**Tiers Cross Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned A Tiers Cross**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 7th August 2015**

**Members present:** Cllrs E Jones, (Chairman), C George, (Vice-Chair), A Thorne, M Rawlinson, B Bullimore.

**Also present:** G Nicholls (Clerk).

**Apologies for absence:** None.

***At the start of the meeting a minutes’ silence was observed as a mark of respect for the late Councillor Paul Mensink who died in a tragic accident at home in July.***

**Note:** although the meeting was primarily to discuss the future of the Community Fund which has resulted from the development of the Solar Farm in the area, it was decided to treat it as a normal monthly meeting as well in order to avoid a build-up of business for the September meeting.

**3559. Minutes of the June 2015 meeting.** It was proposed by Cllr Thorne and seconded by Cllr Rawlinson that these should be signed as a true record and this was agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**3560. Bulford Road.** The road is now in use and Cllrs Rawlinson and Jones attended the opening ceremony. It was noted that whilst many Johnston councillors attended, only the Chairman and Clerk were invited from Tiers Cross. It was also noted that there were recent Planning Applications in respect of changes to the new road. Complaints have been made about the lighting on the new Tiers Cross roundabout i.e. too bright and too high. It was also mentioned that the signage on the new road was inadequate – the warning sign for the new roundabout in Tiers Cross cannot be seen until drivers are too close to it, the “dead-end” signs on side roads are not properly sited and are difficult to see, at the Johnston end, it is not made clear that the “old” Bulford Road is no longer open through to Tiers Cross, when travelling from Johnston to Tiers Cross, there is a large sign but it has too much information to be read clearly at speed, and there is no sign for the Studdolph road. It was also mentioned that vehicles are still getting stuck at the railway bridge across the Old Hakin Road and reversing into the gates of Tom Smith & Co. Similarly, better signage for large vehicles is needed at the Merlin’s Bridge end of the road.

**3561. Community Fund.** See Minute Number 3578 below.

**3562. Aggregate Levy Board.** Cllr Rowlands is dealing with this matter**.**

**3563. Vinant House.** Nothing more heard – Clerk to follow-up.

**3564. Bolton Hill Quarry.** Cllr Rowlands is dealing with this matter.

**3565. Speeding in Thornton.** No response from the Police has been received by the Clerk to letter about this but the matter has been raised at the local Police Forum.

**3566. South Hook LNG.** Cllr Rowlands is dealing with this matter.

**3567. New notice-board.** Clerk to order 8A4 size board with appropriate header.

**3568. Winsel tip.** Opening hours have not yet been changed.

**3569. Planning Application 12/0363/PA.** Cllr Jones said he had met with Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) to discuss this. It appeared that “400 metres” mentioned was from the farm buildings, not from the land or the farm house. He was awaiting a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

**3570. Annual Return.** The Clerk reported that this had now been agreed by the auditors and the only comment made was that the Risk Assessment should be reviewed annually in future. It was agreed that this would be done well before 31 March 2016. The Annual Return was therefore approved and accepted by the Council

**3571. Code of Conduct.** Clerk to review changes and inform members.

**3572. Register of Members’ Interests.** Clerk to review changes and inform members.

**3573. Asset-based Community Development workshop.** Cllr George said that she had attended this PLANED event. It had focussed on skills and knowledge available in the community and how these could be used. It was not, as had been thought, concerned with physical assets such as buildings. It might be helpful at some stage in connection with the Community Fund.

**3574. Superfast Broadband.** The Clerk was instructed to write again to BT to see when this might be available in Tiers Cross. (Copt o be sent to Cllr George).

**3575. Road Repairs.** Cllr Rawlinson said that these had still not been dealt with. Clerk to remind PCC.

**3576. Defibrillators.** It was agreed that the Clerk would approach PALC, the Health Board, and PCC to see if there was any county-wide scheme for provision of machines.

**3577. Pavement opposite Tudor Place.** A response had been received from PCC but Members felt that it did not fully address the problem.

