

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT: Cllr D McIntosh
Cllr C Hopkinson
Cllr P Strydom
Cllr I Wilkinson
Cllr J Williams

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Day

The Clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark-Davies)

124/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

125/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2023 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as true record.

126/23 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute113/23 c) It was agreed that two batteries be ordered from Tayna at a cost of £48.77 inc VAT each. To be delivered to Cllr Strydom's address.
- b) Minute 118/23 Correspondence has been sent to PCC regarding the issue of the speed limit at Cold Inn and we are awaiting a response.
- c) Minute120/23 A letter has been sent to Darren Thomas of PCC regarding Hainey Moor and a response is awaited.
- d) Minuten122/23 c) Agreed that a Notice of Co-option be prepared for display within the community area in an attempt to recruit more members.

127/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

128/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

- a) **23/0567/PA: Fferm Cysgod Y Dderwen, East Williamston, SA70 8RT –** replacement and reposition of farmhouse approval under 21/0034/CL (Certificate of existing lawful development for engineering works creating a residential dwelling (from former caravans, together with fixed units, lean to and decking)) and new agricultural shed on site of existing dwelling. – Object as it is located outside of the settlement boundary.

- b) **23/0604/PA:** Proposed single storey sun lounge extension at **Hanbury Lodge, Broadmoor, SA68 0RH-** No comment.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE TO 31ST OCTOBER 2023

The following financial information had been circulated:

- a) Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £12,182.83 in the Current Acct, £3,136.37 in the Deposit Acct, £14,288.93 in the Parks account and £4,104.27 in the Jubilee Park Acct.
- b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £23,379.46 (gross) and expenditure of £31,331.22 (gross).
- c) The Financial Budget Comparison showing the Budget set, the actual income and expenditure figures and the balance remaining under each heading.

RESOLVED: **That the above financial information be accepted.**

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| a) Mrs J Clark – November salary | £273.60 |
| b) PAYE for November | £68.40 |
| c) Google monthly subscription | £1.59 |
| d) J Clark-Davies – reimb for printer ink | £7.99 |
| e) J Clark-Davies – reimb for postages | £6.70 |
| f) British Legion – Poppy wreath and donation | £50.00 |

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INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES - DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The draft Annual Report for February 2024 had been received from the IRPW proposing the following discretionary payments:

- a) A basic payment of £156 per year to be paid to Members towards the extra costs of working from home (inc heating, lighting, broadband etc.)
- b) Councils must pay Members £52.00 per year for the cost of office consumables or they may claim full reimbursement for the cost of office consumables.

It was noted that these payments are discretionary and Members may decline the payments if they so wish by letting the Clerk know in writing.

RESOLVED: **Members agreed with the above discretionary proposals and did not wish to comment.**

132/23 **UPDATE ON PLAY AREAS FOR NOVEMBER**

The inspection reports for November have not yet been received. Members agreed to wait until they are received and then will inspect each play area and make a list of urgent items.

133/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Hywel Dda Engagement – Bevan Commission – survey and online event – noted.
- b) Wales Air Ambulance – Community Council Appeal 2023 – consider in March.
- c) OVW – October/Nov/Dec Training Dates – noted.
- d) Welsh Govt – info on RAAC in buildings for building owners and managers – noted.
- e) OVW Review of Democratic Health in Community & Town Council Sector – noted.
- f) PCC Quotation opportunity for Night Shelter Provision – noted.
- g) Boundary commission for Wales – Review of Community Arrangements of Pembrokeshire – noted.
- h) OVW/SLCC Joint Online Event – noted.
- i) Mid & W Wales Fire Service – Consultation Draft 2040 Service Plan – noted.

134/23 **REPORT OF CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS**

As an update to the RAAC or 'reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete' topic previously raised, Cllr Williams stated that, over the past few weeks Pembrokeshire County Council's building maintenance service has been actively reviewing all information available on PCC buildings including conditions surveys, architectural plans and historic works undertaken. In some cases, more detailed surveys have been undertaken, including at some schools. Fortunately, the outcome of all of the investigations is that there is no evidence of RAAC used in the construction of any of PCC's active public buildings or schools.

RESOLVED: **That Cty Cllr Williams be thanked for his report.**

135/23 **ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The following matters were discussed:

- a) Write to Christopher Wilkinson at Ian's address to thank him for his donation of a sickle mower and some harnesses for strimmers.
- b) The pedestrian flail mower is continually having punctures in the tyres and a solution is sought. It was suggested that the tube be removed, and the tyre filled with a gel which prevents punctures.
- c) Some areas in the park have not been treated with weedkiller by the contractor, particularly on the Common where the two entrances to the circular path come into the car park.

- d) Within budget for JP we have accrued some money and would like to improve storage facilities at Hainey Moor. This expenditure was approved. Footpath repairs are also required.
- e) Members asked about connecting the new laptop to the tv for remote meetings. The clerk forwarded instructions to the chairman.
- f) It was noted that there is a large pothole on Templebar Road outside Dorchester Cottage on northern side of road - report to PCC.
- g) There is a large pothole in Station Road where water is coming up from the ground near the first property on the right – report to PCC.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed.....Chair.....Date

Signed.....Clerk