**Tiers Cross Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned A Tiers Cross**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 1 May 2014.**

**Members present:** Cllrs E Jones, (Chairman), M Rawlinson, (Vice-Chair) and A Thorne.

**Also present:** Cllr K Rowlands, (County Councillor), Ms C George, (prospective Community Councillor), and G Nicholls (Clerk).

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Y Nicholas.

**3278. Minutes of the April 2014 meeting.** It was proposed by Cllr Rawlinson and seconded by Cllr Thorne that these should be signed as a true record, and this was agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**3279. Good Energy Community Fund.** The Clerk said that he had not received any further correspondence as yet. Cllr Thorne said that a further planning application had been required because of additional land being used for installation of an earthing cable. It appeared that delays in the Planning Department at Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC), were delaying things. The Clerk was instructed to write to Cllr Rowlands querying the delay. It was reported that the panels and other cabling was all in place and that the planning applications for the security fence, the cameras and for the sub-station had been approved.

**3280. Community Council website.** This is to be brought into full use as soon as possible.

**3281. Traffic problems.** It was reported that now that the main construction phase for the solar farm had been completed, difficulties had been reduced.

**3282. Planning Application 13/0943/PA.** It was agreed that the clerk should contact PCC stating that Tiers Cross Community Council (TCCC) supported the plan, even though this was for outline planning only.

**3283. Diverted streams, Blossom Hill Farm.** The Clerk said that he had not received an acknowledgement about this so would contact Natural Resources Wales again.

**3284. Co-option of Councillors to fill the vacant positions.**  Claire George said that she was interested in becoming a Councillor but first wanted to check the position with her employer, PCC. Also, Mr Paul Mensink of Park View had expressed an interest but had been unable to attend the May meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**3285. Planning:**

* **13/1080/AG.** Erection of agricultural building, West Denant, Dale Road. No objections.
* **14/0004/PA.** Demolition of garage, alterations and extensions, Honeyhome, Upper Thornton. No objections.
* **13/0925/PA.** Erection of agricultural building, Sunnyhill Farm, Bulford Road. Permission granted – noted.

**3286. Invitation from One Voice Wales to training session.** Not taken up.

**3287. Planning Inspectorate –** further correspondence regarding South Hook Combined Heat & Power Station. Noted.

**3288. Invitation from BBC Wales** regarding a new travel/property programme. Noted.

**3289. “Play for Wales” magazine.** Noted.

**FINANCE**

**3290.** It was agreed that the following amounts should be paid:

* £187.66 to the Clerk, May salary at new rate plus back-pay.
* £46.80 to HMRC, May PAYE.
* £40 .00 to Clive Griffith, internal auditor.
* £27.00, annual subscription to Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils (PALC).
* £218.68 to AON Insurance, premium for year to 31 May 2015.

**3291. Accounts and Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014.** Copies of the Accounts and of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return had been issued to Members in April. These were discussed and agreed at the Annual General Meeting and following the acceptance/agreement of the Accounts and the entries on the Return by the Internal Auditor, the Return was signed by the Chairman. However, it was also agreed that as a result of the additional questions raised by the Auditors, a half-yearly check of all financial records – account book, cheque book, bank statements, postage & sundries book etc. – would, in future, be carried out by the Chairman in October each year. Also, the Council’s current Risk Assessment – although considered to be adequate – will be reviewed and if necessary, updated, in October 2014. In addition, it was agreed (in retrospect) that Mr Clive Griffith should again act as Internal Auditor for 2013-2014 and would also be asked to carry out the internal audit for 2014-2015 in due course.

**MEMBERS’ REQUESTS**

**3292. Letter from Solva Community Council.** This letter had been received by the Clerk and copied to Members for information. Cllr Rowlands said that he felt that the letter criticising PCC was biased and offered to answer any questions that people might have.

**3293.** Cllr Rawlinson said that there were large amounts of **rubbish** on the Steynton road out of Tiers Cross – paper, plastic, glass etc. There was also rubbish between Winsel tip and Johnston Mill and on the road between Bolton Hill and to Dreen Hill. The Clerk was instructed to contact Richard Brown, (Environment), at PCC and also to mention **blocked drains** on each side of the railway bridge on the Tiers Cross to Steynton Road.

**3294. Bulford Road.** Cllr Thorne said that he understood that work on the new road itself was due to start shortly.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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

**Date…………………………………………**