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TIERS CROSS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2018

Present. Cllr's C. George, M. Rawlinson, B. Bullimore, A. Thorne, E. Jones, P. Newman.
County Councillor K. Rowlands, C. Griffith, Clerk.

Members of the public. None.

1. APOLOGIES.

All councillors were present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Cllr George declared an interest as an employee of Pembrokeshire County Council.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Cllr Rowlands read a letter from Darren Thomas, Highways Dept., PCC, received in response to complaints of vehicles exceeding the speed limit in Thornton.

Cllr George said that the council would discuss options for reducing the speed of vehicles in Thornton at the February meeting, with the possibility of paying for the installation of larger speed bumps.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th November 2017 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Thorne and seconded by Cllr Bullimore.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Defibrillator training. The Clerk had been unable to contact Cariad to arrange the training. He would continue to try and contact them.

Merger between One Voice Wales and PALC had still not been agreed.

6. MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Cllr Rawlinson said that she had attended a meeting of the Memorial Garden Committee and that the committee were going to spend the money they had on maintenance in the garden. They had received an offer to purchase part of the land and that the purchaser would do all the maintenance in the garden if he was allowed to purchase this piece of land. The committee had a bank account with over £600. Cllr Rawlinson also said that a local gardener was willing to quote for the work needed.

Cllr Thorne said that the Memorial Garden Committee had passed responsibility for the garden maintenance to the community council. The council had taken over the garden maintenance in December 2016 and that the money in the bank account should come to the council. The meeting agreed that no part of the garden would be sold and that the Garden committee should transfer any money to the community council.

Cllr Rawlinson was asked to obtain a quote from the local gardener.

7. PLANNING MATTERS.

17/0878/PA. Alterations and change of use of stable building to office use and other matters at land adjacent to Springfield, Walwyns Castle Road, Tiers Cross.

Several of the councillors spoke against the application raising various concerns.

7. Following a discussion it was agreed by the meeting to object to the proposal. The Clerk would collate the objections and submit them to Planning Department at County Hall.

17/0896/PA. Application for outline planning for residential development at land adjacent to Edwards Brothers Coaches Depot, Tiers Cross.

Following a discussion it was agreed by the meeting to object to this application on the following grounds.

1. The development is outside the village boundary
2. There is no demand for five bedroom executive houses in Tiers Cross
3. It was not an appropriate development for the village.

The Clerk would submit the comments to the Planning Department.

Cllr Rowlands did not take part in the discussion on the planning matters or offer any opinion.

8. SOLAR FUND

An application for an educational grant had been received from Miss E. V. Procter and after reading her application, Cllr Bullimore proposed we award her £1,500, to cover a three year grant. This was seconded by Cllr Newman.

Cllr George gave an update on the Renew Wales Action Plan and said that the project was now part of the Pembrokeshire Community Energy "Local Energy Action Force" and that Ben Ferguson Walker would attend the February meeting and address the council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

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| a. Welsh Government. | Review of Community & Town Council Sector. | Noted |
| b. One Voice Wales. | Newsletter. | Noted |
| c. One Voice Wales. | Training Programme. | Noted |
| d. Law Commission. | Planning law in Wales Consultation. | Noted |
| e. Ombudsman for Wales. | Casebook. | Noted |
| f. PCC. | Proposed changes to Car Park Charges. | Noted |
| g. PCC. | County Council Budget Reductions. To be discussed under financial matters. | |
| h. PCC. | Public Footpath Diversion passed. | Noted |
| i. Clerks & Councils Direct. | Newsletter. | Circulated |

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Accounts for payment

- a. Clerks wages. January 2018
- b. HMRC. PAYE January 2018
- c. URC. Hall Hire 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Thorne and seconded by Cllr Newman that the accounts be paid.

Cllr George proposed that we include a sum in next years precept to cover attendance at courses run by One Voice Wales. This was agreed by the meeting.

Precept for 2018 – 2019.

The Clerk produced a budget sheet which showed all the probable expenditure for the period. He also stated that from now on, Pembrokeshire County Council would be charging for organising community council elections and the estimated cost for holding an election in Tiers Cross was over five and a half thousand pounds. Provision should now be made to ensure that the community council had sufficient funds to cover the next election in 2022 or if circumstances changed, sooner.

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Thorne and seconded by Cllr Bullimore that the precept be set at five thousand two hundred pounds. This was agreed.

11. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

Cllr Newman mentioned that in certain areas broadband speed was very slow even though the cabinets had been upgraded and were promising super fast broadband , it was not being delivered. Cllr George would make some enquiries.

It was agreed by the meeting to add an additional heading of, COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT, to the agenda. This would enable Cllr Rowlands to keep the community council informed of developments affecting the area.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st February 2018.