



Minutes of Community Council Meeting
at Three Crosses Community Centre
on Thursday, 15th January 2026
at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor
 Cllr Debbie Male
 Cllr Beverly Evans

Community Councillor
 Cllr Paul Dennis
 Cllr Alison Douglas

Clerk: W Smart

Meeting commenced 7.40pm
Cllr Paul Dennis , Vice-Chair of the Community Council presiding

	ITEM	ACTION
584	<p>One member of the public was present Hannah waters</p> <p>Hannah Waters presented a proposal to provide a Yoga class at the community centre. The details were discussed by the council who were in favour of the proposal. The council asked Hannah to join the three crosses community Facebook page Cllr Douglas will provide the link. The council thought that this was a good idea if affordable for the community. The council also agreed there would be no charge for the first, taster session at the community centre Proposed by Cllr Dennis and seconded by Cllr Douglas.</p> <p>ACTION:- The clerk is to let the hall manager know</p>	WS
1.0	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u>	
585	<p>Meeting commenced at 19: 40pm</p> <p>The Vice-Chair welcomed all to the meeting</p>	
2.0	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
586	<p>Apologies received from Cllr Hood Williams, Cllr Rogers and Cllr Jones</p> <p>The meeting was quorate and so progressed</p>	
3.0	<u>DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL INTEREST</u>	
587	None	

4.0	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS	
588	<p>The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 20th November 2025 had been distributed for review and these details were also displayed on the screen by the clerk.</p> <p>Acceptance of the minutes was Proposed by Cllr Douglas and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p>	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
589	<p>Vehicles driving over the Banc A draft reply has been produced for the consideration of Councillors, the clerk asked councillors for their comments. Cllr Dennis has already asked other residents about this matter and whilst a farm gate has existed for a while the continuous use over the Banc could not be confirmed. The council agreed to remove the comments contained within brackets in the letter and to issue the letter. A google map view from 2009 is part of the letter and this shows the access overgrown and clearly not in use. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Douglas to remove the comments and issue the letter ACTION:- Clerk to remove the comments and then to issue the letter</p>	WS
590	<p>Village Green Fly-tipping Matter Carried forward The clerk has drafted a letter; this letter is to be hand delivered to all the properties at the village green boundary. Sub-soil has been dumped on the village green during December ACTION: - Clerk to hand deliver the letter</p>	WS
591	<p>Electrical Payment for Micro Generation The connection confirmation letter was received from KA Electrical (on 4th Nov 2025), this has been forwarded to Octopus, who have now informed us that we need to resubmit the application form due to the time that has elapsed. This has now been submitted to Octopus and Octopus have confirmed receipt and will respond to the clerk in 4-8wks. The clerk proposed that we will remain with Octopus as a supplier until this matter is resolved, agreed. ACTION: - The clerk is to follow up with the supplier</p>	WS
592	<p>Gowerton Rd Traffic Issue The clerk has issued details to Swansea council, and we still await a reply The proposal is to install a “no caravans” supplementary plates to the existing signposts There has been no new update from the Gowerton Rd community group in the month but a road traffic accident has been reported to the Clerk. Awaiting a reply from CCS ACTION: - Clerk to get an update from the Gowerton Rd group and to resend the e mail request regarding signage to Swansea highways</p>	WS
593	<p>Village Green Planter Refurbishment</p>	

