



Minutes of Community Council Meeting
at Three Crosses Community Centre
on Thursday 16th July 2026
at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor
 Cllr Paul Dennis (Chair)
 Cllr Bev Evans (Vice-Chair)

Community Councillor
 Cllr Alison Douglas (via teams)

Cllr Rowe (City Councillor)

Meeting commenced 7.30pm
Cllr Paul Dennis, Chair of the Community Council presiding

	ITEM	ACTION
26/27 850	City Councillor for Fairwood ward Cllr Beth Rowe was present as an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the community council	
1.0	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u>	
851	Meeting commenced at 7.30 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone for their contribution towards the village fete and Saturday night on the Banc events. The Clerk confirmed the income from the fete was better than expected. The chair expressed some ideas for future challenges. To find a person with an interest in journalism to work with the council and produce stories, possibly monthly, about village heroes or other positive stories to give some positive community integration. Potential good news, we have indication that the Crwys youth amenities trust will transfer the land at Dukefield to the Village Trust. We have had a lot of complaints about the state of the roads with weeds etc, he suggested an annual pride in the village campaign once/year. Later in the year or early next year where the council would provide a skip. He suggested a change to the schedule of council meetings for 27/28 to reduce the number of meetings	

2.0	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
852	Apologies were received from Cllr Jones, Cllr Male and Cllr Rogers The meeting was quorate and so progressed. There is still a vacancy for a community councillor.	
3.0	<u>DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL INTEREST</u>	
853	None	
4.0	<u>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u>	
854	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Thursday 16th June had been prepared by Cllr Evans and were issued via email prior to the meeting. These minutes were approved as a true record, proposed by Cllr Douglas and seconded by Cllr Evans ACTION:- Clerk to post the approved minutes on the council web site	WS
5.0	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
855	ACTION:- Carried forward clerk to post minutes on web site	
856	Fencing at bottom of Chapel Road There was no update on this situation. Cllr Rowe is now monitoring this situation. The commoners are in the process of taking legal action. The Clerk asked if the landowner or the commoners association could remove the fence Action:- Cllr Rowe to monitor	
857	Public right of Way Cutting The public right of way TC56 on the village green has still not been cut back, Cllr Rowe has enquired with CCS and the second cut is due between 13/7/26 and 13/8/26. The clerk has passed the cutting requirements to Cllr Rowe via an email. The community council has had a complaint that the path is so overgrown that wheelchairs can't be used. The clerk explained that the community council wrote to residents in early 2026 advising that they were not allowed to deposit green garden waste on the village green. Some residents have continued to cut the green in front of their houses, but not all residents. The CCS PROW team are behind with their workload, Cllr Rowe has received written permission via the commoner's association from the Beaufort/Badminton estate to cut around the PROW, and there is a multiagency meeting regarding firebreaks planned for Fri 17th July. The uncut element was shown to all present on the screen at the meeting. The resident of no4 is going to cut the village green land in front of his property on Saturday 18/7/26 this has been arranged by Cllr Rowe.	

858	A CCS approved private contractor could cut the footpath using ward money, this will be confirmed by Cllr Rowe after Mon 20/7/26. Cllr Dennis confirmed the previous issue of dumping of garden waste on common land/ village green. He asked about the frequency Cllr Rowe confirmed that she has permission from the landowner to clear the green, she has approached CCS parks dept, but they do not have the resources to cut so a complaint has been registered against Parks by Cllr Rowe. It could be cut using the donations budget and this will be confirmed on 20/7/26, but this would then need to be a council approved contractor. Cllr Dennis asked how frequently the path is to be cut. Cllr Rowe to confirm. Commoners used to cut at least twice/year. Village trust transfer is now going ahead Cllr Douglas asked about the grass path on the village green, the clerk confirmed that this path is cut as part of the community council works by our contractor Memorial Bench The donation for the memorial bench will be confirmed on Monday.	
859	New Tables The new community centre tables will be ordered, to discuss the funding in the finance meeting.	
6.0	<u>Transfer of land from CDSA</u>	
860	Transfer of CDSA assets Cllr Dennis confirmed that the trustees have now agreed to transfer the land, Cllr Rogers has been working on this matter and has provided a written update to councillors on the status. The earliest trust transfer would be end of July. The land ownership status was discussed. There was a CDSA meeting on 14/7/26.	
7.0	<u>Clerks Report/Community Matters</u>	
861	Village Trust The bank mandate change has been completed and sent to Barclays.	WS BR
862	Memorial bench The Clerk wrote to Cllr Rowe on 18/6/26 to assist with the provision of a memorial bench for Paxton at Three crosses community centre, Cllr Rowe responded on 3/7/26 requesting the specification of the bench. The clerk has now received the bench quote and the installation quote and will forward these to Cllr Rowe on 20/7/26. Cllr Rowe will fund this from the City Councillors ward allowance Action: - Clerk to forward the quote Action: - Cllr Rowe to confirm the funding	

