**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton Hood-Williams [PHW]  Warren Smart [WS]  Daniel Jones [DJ]  Belinda Hansford [BH] | Janet Taylor [JT]  Andrew Rogers [AR]  Kevin White [KW] |
|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson [ID] |  |
|  | **Members of the Public present:** | None |
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**Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding.**

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| **ITEM** | **HEADING** | **ACTION BY** |
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He said that he was still pushing them to complete the work  [1428] Cllr White had still not emailed the clerk with his Internal Audit Review report.  **TO FORMALLY APPROVE THE FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WITH LHCC**  The formal settlement agreement drawn up by Cllrs Rogers and Taylor had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Jones proposed that it be approved and forwarded to Llanrhidian Higher Community Council for their acceptance and signature. This was seconded by Cllr Smart and agreed unanimously. The council expressed thanks to the clerk for his work to resolve this issue.  **CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**  **1. Somerset Trust –** Letter received from Somerset Trust offering a lease to maintain the land along Tirmynydd Rd. Circulated. The matter is on hold at the moment awaiting further details of the new Dwr Cymru sewer to be built from the Poundffald down to the Chapel Road /Tirmynydd Road junction.  *Cllr Hood-Williams, in his capacity as Chairman of the CDSA, had been contacted by Dwr Cymru to ask if the contractors could use the Dukefield top car park for workforce facilities. Dwr Cymru intend to publicise the details of the project using fliers and by holding a public meeting in the community centre in early December.*  *The project is due to commence early January and last for around 3 months. During this period there will be temporary traffic lights along Tirmynydd Road.*  **2. Banc Drainage Survey & Report –** Design and Specification Report received and circulated. Cllr Smart consulting with Mr Lewis.  *Cllr Smart to speak with Mr Lewis regarding the planting of trees in the lower north west corner.*  **3. Big Lottery Grant –** TCCC understands that a community wide petition was being organised by concerned parents. It is also understood that Crwys Primary School are very concerned about the situation.  *The council fully intends to submit a third application early in the new year.*  **4. Banc Deeds & Conveyancing to TCCC** – Legal work to be done to transfer to TCCC and register the land. Legal Requirements document prepared and circulated 29/10/19.  *Cllrs Taylor & Rogers recommended that LHCC should complete a ‘deed of transfer’ to TCCC. The clerk would provide the certified copy of the conveyance to Cllr Rogers.*  **5. Grounds Maintenance Contract 2019-22 –** Commenced 1/11/19  **6. Environment (Wales) Act 2016 –** TCCC’s duties under this act have been drafted and circulated for comment. TCCC Environment Policy updated and draft action plan created.  *See later in minutes.*  **Correspondence Received**  **7. LHCC Financial Negotiations –** Letter received 19/10/19 from LHCC and circulated to council. Reply sent 29/10/19 offering to draw up a formal settlement agreement using resources within TCCC. Response received 7/11/19 and circulated.  *A copy of the document has now been sent to LHCC for their approval and signature.*  **8. Sandra Hancock & Wern Olau Residents** – Letter clarifying certain issues sent to Mrs Hancock on 24/10/19 which was acknowledged on 26/10/19. Further letter received 7/11/19 and circulated. Draft reply being prepared for 21/11/19 meeting to approve.  *The draft letter was tabled by the clerk and after discussion was approved by council. The clerk would now send it to Ms Hancock. He would also speak with the C&CS Parks Regeneration officers to ask them to look at potential sites for wildflower seeding around Wern Olau for Spring 2020.*  **9. *ThreeCrosses.org* domain name-** email received from a company called Tabford offering to sell or lease the above domain name for $750.  TCCC already has *threecrosses.org.uk as it’s website.*  *It was agreed not to pursue this.*  **10. Securing Biodiversity Enhancements –** Letter received from Welsh Assembly Government Planning Directorate highlighting Planning Policy Wales (PPW) 10 and its significance in development plan preparation. Circulated 1/11/19.  *Noted.*  **11. Gower Commoners Association-** letter received 26/10/19 referring to registered common land in the village of Three Crosses. They wish to bring to our attention that the Commoners retain their rights to graze this land.  *Noted*  **12. C&CS Hanging Baskets 2020 –** Email received from Parks Dept asking if TCCC wished to participate in the scheme next year. The Clerk noted that the prices had increased by 10% for 2020.  *After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Smart and seconded by Cllr White that the council should proceed with ordering the usual 19 baskets. This was carried unanimously.*  **SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS**  The notes taken by Cllr Taylor at the Open Meeting on 26th September were discussed.  **Litter Picking** – Cllr Hansford agreed to put a note on Facebook for any volunteers to contact Cllr Taylor. The chairman said he had spoken with Fran Williams to organise some litter pickers.  **Playground Project** – As stated above, awaiting preparation of new application to the Big Lottery.  **Nature Society** – Cllr Hansford agreed to speak with Kevin Arbuckle to see if any interest had been shown by residents following the Crwys News article.  Cllr Smart wondered if a launch event could be held in the community centre on a Saturday afternoon?  **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the November accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Smart that these be accepted. Cllr Jones seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  Cllr Hansford talked about the next edition of Crwys News (February to May) and asked councillors for ideas for content. It was agreed that the School Fete Day/ Hogroast Event would feature. Cllr Smart said would provide an article on The Gower Way. It was agreed to ask the groups that regularly use the community centre to provide a short summary of their recent activities.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  The playground project had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  Cllr Jones raised the matter of the hole in the road just above Wern Olau. Cllr Hood-Williams said he had visited the site with an officer from C&CS Highways Dept who were looking to resolve the issue.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  There were no applications to discuss.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  Cllr Jones stated that some vehicles are driving on top of the tarmac footpath (LH56) and causing deep ruts in the soft areas either side of the path.  Cllr Hood-Williams agreed to speak with Swansea Council to see if large stones could be positioned to stop this happening.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  No reports.  **TO REVIEW AND APPROVE TCCC POLICY DOCUMENTS**  The following council policies were tabled, reviewed and approved without amendment.  Equality & Diversity, Freedom of Information, Environment & Biodiversity, Social Media, Document Retention & Disposal, Information Data Protection, The Statement on the Use of the Welsh Language.  **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT REPORT ON SECTION 6 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016**  The clerk explained that in order to comply with the above act, council must report on what it has done to maintain and enhance biodiversity by the end of this year. It is only necessary to report actions that the council is **currently taking** for biodiversity.  The clerk had drafted and circulated a document which was discussed and amended. The agreed document is appended to these minutes.  **TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL THAT TCCC DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY**  The chairman read out the statement made by Upper Killay Community Council on this matter and a discussion took place on its content.  **It was unanimously agreed that this council recognises and accepts the science behind the UN report on Climate Change**.  Cllr White remarked that although this council can perhaps only make a small contribution to reducing global warming, it would be an important step and could well encourage others to do likewise.  Cllr Smart proposed that the council look into installing solar panels on the community centre and to consider only signing up to Green Energy Suppliers when the electricity contract is next up for renewal. This agreed unanimously.  The clerk and chairman were tasked with preparing a statement/policy on this early in the new year.  Cllr Taylor said she was alarmed at the continuing deterioration of the public transport serving the village. She said that in recent weeks buses had not turned up at all. When the service is so infrequent in the first place, when it doesn’t appear those who rely on it miss appointments and connections.  Cllr Hansford said that over half of all those who responded to the village survey complained about the bus service.  It was agreed that the clerk write to Swansea City Council to complain.  **TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF FIREWORKS IN A RURAL ENVIRONMENT**  Cllr White spoke about the amount of distress to domestic and farm animals caused by fireworks in the village. He said that many people in the village had complained about their use on many days either side of November 5th.  He said that in some communities they had either been banned altogether or replaced with low noise/ quiet ones.  He said that this had been achieved by community councils using byelaws. Cllr Taylor agreed to look into this possibility.  Cllr Hood-Williams also agreed to ask Swansea Council what, if any, powers they have to curb the use of fireworks in rural areas.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting would be held on Thursday 16th January 2020 followed by the Q3 Finance Meeting where the 2020/21 budget and precept will be set.  The meeting ended at 10.00pm. | PHW  KW  ID  WS  ID/BH  ID/AR  ID  ID  BH  PHW  BH  WS  ALL  PHW  PHW  ID  ID  ID  ID  JT  PHW |