**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton Hood-Williams [PHW]  Daniel Jones [DJ]  Belinda Hansford [BH] | Janet Taylor [JT]  Andrew Rogers [AR] |
|  | **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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Cllr Taylor seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously.  **MATTERS ARISING**  [1465] Cllr Hood-Williams reported that he had again spoken with C&CS about making good the grass banks and the Gower Way stone at the Community Centre crossroads. He said that he was still pushing them to complete the work.  [1465] Banc Drainage – Cllr Smart was not present to update council on any progress.  [1465] The chairman said that he was still chasing the Highways Dept about the roadworks just above Wern Olau.  [1466] Cllr Rogers reported that he had submitted the Land Registry TR1 Form but that because the certified copy of the 1966 conveyance was older than 3 months old, they had rejected it. He had spoken to the solicitor dealing with property issues in the Somerset Trust who had kindly supplied an original document to satisfy the Land Registry. The new application to transfer the Banc into TCCC ownership had been submitted.    **CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**  **1. Somerset Trust –** Letter received from Somerset Trust offering a lease to maintain the land along Tirmynydd Rd. Circulated. Further letter sent with no response as yet.  *It was agreed to put this matter into abeyance due to the damage done to the land by Welsh Water and their contractors. The subject would be re-visited in the summer when work was due to be completed.*  **2. Banc Drainage Survey & Report –** Design and Specification Report received and circulated. Cllr Smart consulting with Mr Lewis.  **3. Big Lottery Grant –** Working party have revised the applications and new capital grant documents have been prepared.  The TCCC funding contribution is shown as £20,239 which includes all of the £8,739 contingency (10%) in the budget.  **4. Banc Deeds & Conveyancing to TCCC –** Legal work being done to transfer the Banc into TCCC’s name and to register the land.  *The Land Registry application has now been submitted.*  **5. Village Trust** – Emails received from Charity Commission regarding the changes we requested in order to merge the original ‘Recreation Ground Scheme’ and the ‘Village of Three Crosses Common Good Trust’ created in 2012.  *The matter has been dealt with in a Three Crosses Community Trust meeting held following this one.*  **6. Land at Wern Olau –** Title Deeds obtained from the Land Registry and circulated 21/1/2020 showing the scale of the land owned by the Somerset Trust in Wern Olau. No mention of any lease details.  *Cllr Rogers offered to speak with the solicitor in the Somerset Trust referred to in [1481] above in order to obtain a copy of the lease.*  **Correspondence Received**  **7. One Voice Wales –** Annual Subscription Renewal Request received.  *It was resolved that TCCC would renew its membership for 2020/21.*  **8. Wildflower Planting –** Email from SCC Parks Dept about summer 2020. Site meeting with Dave Stares held on 12/2/2020 at Wern Olau to evaluate possible sites. The 50m verge just above Holly House on the west side was looked at.  *Mr Stares has confirmed by email (24/2/20) that it would not be suitable due to the very high moss content and poor drainage.*  **9. Wales Air Ambulance –** request for funding received 15/2/20.  *This was noted for consideration in the Community Grants meeting in September.*  **10. Local Places for Nature Scheme –** An email received from the Deputy Chief Executive of Keep Wales Tidy launching a new initiative to create, restore, enhance hundreds of habitats across Wales.  Cllr Taylor proposed that the clerk explore the possibility of applying for a grant to create a butterfly garden in the community centre grounds. This was seconded by Cllr Hansford and agreed unanimously.  The clerk was asked to forward the email to Mary Rees [CDSA] and Dr Kevin Arbuckle for their information.  **SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS**  Cllr Smart was not in the meeting to update council on the progress made on arranging the Hog Roast Night. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Commercial Marquees to reserve one the same size for the event. *Following discussions with Mr D Thomas of The Poundffald Inn, it was decided to revert to erecting the marquee early Saturday morning.*  Cllr Hansford would see if last year’s banners could be found and modified. If not, she proposed buying two new ones. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.  Cllrs Hansford and Taylor asked if the idea of a Community Coffee morning to be held in April/ June could be put on the agenda for discussion at the next council meeting.  **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the February accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Rogers that these be accepted. Cllr Hansford seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  The chairman congratulated Cllr Hansford and her contributors for yet another excellent and informative Crwys Newletter. He thanked all those involved in delivering it around the village in awful weather.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  Cllr Hansford reported that, since the previous council meeting, a revised quotation had been received from Sutcliffe Play. A lot of work had been done by the working party. The grant application had been rewritten in line with the advice received from meeting held with Elen Davies of the Lottery Fund. A new project budget had been prepared and Cllr Rogers had drawn up a solicitor’s letter confirming that ownership of the Banc had been transferred to TCCC. With these requirements complete the clerk stated that he was ready to submit the new grant application to the Lottery Fund, but that it was necessary that council approve the new project budget.  He tabled spreadsheets showing the amounts requested from the Fund [£74,885] and the other funding sources. TCCC from reserves [£20,239] and a Three Crosses Film Society grant [£1000].  He explained that the contribution from TCCC contained £8739 of budget contingency, needed to be added to the budget when submitted.  The total cost of the scheme, including 10% contingency, but not including recoverable VAT was estimated to be £96,120.  Cllr Hansford proposed that this grant application be submitted based on these figures. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously. The chairman thanked the working party for all their efforts to put the application together.  *The grant application was formally submitted to the Lottery Fund on Friday 21st February. The decision should be made in 2-3 months.*  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  City Councillor Hood-Williams remarked that the council tax was likely to rise by 4.65% for 20/21.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  Cllr Hood-Williams left the room at this point and Cllr Hansford took the chair.  Application No. 2019/2551/FUL for a new stock shed at Poundffald Farm was discussed. It was decided that TCCC decided not to comment to SCC.  Cllr Hood-Williams returned to the room and resumed as chairman.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  No reports  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  The chairman reported that he and the clerk had attended a One Voice Wales Swansea Area Committee meeting in January. There had been a presentation by an officer from The Wellbeing of Future Generations Commissioner’s Office.  This reminded community councils that they must take into consideration the wellbeing of our future generations when taking decisions in council  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting would be held on Thursday 19th March 2020.  The meeting ended at 8.40pm. | PHW  PHW  WS  PHW  WS  ID  AR  ID  ID  ID  ID  ID  BH  ID  ID |