**3578. Community Fund.** (See Minute Number 3561 above). The PLANED proposals were discussed but some Members felt that the costs involved were too high. Cllr Bullimore drew attention to three organisations that might be able to assist: “Vocal Eyes”, “Community Voice” and “Transition Bro Gwaun”. They could possibly supply guidance, machinery etc. These may prove to be less expensive options than PLANED. Cllr Bullimore agreed to make further enquiries.

Cllr George suggested three approaches to handling the Fund:

* Pay someone to undertake the process.
* Use the first year’s money to get engagement by offering an open remit for the £24,000.
* Develop a strategy for the whole amount.

A decision should be made by the time of the next meeting.

It was agreed that a public meeting was needed to explain the position to residents and that this should be organised by the Council Members. Cllr George agreed to design an invitation flyer and Members agreed to deliver these between the September and October meetings.it was agreed that the proposed date should be 9th October. (Clerk to book hall, from 7-8pm).

Also, the Clerk was instructed to obtain the latest voters List for the community from PCC.

It was also agreed that Cllr Thorne would give a general introduction to the scheme and its history whilst Cllr George would do the follow-up regarding ideas and plans for the future of the Fund. It was further agreed that leaflets would be provided showing the aims of the Fund and the limitations on its use with a request for any ideas/suggestions by say, 20th November 2015. This would allow decisions to be made in December and awards to be made by the end of January 2016. It was proposed that refreshments should be provided and Cllr Thorne agreed to make enquiries.

It was further agreed that

# proper Terms & Conditions should be laid down, (Cllr George to provide examples),

# evidence of expenditure would have to be provided, and

# a clear audit trail established.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**3579. Planning.**

* **15/0331/PA** - high voltage circuit, Hillmoor Field, Portfield Gate. No objections.
* **15/0141/PA** - office and access road, Bolton Hill Water Treatment Works. No objections.
* **15/0148/PA**  - extension, Honeyhome Farm. Permission granted. Noted.
* **14/0410/PA** - Appeal against refusal of permission for wind turbine, Woodson, Lower Thornton. Appeal dismissed. Noted.
* **15/0010/PA** - new gateway, south of Meadow View, Tiers Cross. Permission granted. Noted.
* **15/0243/PA** - gated access points, Churchill Farm. Permission granted. Noted.
* **15/0242/PA**  - wind turbine, Hillmoor Field, adjacent to Hangstone Davey, Portfield Gate. Permission granted. Noted.
* **15/0024/PA** - agricultural storage building, Denant Farm, Dreenhill. Permission refused. Noted.

**3580. Pembrokeshire Community Transport** – appeal for volunteer drivers. (Notice put on board).

**3581. Pensionwise** – “Approaching retirement? Not sure what to do?” Poster placed on board.

**3582. Pembrokeshire Age Cymru** – appeal for helpers. Noted.

**3583. Public Services Ombudsman for Wales** – Annual Report. Noted.

**3584.** Letter from PCC – **“Spontaneous Events”**. Noted.

**3585.** Welsh Government – **provision of Public Toilets.** Noted.

**3586.** Leaflet from PCC – response to **Community Engagement Events.** Noted.

**3587.**  Letter from PCC - Disqualification of Councillor M Norman from Governing Body of **St Francis Catholic School.** Noted.

**3588**. Letter from PCC – request for nominations for Governor – **Mount Airey Community Primary School.** Noted.

**3589. Replacement for the late Cllr Paul Mensink.** As agreed, no action on advertising the vacancy will be taken until after the September meeting.

**FINANCE**

**3590. Accounts for payment.** It was agreed that the following amounts should be paid:

* £177.86 to the clerk, July salary.
* £44.46 to HMRC, July PAYE.
* £177.86 to the Clerk, August salary.
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* £96.00 to BDO, audit fee. (VAT to be recovered).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

**Signed……………………………………………………………….Chairman**

**Date……………………………………………………**

**0NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015**