863	<u>Weed Killing</u> A quote for application of herbicide was received on 17/6/26 from the groundworks contractor. This is for £271.50 incl vat. The quote was forwarded to councillors on 6/7/26.- Councillors approved this work proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Douglas Action: - Clerk to write to the contractor	WS
864	<u>Fly Tipping</u> Fly tipping near the joiners' arms was reported to Swansea Council using the online portal on 16/6/26. An automated reply was received. The reply was forwarded to Community Councillors and the City Councillor on 10/7/26 incl. photos. The clerk was then contacted by CCS on 14/7/26. A further email came from CCS on 15/7/26 regarding the slow response by the city council dept. The clerk checked the area on 16/7/26 and the waste had been removed. The clerk requested signage to help to prevent a reoccurrence, details of the signage were provided by CCS on 16/7/26. The Joiners Arms condition is the underlying issue Action: - Clerk to order the signs from CCS Action: - Clerk to write to the residents Action: - Clerk to Contact the Joiners Arms land agent The Coed Lan community group has given an invite to Cllr Rowe via the Clerk to attend the regular coffee morning on 21/7/25 and each Tuesday thereafter	WS WS WS
865	<u>Cutting Public Rights of Way</u> The Community Council have received several communications in the period regarding the overgrown public right of way TC56. This was reported formally to CCS using the online portal on 25/6/26 and forwarded to Cllr Rowe the same day. The clerk followed up with photos on 7/7/26. The CCS contractor is due to complete the second cut on this path between 13/7/26 and 13/8/26. A further complaint was passed to the clerk on 14/7/26 from a resident as she cannot use this path with a wheelchair. As of 16/7/26 the path has not been cleared. Action: - Clerk to monitor the situation	WS
866	<u>Electricity Generation Supply</u>	

867	Octopus export application; a reply was received from Octopus on 22/6/26 and this was forwarded to councillors. A further email was received from Octopus on 7/7/26, and Octopus requested meter screen shots, these were forwarded by the clerk on 7/7/26. Octopus replied again on 8/7/26 to confirm that a credit would be calculated. This action is now with Octopus.	
	<u>Rural Anchor Grant</u> A flyer from the rural anchor team was received on 7/7/26. The council made an application on 8/7/26 for EV chargers and a second 10KW battery. CCS replied on 16/7/26, the scheme is eligible and an application form has been forwarded to the clerk. KA Electrical have been approached to provide a quote but no reply yet. Council agreed to progress the project ACTION: - The clerk is to submit the application	WS
868	The Q1 finance meeting was proposed for 9/7/26 but cancelled as the council was not quorate. <u>Fencing on Common Land</u> Fencing at the corner of Chapel Rd and Dukefield. This was erected in January 2026 Cllr Rowe confirmed at the council meeting on 18/6/26 and again on 3/7/26 that legal action was being taken by the Commoners Association and that the Council would be updated when information is available. ACTION: - Cllr Rowe to monitor	BR
869	<u>Facebook Posts</u> The council had a complaint from a resident on 27/6/26 for not allowing his Facebook post, which did not comply with council rules on behaviour. The council received a further email on 30/6/26 complaining that a non-compliant post from another resident had been allowed. A further email was received from the same person on 3/7/26, which accused and threatened councillors. Community councillors have been issued copies of all these messages The clerk has had an informal discussion with the resident on 14/7/26 during which he apologised for his emails. The Community Council discussed the messages and the actions to be taken. Chair to compose a letter for the clerk to issue ACTION: - Chair to compile a letter ACTION Clerk to issue the letter	PD WS

