**Tiers Cross Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned A Tiers Cross**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2015**

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

**Also present:** Cllr K Rowlands, (County Cllr), G Nicholls (Clerk), and S Yates, (resident).

**Apologies for absence:** None.

**3662. Council vacancy.** At this point, the Clerk reported that only one application for the position had been received. Consequently, it was proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr Bullimore and agreed by all that Mr Syd Yates should be co-opted onto the Council. The necessary forms were then completed.

**3663. Minutes of the November 2015 meeting.** It was proposed by Cllr Thorne and seconded by Cllr Bullimore that these should be signed as a true record and this was agreed subject to clarification

* that further attempts would be made to encourage use of the VoacalEyes website, (3637)
* that whilst the turkey farm was permitted development, action could still be taken if a statutory nuisance arose. (3638)

**MATTERS ARISING**

**3664. Solar Fund.** The Clerk said that the query over the amount of the payment had been explained. The payment was based on the “installed capacity” which is 23,985 MW resulting in a payment to the Fund of £23,985. It was agreed that the applications for help from the Fund would be considered after the January 2016 meeting. Cllr Bullimore was reimbursed for the cost of printing the flyers advertising the Fund, £40.23. He had also set up a Facebook page for the Fund. Members wished to record their thanks for this. Cllr Thorne agreed to acknowledge the requests received so far. It was understood that the Young Farmers Club (YFC) would be asking for help with purchasing some new equipment. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the energy company once the first grants had been made.

**3665. Turkey Farm.** See above.

**3666. Bulford Road.** It was reported that there had been some complaints about the shades fitted to some street lights. Also, Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) had responded to the various queries about large lorries using the road to Merlins Bridge, the old Bulford Road and problems with signage. These have been or are being addressed. Cllr Rowlands said that he would contact PCC regarding removal of obsolete road-works signs relating to the new Bulford Road.

**3667. Meeting with quarry management.** Cllr Rowlands said that if possible dates were given to him; he would make arrangements with G D Harries & Co.

**3668. Speeding in Thornton.** Cllr Rowlands was pleased to report that some residents had attended the recent Police Forum. The Police were able to show that they had carried out speed checks on many occasions.

**3669. New notice-board.**  Keys were issued to Cllrs Thorne, Rawlinson and Jones.

**3670. Revised Code of Conduct.** The Clerk said that he was awaiting a full response from the Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils (PALC). Clerk to issue reminder.

**3671. Superfast Broadband.** Cllr yates said that he understood that BT Infinity was now available in the area.

**3672. Defibrillators.**  The Clerk said that the chapel had confirmed that there were no objections to this being sited in the porch. No telephone line was required. Cllr Jones said that he had spoken to the local Red Cross representative and he would pass details to the Clerk to request a machine. (To be paid for from the Solar Fund). Also, Penny Smith of Thornton had requested that a machine should be obtained for that village. Cllr Rowlands said that he would contact Ken Ashton of the Baptist Chapel to ask about a suitable location and would also speak to Ms Smith.

**3673. Council vacancy.** See Minute number 3662 above.

**3674. PCC consultation meetings.** A joint meeting with Johnston Community Council and PCC officers is to be arranged.

**3675. Wind Turbine – Planning Application 12/0363/PA.** No further action as yet. In connection with planning matters, the Clerk said that he had not received a response to his request for a nominated contact point at PCC. A reminder would be sent.

**3676. Planning Application 15/0778/PA.** Although paperwork had been issued by PCC, the application had been removed from the website. PCC had stated that this had been “temporarily invalidated” because a report was awaited from the Coal Authority.

**3677. Memorial Garden.** Nothing further had been heard about the neighbour’s plan to erect a fence. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr & Mrs Haworth to attend in January so that a meeting of the Memorial Garden Committee could be held. **(NOTE: start time of 7pm).**

**3678. Remuneration for Community Councillors.**  After considering the proposals from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, the members resolved to adopt the following determinations:

*1. To ensure at least some expenses involved in representing the community can be met – up to £100 pa.*

*2. To allow expenses of partnership and engagement outside the council to be met.*

*3. To ensure the costs of holding civic office are catered for.*

*4. Not adopted.*

*5. To permit the payment of an allowance for the care of dependents to be met where necessary in order to allow members to attend meetings.*

**3679. Active Travel.** As agreed, the Clerk loaned the Definitive Maps of Footpaths in the area to Cllr Bullimore.

**3680. Draft Charter between PCC and Community Councils.**  The Clerk said that PALC had advised that no action should be taken until they had held further meetings with PCC. (Cllr Rowlands said that PALC would welcome a representative from Tiers Cross to attend meetings.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**3681. Planning:**

* **15/0717/PA –** Rural Enterprise dwelling, land south west of Dennant Mill. Conditionally approved.

**Other Correspondence.**

**3682. Request for volunteers – Community Health Board.** Noted.

**3683. Christmas/New Year rubbish collections.**  Posters displayed.

**3684. Invitation from PLANED – Action planning workshops.** Noted.

**3685. Police Precept survey.** Noted.

**3686. Clerk’s job description.** Agreed but Clerk to contact PALC for a standard description and sample Contract of Employment.

**3687. PCC survey – Budget Pressures 2016-2019.** Members to respond individually by 4th January 2016.

**3688. Draft Local Government Bill.** To be discussed at January meeting.

**FINANCE**

**3689. Accounts for payment.** It was agreed that the following amounts should be paid:

* £177.92 to the Clerk, December 2015 salary.
* £44.40 to HMRC, December 2015 PAYE.

**MEMBERS’ REQUESTS**

**3690.** Cllr Thorne reported **blocked road drains north of Quarry Hall House.**  Clerk to report to PCC.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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

**Date………………………………………………………………….**

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2016 – 7pm start.**