594	<p>The spare posts have been collected from the CDSA for use to repair the planters, but some long planks are still needed. The clerk agreed to buy the planks for the long sides ACTION:- Clerk to purchase</p> <p><u>Play Area Signage</u> Carried forward The signage within the play area has contact details for the old Clerk. Quote obtained, a high-def logo requested by the supplier. There is a supplier within the village ACTION: - Clerk to progress</p>	WS
595	<p><u>Community Centre Picnic Benches</u> On hold, this will be a capital project for 2026.</p>	WS
596	<p><u>Community Centre Windows</u> The windows have been repaired - closed</p>	
597	<p><u>Admin Software</u> The Clerk has been given a demonstration by scribe, and we have had a quote from scribe. EDGE IT has provided a quote. Cllr Dennis commented that scribe is the most widely used system. Discuss at the next finance meeting</p>	
598	<p><u>Audit 2024/2025</u> The chair is to sign documents, The clerk went through the audit return sheet, raising the matter of community consultation which we need to address.</p>	
599	<p>The councillors resolved to adopt the power of competence set out in the local government Wales act 2021 Cllr Male proposed this seconded by Cllr Evans and all agreed.</p>	
600	<p>The clerk went through the details of the accounts; all documents are held on the website for anyone to access.</p> <p><u>Transfer of CDSA assets</u> The CDSA have approached the council to transfer the land at Dukefield to the council or to the village trust. Cllr Evans was supportive but at the same time concerned about the volume of additional work. Currently the volunteers undertake a lot of the work. Additional work is done by a ground contractor together with funding from grants. Following discussion, Councillors agreed to progress with the management of the asset at Dukefield.</p> <p>The proposal was that councillors engage with the trustees of the land at Dukefield for the transfer of the assets. Cllr Male proposed Cllr Evans seconded with unanimous support</p>	
6.0	<p><u>Clerks Report/Community Matters</u></p>	
601	<p><u>One Voice Wales Correspondence</u></p>	

602	<p>The clerk has forwarded the email correspondence from One voice Wales to Councillors throughout the month. The Welsh version is available on request.</p> <p>Most ongoing issues have been dealt with under matters arising. Councillors expressed a preference to receive correspondence from OVW as it is received</p>	
603	<p>Community Centre Trees</p> <p>The trees outside the community centre have been surveyed and there is no additional work required. - closed</p>	
604	<p>Community Hedges</p> <p>The next phase of hedge work is to lay the section of hedge at the top of The Banc, this order has been placed.</p>	
605	<p>Training</p> <p>Cllr Douglas has completed the new councillor training, no other training undertaken. A training plan is required as part of the audit</p>	
606	<p>Flowers</p> <p>Hanging Baskets Confirmed for summer 2026 with CCS, invoice awaited.</p>	
607	<p>Standing Orders</p> <p>The clerk has previously suggested creating a role of council advisor and amending the standing orders to allow council advisors to speak during council meetings, though they cannot propose, second or vote. Clerk has drafted the new standing orders.</p>	
608	<p>New Tables</p> <p>Deferred to Finance meeting</p>	
609	<p>Warm Hub</p> <p>The chapel have had the first grant instalment and sessions have now begun every Wednesday 11:30 to 14:00 from this week. The clerk is supporting by printing posters</p>	WS
610	<p>Charity Return</p> <p>This has been completed for the Village trust, a schedule of village trust meeting is required</p>	
611	<p>Peddling</p> <p>Cllr Evans raised the issue of peddling; A number of people have been in the community peddling without a license. These people have been arrested for peddling without a license. The PCSOs are involved Cllr Dennis will provide the details of the new PCSO</p>	PD
	<p>Facebook Page</p> <p>Businesses not within the community removed. People charging for items not allowed but free issue items allowed.</p>	
	<u>7.0 Governance Document Review</u>	
612	<p>No documents to review The clerk has a matrix showing the review dates</p>	

