give way signage in the carriageway at the Wern could be re-painted. He said the markings were being ignored by motorised.	PHW BH ID
1248	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> The chairman left the room at this point and Cllr Smart took the chair. After lengthy debate, where various views were exchanged by individual councillors, it was agreed to reflect the views of the representations made by residents. Cllr Hansford proposed that the council object to the granting of outline planning permission for the numerous reasons expressed at the beginning of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr White and agreed unanimously.	
1249	<u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u> Nothing to report.	

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1250 **DELEGATES REPORTS**

The chairman reported that he had attended the One Voice Wales Annual Conference in September. The meeting focussed mainly on the ongoing Review of Town and Community Councils.

Cllr Smart had attended a Planning Aid Wales course in Neath in September which had been very interesting.

1251 **APPROVAL OF GDPR POLICIES**

The clerk had circulated the above policies prior to the meeting. Cllr Hansford proposed and Cllr Taylor seconded the motion that these policy documents be approved and adopted. This was carried unanimously.

1252 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting would take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th November.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

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