870	<u>Use of the Banc</u> The PTA have sent a letter to the council, requesting a written procedure for the use of the Banc. This is after the rearranged school sports day on 2/7/26 and the vehicles driving on the village green. We will strengthen the safe movement of vehicles on the green. The chair offered to see the PTA in person then the clerk can issue the draft letter to the PTA ACTION; - Chair to see PTA in person ACTION: - Clerk to write a reply to the PTA	PD WS
871	<u>Driving over the Banc</u> The chair updated those present on the history regarding this matter. The council are in correspondence with the resident's solicitor on this matter. The council is to write to the resident solicitor; the draft was approved by council. Proposed Cllr Evans seconded Cllr Douglas ACTION: - Clerk to inform Cllr Rogers ACTION: - Cllr Rogers to issue the letter to the resident's solicitor	WS AR
872	<u>Playground gate</u> Council agreed that a new additional gate in the play is fencing near the zip line would be useful and the clerk is to obtain quotes proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Douglas ACTION: - Clerk to obtain quotes	WS
873	<u>Training Dates</u> Training dates for the next 3 months have been issued by OVW and forwarded to councillors, councillors to advise the clerk if they want to do and training.	
874	<u>Swansea Spaces</u> CCS Tackling poverty/. Swansea spaces have asked if we have any Cool spaces to add to a register. The village has no ongoing groups for cool spaces	

875	Shade in the park The resident who raised the matter via Facebook was invited to the meeting but could not attend. The clerk has looked at local parks and there is no shade provided in any of these parks. Councillors discussed various forms of shade shelters, trees, a willow arch or an all-weather sail. The clerk has checked the weather data, from 2011 and the number of hot days is indeed increasing from 2019 onwards, but in terms of a weather shelter there are far more wet days and so a shelter on wet days would be more beneficial as there are more wet days than hot days in any given year. Councillors discussed putting a shelter over the picnic table. Cllr Rowe also noted that CCS discourage areas where teenagers could congregate.	
876	More seating was also requested on the Banc, council discussed additional seating or picnic benches. The matter was then deferred to sept meeting for further discussion.	
8.0	<u>Governance Document Review</u>	
877	No documents to review this month	
9.0	<u>Sub Committee Reports</u>	
878	No reports to review	
10.0	<u>Community Events</u>	
879	Summer Event The clerk wrote to the PTA on 13/7/26 to ask if 26/06/27 is an agreed date for the 2027 fete. The PTA are awaiting feedback to their request for the process.	
880	Christmas event The council agreed to plan a Christmas event at Dukefield.	
11.0	<u>Accounts for audit</u>	
881	The audit documents are to be signed by the chair prior to submission. To the internal auditor	
12.0	<u>Accounts for Payment/ Financial Matters</u>	
882	The clerk presented the draft accounts for payment for July In summary: - • BT broadband – direct debit payment • Electric bill – direct debit payment • Maintenance contract - monthly BACS payment and Additional cost for the extra cut to the banc	

	• Salaries - monthly BACS Payments • Clerk new Computer BACS reimbursement payment • Insurance payment - BACS • Flowers for Poundffald for cooking the hog. - BACS reimbursement • One Voice Wales late invoice from Nov 25 for payment this was marked as paid but was not seconded at the time – BSACS Payment Income • Hall hire income both cash and BACS • Fete Income already banked £1,708 • Fete income late cash to bank £70 The statement at 15/07/26 was £15, 614 The clerk has updated the May accounts from draft to final with the late payments and this has been sent to all councillors. The draft June accounts have also been circulated. The accounts were accepted for payment, proposed by Cllr Douglas, and seconded by Cllr Evans and unanimously accepted. Additionally, a credit is due from Commercial marquees for the flooring. The mandate change has been returned to Barclays via registered post We have new Barclays deposit cards for the Clerk and for Cllr Rogers, a 3rd card is to be obtained for Cllr male ACTION: - Clerk to pay the accounts, Cllr Rogers to second the payments	WS
13.0	<u>Community Communications and Website</u>	
883	The Clerk continues updating the web site with minutes, agendas, audit returns and governance documents.	
14.0	<u>CAPTIAL PROJECTS</u>	
884	Community Centre Biodiversity Project Ref 9.18 No update	
885	Active travel Path Project Ref 9.20 Cllr Rowe advised that the feasibility study would not now take place due to problems on other active travel projects.	
886	EV Charger project Ref 9.22 A form has been received from Rural anchor grant, and the clerk has responded <u>to see if the project is allowable</u>	

