**Tiers Cross Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned A Tiers Cross**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2016**

**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).

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Yates.

**3691. Minutes of the December 2015 meeting.** It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Rawlinson that these should be accepted as a true record subject to clarification of Minute Number 3664 to show that Cllr Bullimore had already set-up a Facebook page.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**3692. Solar Fund.** It was agreed to discuss this as a separate matter after the main meeting.

**3693. Bulford Road.** It was reported that the obsolete road-works signs had still not been collected. Also, large vehicles were still trying to use the Old Hakin Road and others still mistakenly entering the old Bulford Road in the village. These matters had been reported to Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) previously and Cllr Rowlands agreed to investigate. It was also mentioned that the signage at the ends of the road between the Dale road and the Old Hakin Road needs to be improved in order to stop large vehicles getting stuck on the narrow lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should again write to Darren Thomas at PCC about these matters and pass this to Cllr Rowlands to deliver.

**3694. Meeting with quarry management.** Cllr Rowlands said that this was still to be arranged.

**3695. Revised Code of Conduct.** The Clerk read out the response from the Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils (PALC) which was not very helpful. It was agreed that members would use their common-sense in declaring an interest when anything connected with them, their families etc. arose.

**3696. Superfast Broadband.** Cllr George said that the Welsh Government had introduced a new scheme whereby people living in remote areas may be able to have a satellite receiver fitted to their property as an alternative to the usual telephone line. The Welsh Government would pay for the installation and house-holders would pay the running costs in the usual way. Speeds of up to 10 megabytes would be available by this method. Users were free to change providers as they wished. It was believed that a local company – TFL – was involved in the scheme.

**3697. Defibrillators.** As agreed at the last meeting, Cllr Jones provided details of the local Red Cross representative and the Clerk was instructed to place an order for two machines – one for the church hall in Tiers Cross and one for Thornton, (site to be decided in due course).

**3698. PCC Consultation meetings.** Cllr Rowlands said he would make arrangements for a joint meeting of Johnston and Tiers Cross Councils in the near future.

**3699. Wind turbine – Planning Application 12/0363/PA.** No further news and no response to request for nominated contact point in PCC. Any future queries will therefore be passed through Cllr Rowlands.

**3700. Planning Application 15/0778/PA -** Cllr Jones said a response was awaited. He will bring the geological maps of the area to a future meeting.

**3701. Memorial Garden.** See minutes of meeting held 7/1/16.

**3702. Active Travel.** The Definitive Maps of Footpaths are being reviewed by Cllr Bullimore.

**3703. Draft Charter between PCC and Community Councils.** Further advice from PALC awaited. Cllr Rowlands expressed some concerns about the expertise currently in PALC. It was important for Community Councils to provide input to the plans.

**3704. Clerk’s job description etc.** The Clerk said that **i**nformation had been received from PALC and will be forwarded to members. It was confirmed that PCC employees would be eligible for the post. The Clerk was instructed to contact Susan Saunders at PCC to advertise the job and also to explore using the Job Centre and local Women’s Institutes for this purpose.

**3705. Draft Local Government Bill.** Clerk to check position and inform members.

**3706.** Cllr Thorne confirmed that the **blocked road drains** north of Quarry Hall House had now been cleared.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**3707. PLANNING.**

* Unauthorised construction of building at **Studdolph Hall**. PCC Planning Department will check the situation and report.
* **15/0917/PA** – agricultural storage building at Quarry Hall. Supported, but comments on the appearance of the building and concerns about its possible future use passed to PCC.
* **15/0971/AG** – extension to chicken shed, land at Ratford Farm. (Not a Planning Application, just information). No objections raised.

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.**

**3708.** Query from a resident regarding **rare plants on the road verge** near Redstock. Details passed to Biodiversity Officer at PCC and reply awaited.

**3709.** Letter from PCC – applications for **Governor of Mary Immaculate School** invited. Noted.

**3710.**  Letter from **Welsh Government – Road Safety Review.** Details of website to be passed to members.

**3711.** Details of **surgery dates** etc. for **Paul Davies AM.** Posters placed on notice-boards.

**3712. Meeting dates for 2016** – copies given to members.

**3713.** R**evised contact details** - copies given to members.

**3714.** Letter from Hywel Dda University Health Board regarding **Transformation of Mental Health Services Engagement event.** Noted.

**3715.** Letter from Cllr Peter Stock – **petition** form objecting to local government reforms that might lead to revival of “Dyfed” council. Copied to members.

**FINANCE**

**3716. Accounts for payment.** It was agreed that the following amounts should be paid:

* £177.92 to the Clerk, January 2016 salary.
* £44.40 to HMRC, January 2016 PAYE.
* £ 187.78 to the Clerk, reimbursement of expenses for the period from October 2014 to October 2015, (as agreed by Chairman after audit of records).

**3717. Precept for the year to 31 March 2017.** The Clerk had provided an estimate of outgoings for the coming year amounting to £3970. The bank balance at 31/12/15 was £2555 and the balance available to carry-forward at 31/3/16 (i.e.to 2016-2017) is expected to be £1638.

Therefore, after discussion, it was agreed that the **Precept for 2016-2017 s**hould be **£4000,** (four thousand pounds), an increase of £200 over the current year.

**MEMBERS’ REQUESTS**

**3718.** Cllr Rawlinson said she had been approached by residents of **Thornton** to ask for a **pavement** to be provided in the village. This was discussed in some detail and Cllr Rowlands thought that this could only be done if parts of the front gardens of houses were used. Other ideas had been suggested such as closing the road at one end or having “squeeze points” which would the bonus of traffic-calming. Because of the narrowness of the road, steep approaches to some properties etc. there was no simple solution. Cllr Rowlands said he would check the position with PCC.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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

**Date………………………………..**

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2016**