



**Minutes of Community Council Meeting**  
**at Three Crosses Community Centre**  
**on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

**Community Councillor**

Cllr Debbie Male

Cllr Daniel Jones

**Community Councillor**

Cllr Paul Dennis

Cllr Alison Douglas

Cllr Andrew Rogers

**Clerk:** W Smart

**Meeting commenced 7.35pm**

**Cllr Paul Dennis , Vice-Chair of the Community Council presiding**

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u></b>	
677	Meeting commenced at 7:35pm The Vice-Chair welcomed all to the meeting and noted the sad passing of our chairman Cllr Paxton Hood -Williams in March 2026 and his recent private funeral. As a council it was felt that we need to do something to mark his service to the community which was exceptional	
678	The March community council meeting was cancelled at the last moment on receiving the sad news as a mark of respect.	
679	Councillors discussed placing a bench in memory of Paxton, a bench has been independently suggested by both the CDSA and by Swansea Council the wording of the plaque needs to be agreed, and the location of the bench. It was also suggested to have tea afterwards at the community centre  Cllr Dennis will contact Cllr Lydon Jones	<b>PD</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b>	
680	Apologies received from Cllr Beverly Evans, and from Cllr Daniel Jones who confirmed that he would be attending later The meeting was quorate and so progressed	

<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL INTEREST</u></b>	
681	None	
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u></b>	
682	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 has been distributed for review by the clerk these minutes were approved as a true record proposed by Cllr Dennis and seconded by Cllr Male and Cllr Rogers abstained as he was not present	
683	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 has been distributed for review by the clerk the minutes were unanimously approved as a true record proposed by Cllr Rogers and seconded by Cllr Douglas.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising/ Clerks Report/Community Matters</u></b>	
684	<p><b>Vehicles driving over the Banc</b></p> <p>A letter had been received by the clerk on 1/4/26 from Mr Brendan Pang of Spencer West Solicitors acting for the residents, the clerk forwarded this letter to all councillors for comment prior to this meeting and then sent an acknowledgement email to Mr Bendan Pang as instructed</p> <p>Councillors debated the contents of the received letter and agreed the next steps, noting that the property is now for sale and the dispute over the right of access must be passed to any future buyer as part of the pre-contract enquiries.</p> <p>The clerk is to write to Spencer west solicitors, providing a copy of the public footpath definitive map and noting the objection to the right of way by the community council.</p> <p>The community council also proposed taking positive action to support their legal position and also noted the need to pass on the matter for inclusion in any pre-contract enquiries.</p> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> The clerk is also to arrange with our grounds contractor to place a post or some block stone to block the access.</p> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> Clerk to reply to the letter. Clerk to instruct the grounds contractor</p> <p>Discuss taking positive action to block the path to vehicles using block stone or a removable post. Add to letter that we are taking steps to not allow access.</p>	<b>WS</b>
685	<p><b>Village Green Letter</b></p> <p>Posted to each property by hand, one comment from a resident via Facebook about cutting back ivy and brambles. No further action for the council</p>	

686	<p><b>Fencing at bottom of Chapel Road</b>  Clerk has emailed Commoners association 9/3/26, and they will be serving notice on the resident responsible. No further action by the council  <b>ACTION</b> :- Clerk to follow up with The Commoners association</p>	WS
687	<p><b>Electrical Payment for Micro Generation</b>  The statutory period ended on 9/3/26 and it is still in limbo. There is an ongoing matter the supplier Octopus energy last contact the clerk on 19/3/26. We have been supplying energy since September 2024  Register the dispute with OFFGEM. A Business customer has a low rate for electricity generation   <b>ACTION:</b> - The clerk is to follow up with the supplier and also with National Grid, the power distributor (number supplied by Cllr Douglas) and if there is no response then contact the regulator</p>	WS
688	<p><b>Electricity Supplier</b>  Agreed to remain with Octopus – no further action</p>	
689	<p><b>Gowerton Rd Traffic Issue</b>  The Community Council noted that traffic concerns are not a community council matter to resolve. The clerk received a quote from CCS Road safety manager on 6/3/26. This includes a plan to place 2no new posts and traffic signs at a cost to the council of <b>£3,276.73</b>. The clerk had requested that the additional signs with different wording, to prevent caravans, could be added to the existing posts. The council debated the problem and concluded that the best result would be a change to access which would then remove the route from “Google maps” and so avoid camper vans or caravans from using this route to access Gower during the summer months.  The clerk noted a message from Mrs Dana Evans who has reported another RTA during March 2026  Cllr Dennis reported that motorhomes are using the area, this road has been reported to apple and google online maps. If the road could be downgraded to access only this would improve the situation and CCS have to do this.  Summer traffic to Gower shows a big increase in traffic on Gowerton road.   <b>ACTION:</b> - Clerk to decline the offer of new signposts from CCS and request a change of status to access only.</p>	WS
690	<p><b>Village Green Planter Refurbishment</b>  The village planters at the top of the banc both need to be repaired. The council have been gifted the posts as waste from the recent CDSA work  <b>ACTION:-</b> Clerk to purchase the additional recycled plastic planks required</p>	WS
691	<p><b>Play Area Signage</b></p>	