15.0	<u>Planning Matters</u>	
	Cllr Beth Rowe as a City Councillor did not take part in this agenda item	
887	2026/0619/NMA (2025/1318/FUL) This relates to the property Fairways at Cilonnen, no comment was made.	
888	2026/0821/OUT This relates to Whitewalls at Cilonnen specifically to a dwelling to be built in the garden. The council discussed the matter and agreed to provide a neutral response Clerk to submit a neutral comment	
889	2025/0963/FUL This relates to the Oak Barn near Crwys farm, the council discussed and decided to support this application as this adds a property to the village ACTION: - The clerk is to reply to CCS planning with the community council comments	WS
890	Wills Petting Farm – Llanrhidian Higher Will has asked the council, via the chair for a letter of support for the petting farm to open all year. The Chair is happy to support this request. The land in question is not within this ward.	
891	Camping on former Golf Course land. Residents have contacted the council, and the chair has been to meet the new owner to discuss the issues. The clerk showed the land in question on the big screen. Access is permitted via the golf course for 1 year. The land in question is on the border with Gowerton and sits just within Gowerton ward A letter has been drafted to the new landowner for the clerk to send ACTION; - Clerk to issue the letter	WS
16.0	<u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u>	
892	All footpaths need cutting back CCS are aware of this matter.	
893	A resident has complained about the hedge growth on the permissive paths to Coed lan and Bryn Y mor. Cllr Rowe has informed CCS and will look to arrange for this to be cut	BR
894	Cllr Rowe advised council that the feasibility study for the active travel path (TC81) from Dukefield to Ddol cottages would not now be progressed by Swansea council. The clerk advised that the PROW is currently impassible and advised that a stone path is required ACTION: - Clerk to write to the rural active travel team	WS
17.0	<u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	

895	A resident has commented via email that the road markings at the junction of Gowerton Rd and Dunvant road are faded and so unsafe. This is a CCS highways matter ACTION: - Clerk to pass on to Cllr Rowe	WS
896	A resident has emailed the council on 16/7/26 regarding a missing speed bump on Gowerton Rd which has been removed by CCS. This is a CCS highways matter. CCS IT may have blocked the email. Clerk to forward to Cllr Rowe. ACTION: - Clerk to email Cllr Rowe	WS
897	Cae Mansel Rd, the recent survey recorded 8 caravan/campervan movements in 2 days as well as 314 movements of HGVs/ large vans. Resurfacing works are planned and additional road markings. Council discussed making it access only; the council feel that use of this road is more of a problem than the survey suggests.	WS
898	There is a road closure planned for Cefn Styfle later in the year for BT works and DCWW works.	
899	The chair also commented on the missing road signs at the junction of Tirmynydd Rd and the junction with B4271, ACTION: - Cllr Rowe to investigate this matter with highways	
900	Cllr Rowe has received a request from a resident for a new road sign for the even numbers of Tir Mynydd Rd ACTION: - Cllr Rowe to progress this	BR
901	Cllr Rowe noted that the donkey is still loose on the common, though this is outside of the Three Crosses area	BR
18.0	<u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u>	
902	None	
19.0	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
903	There is a planned recess during August Next meeting Thursday 17 th September 19:30 Meeting Closed at 21:45	
Prepared By Warren Smart Warren Smart (Clerk) Digitally signed by Warren Smart (Clerk) Date: 2026.09.20 20:25:59 +01'00'		



Proposed as a true record by: - Cllr Paul Dennis

Seconded as a true record by: - Cllr Alison Douglas
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