8.0	<u>Sub Committee Reports</u>	
613	None to report	
9.0	<u>Community Events</u>	
614	<p>Summer Event The summer event is confirmed at 27th July 2026 by PTA A 24m long marquee has been quoted, this is cheaper. The number of tables and chairs have also been reduced, The PTA used most of the tables so retain at 22no, there were a lot of chairs not used last year we reduced the chair requirement to 200no, there were a lot of chairs not used last year.</p> <p>A band was discussed and covering a wide range of years of music, the location of the band was also discussed The skip was useful last year City loos will supply the toilets and the generator Louise and the feathers will play the early set The catering had sold out during the day and so they left early Cllr Evans agreed to liaise with the PTA about the fete day and the night event. Cllr Douglas suggested the Gowertones, clerk to follow up</p>	BE WS
615	<p>St David's Day event The chapel are planning to do doing a Welsh Evening rather than a St Davids Day event. Clerk to find out further details, possibly on 7th March. Clerk to update the councillors at the next meeting</p>	WS
616	<p>Christmas Event Thanks were given by the Vice Chair to Cllr Evans for organising the Christmas event. Clerk is to pay the remaining invoices by 28th Feb 2026. Cllr Dennis proposed that the event is planned for 2026, all present though that it was a good event. The donation box was a good idea; it raised over £200 for the CDSA. Some good feedback online</p>	
10.0	<u>Accounts for Payment/ Financial Matters</u>	
617	<p>The clerk presented the accounts and the invoices for payment in the December and January periods. In summary:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT broadband – direct debit • Electric bill – direct debit • HMRC quarterly payment – direct debit • Maintenance contract - monthly BACS payment • Salaries BACS Payments (incl Backpay) • Fire risk assessment • Christmas event costs – for previously approved funds • Clerks' expenses item have been paid from the petty cash allowance • Christmas tree lights connection cost – to A19 Electical • Swansea spaces grant income received • Precept payment 3 income received • Event income – Christmas event 	WS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall hire income • Toilet deposit – to pay by BACS <p>The clerk showed the cash book on the screen. The Finance Q3 report is due at the next finance meeting</p> <p>The statement at the end of December 2025 is £21,098.09</p> <p>The accounts were accepted for payment, proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Douglas and unanimously accepted.</p> <p>ACTION:- Clerk to pay the accounts,</p>	
11.0	<u>Community Communications and Website</u>	
618	The Clerk is updating the web site with minutes, agendas, audit returns and governance documents	
12.0	<u>CAPTIAL PROJECTS</u>	
619	<p>Community Centre Biodiversity Project Ref 9.18 No progress in the period</p> <p>Active travel Path No progress in the period, although the clerk has responded to the Government active travel survey</p> <p>Community Centre New Furniture No progress in the period</p>	
13.0	<u>Planning Matters</u>	
620	The clerk has forwarded all planning applications and planning decisions to councillors, Comments have been submitted as required following the Nov meeting	
621	<p>2025/2700/S73 A message has been received from Mrs D Evans concerned about the planning application for Gowerton Rd (2025/2700/S73). The councillors debated the amendment to the planning application for Gowerton rd, which is with regard to parking</p> <p>ACTION:- Clerk will submit a neutral comment to the planning application for Gowerton Rd with a comment about the concern on the width of Gowerton Rd at this location and the lack of space for parking on the highway.</p>	
622	<p>2024/2348/FUL Cllr Evans asked if there was any update on the Gowerton Rd development (2024/2348/FUL) this was for 27 houses, there was no update available.</p>	WS

14.0	<u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u>	
623	The clerk has responded to the active travel consultation. No other matters raised	
15.0	<u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
624	None	
16.0	<u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u>	
625	<p>OVW meeting earlier this week, the presentation has been forwarded to all councillors. There was a discussion about land transfers and webinars. The minutes will be forwarded to councillors. Some of the community councils have completed a survey on survey monkey.</p> <p>Cllr Douglas will look to do this for us, the clerk is to look for copies of previous surveys</p>	AD/WS
17.0	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
626	<p>Next Monthly meeting 19th February 2026 CDSA Tue 20th Jan 7pm in Community Centre Finance meeting at 7:30 on 22nd January at the community Centre</p> <p>Meeting Closed 21:25</p>	
Prepared By The Clerk :- Warren Smart		
Proposed as a true record by:- Cllr Dennis		
Seconded as a true record by:- Cllr Male		