	Carried forward. New signs are required ACTION: - Clerk to progress	WS
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>Clerks Report/Community Matters</u></b>	
692	<b>Training</b> Training opportunities have been circulated to all councillors	
693	<b>Village Trust</b> The council is the single trustee of the Village trust; a trust meeting needs to be arranged to complete the bank mandate change. The trust needs to have a schedule of meetings. All councillors are trustees. Action:- Clerk is to give Cllr Rogers the trust file	WS
694	<b>New waste Bins</b> New waste bins have been placed around the village in the month, including on the Banc. CCS did not give the council any prior warning of this action	
695	<b>New Tables</b> Deferred to next meeting	
696	<b>Warm Hub</b> A close out report has been requested by CCS, Swansea Spaces ACTION: - The clerk is to complete and issue the report	WS
697	<b>Facebook Page</b> No significant issues raised via Facebook	
698	<b>Wildflowers</b> The clerk has requested a 25m stretch of wildflowers at the community centre. ACTION Clerk to follow this up	WS
699	<b><u>Admin Software</u></b> The council reiterated the preference for scribe software, the clerk is to inform the supplier and commence the contract	WS
700	<b>Audit 2024/2025</b> Documents to be signed prior to submission	
701	<b>Transfer of CDSA assets</b> No update	
703	<b>One Voice Wales Correspondence</b> The clerk has forwarded the email correspondence from One voice Wales to Councillors throughout the month. The Welsh version is available on request.	
704	<b>Water leak</b> The clerk has called on the resident and spoken about the issue and given advice. The clerk has followed this up with DCWW and cannot take this any further	

705	<b>Election of a new City Councillor</b> CCS to advise the clerk. This is to be run by CCS	
706	<b>Community Council Vacancy</b> Needs to be advertised in the community. Cllr Jones proposed that the appointment is to be after the AGM and all agreed.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>Governance Document Review</u></b>	
	No documents to review	
<b>8.0</b>	<b><u>Sub Committee Reports</u></b>	
	None to report	
<b>9.0</b>	<b><u>Community Events</u></b>	
707	<p><b>Summer Event</b></p> <p>The security provision for the fete was discussed; the clerk has had no reply from Tag security. Cllr Male has obtained a quote from Paul Gilbert Security, this quote is about 5% greater than we paid last year, but with no VAT. The quote was accepted, proposed by Cllr Male and seconded by Cllr Douglas. <b>ACTION:-</b> Clerk to inform the supplier</p> <p>The clerk has counted 250 large cup ana d 350 small cups Discuss ticket costs agreed on £5 and a higher charge on the gate Discuss food costs agree same costs as last year. Agreed to go back to a hog roast year and to charge £4.50 for a hog roll, Agreed the food volumes. The stalls need to stay in the evening this year to sell food</p> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> Clerk is to obtain another SUM up machine for the fete</p> <p>Discuss the bands, Clerk is pursuing a covers band. A second band Louise and the Feathers will play original songs</p> <p>The Portaloos and generator are confirmed with City loos Marquee is confirmed with Commercial marquees, deposit to be paid.</p> <p>Agreed to get the tickets from Vista print and some more wrist bands</p> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> clerk to get the tickets and the wristbands</p>	<p>WS</p> <p>WS</p> <p>WS</p>
<b>10.0</b>	<b><u>Accounts for Payment/ Financial Matters</u></b>	
708	The clerk presented the accounts and the invoices for payment	

	<p>In summary:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BT broadband – direct debit payment</li> <li>• Electric bill – direct debit payment</li> <li>• Maintenance contract - monthly BACS payment</li> <li>• Salaries - monthly BACS Payments</li> <li>• Warm hub grant residual payment to chapel by BACS £500</li> <li>• Petty cash Return - payment to The Clerk via BACS</li> <li>• Playground inspection</li> <li>• Second life planks to repair the planters</li> </ul> <p>Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hall hire income</li> </ul> <p>The statement at year end (March 31<sup>st</sup>) 2026 is <b>£14,763.84</b></p> <p>The accounts were accepted for payment, proposed by Cllr Rogers, and seconded by Cllr Male and unanimously accepted.</p> <p>ACTION:- Clerk to pay the accounts,</p>	<b>WS</b>
<b>11.0</b>	<b><u>Community Communications and Website</u></b>	
709	<p>The Clerk continues updating the web site with minutes, agendas, audit returns and governance documents.</p> <p>We still do not have an editor for the newsletter</p>	
<b>12.0</b>	<b><u>CAPTIAL PROJECTS</u></b>	
720	<p><b>Community Centre Biodiversity Project Ref 9.18</b> No progress</p>	
721	<p><b>Active travel Path</b> CCS to advise the council</p>	
722	<p><b>Community Centre New Furniture</b> New tables required</p>	
<b>13.0</b>	<b><u>Planning Matters</u></b>	
723	<p>The clerk has forwarded all planning applications and planning decisions to councillors, Comments have been submitted as required following the</p> <p>2026/0361 PRE 4 Misty Hills Close Clerk to submit a comment, concerns over construction traffic and drainage</p>	<b>WS</b>
724	<p>2026/0362/PRE Gowerton Golf course</p>	<b>WS</b>

	Construction of a house, this is outside the village envelope – Clerk to submit a comment	
<b>14.0</b>	<b><u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u></b>	
	None	
<b>15.0</b>	<b><u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u></b>	
	None	
<b>16.0</b>	<b><u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u></b>	
	None	
<b>17.0</b>	<b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b>	
626	Next meeting 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026 the Council AGM followed by the Monthly Meeting  Meeting Closed 9:20	
<b>Prepared By the Clerk :- Warren Smart</b>		
<b>Proposed as a true record by:- Cllr</b>		
<b>Seconded as a true record by:- Cllr</b>		