**Tiers Cross Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned A Tiers Cross**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2014.**

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

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

**Apologies for absence:** Mr Paul Mensink, (prospective Community Councillor).

**3295. Minutes of the May 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**

**3296. Good Energy Community Fund.** It was noted that whilst the Planning Application for the sub-station had been approved, those for the cameras and security fencing remained open. The Clerk read out the email received from Messrs Price & Kelway Solicitors together with the letter from Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) indicating that the County Council would not be taking any interest in the Community Fund arrangement stating that this was strictly between the Community Council and the developers. It was said that this was not an agreement under section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as had been thought. If necessary, the landowners would have to enforce the Community Fund obligation included in their leases. However, no payment will become due until six months after commissioning of the project and this appeared to be still some time away. It was mentioned that the landowners involved were having difficulty in getting any responses from the developers to their communications. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholas and seconded by Cllr Jones that Cllr Rowlands should ask the PCC legal department for their advice and that the clerk should write to Mr Harvey Thomas of Messrs Price & Kelway to see if he can obtain clarification of the position from the developers.

**3297. Community Council website.** The clerk apologised for the delay in making minutes etc. available but hoped to deal with this in the near future.

**3298. Diverted streams, Blossom Hill Farm.** The Clerk reported that he had received a response from Natural Resources Wales saying that the matter was appropriate to PCC. Cllr Rawlinson said that she understood that Mr Tony Lewis of PCC was already dealing with the problem.

**3299. Co-option of Councillors to fill the vacant positions.** It was unanimously agreed that Claire George should be co-opted to join the Council. The relevant forms relating to the Code of Conduct and Acceptance of Office were signed in front of the Clerk and Mrs George was welcomed to the Community Council.

**3300. Rubbish on local roads.** The clerk said that, as agreed, he had reported this to PCC for action.

**3301. Bulford Road.** The Clerk read out the letter received from Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd, the principal contractors for the improvement scheme. It was agreed that he should reply saying that the council would be happy to invite a representative of the company to a council meeting later in the year. It was also noted that the Chairman, Vice-Chair and previous Chairman would attend the sod-cutting ceremony on 6th June. It was also mentioned that none of the landowners involved with the scheme had yet received any compensation payments.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**3302. Planning:**

* **13/1018/PA** – sub-station for solar voltaic farm. As previously noted, permission had been granted.
* **14/0051/PA** – underground earthing cable for solar voltaic farm. *(Note: Cllrs Thorne, Rawlinson and Rowlands declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussions)*. It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Nicholas that the Clerk should respond giving the Council’s support for the plan but pointing out the lack of consultations between the developers and the Community Council.
* **13/0402/PA** – erection of wind turbine, Ratford Farm. Permission granted. Noted.

**3303. email from Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils (PALC)** reporting the death of Richard Shepherd, a long-time supporter of that organisation and a past advisor to the Community Council.

**3304. Invitation to Annual General Meeting of Pembrokeshire Citizens’ Advice Bureau.** Noted.

**3305. email from South Wales Trunk Road Agency** advising of speed limits, temporary road closures etc. in connection with construction of a new roundabout at the Johnston end of the Bulford Road. Work to be carried out in the summer of 2014. Noted.

**3306. Letter from AON Insurance** acknowledging renewal of the policy for 2014-2015.

**3307. email from Welsh Water** regarding wastewater treatment work upgrade. After discussion it was established that this was not connected with the Bulford Road scheme and was relevant to Johnston Community Council only.

**3308. Booklet from PCC** – “A Strategy for the Participation and Rights of Children and Young People in Pembrokeshire”. Noted.

**3309. Play for Wales magazine.** Noted.

**FINANCE**

**3310.** it was agreed that the following amounts should be paid:

* £171.69 to the Clerk, June salary.
* £42.80 to HMRC, June PAYE.

**MEMBERS’ REQUESTS**

**3311.**  Cllr Rawlinson queried the position regarding **warning signs** on local roads in connection with the solar voltaic farm traffic but after discussion it was accepted that these were still required as work was continuing.

**3312.** Cllr Jones queried the **new road and operations at the quarry.** It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Liaison Meeting.

**3313.** The Clerk reported that he was having difficulty contacting **Barclays Bank** despite numerous telephone calls. He was awaiting a response to an email request for clarification on the forms required to allow Cllr Jones to become a signatory for the council’s bank account.

**3314.** The Clerk said that strictly, the January 2015 meeting should be held on the 1st of January but that he would contact Mr Colin Thomas to try to change the date to 8th January.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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

**Date……………………………………..**

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2014.**