

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2015 AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Cllr D Mcintosh
Cllr T Ensom
Cllr Mrs K Talbot
Cllr J Williams
Cllr C Hopkinson

APOLOGIES: Cllr A Ratcliffe
Cllr I Prout
Cllr I Wilkinson

143/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

144/15 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2015 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

145/15 **MATTERS ARISING**

The following points were raised:

- a) That PCC be asked why the caravan park planning applications were approved.
- b) It was noted that the Jubilee Park Fields in Trust application had not moved forward as planned.
- c) The Groundwork project had not been pursued but had been delayed until Spring 2016.
- d) The clerk had not yet contacted the Ramblers but would do so.
- e) Correspondence had been received from PALC relating to the Draft Charter with PCC, advising that PALC were in negotiations regarding this.
- f) The storage containers had not yet been moved and this would be carried out when the planning application for the new field was made.
- g) The Picnic table at Broadmoor had not yet been moved. The clerk to contact Colin regarding this.
- h) It was agreed that a dinner would be held at the Wiseman's Bridge Inn on Friday 15th January 7.30pm.
- i) Cllr Ian Wilkinson would be asked to speak to Gwyneth regarding the presentation.

146/15 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application was considered:

15/0886/PA: Cross Park Cottage, Bush Farm, Broadmoor – single storey extension. It was agreed to SUPPORT.

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PLAY AREAS

The clerk advised that she had not received any notices of repairs required to play equipment since 9th November and these repairs had been passed on to the either Colin or Bizzy Play.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) Wales Air Ambulance request for donation - agreed to donate £100.
- b) PCC – Changes in waste and recycling collections over the holiday period – noted.
- c) Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner regarding the 2016-17 Policing Precept – noted.
- d) Simon Hart MP Schedule of surgeries for Jan to May 2016 – noted.
- e) Simon Hart MP re nomination of Jubilee Park in Best Parks Award – agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Hart thanking him for his interest in the park.
- f) OVW – opportunity to contribute to WAG guidance on allotments and community led growing projects – no action.
- g) Wales Audit Office newsletter – noted.
- h) PCC – Info on oil purchasing clubs in Pembrokeshire – noted.
- i) OVW – response to Statutory Guidance on Well-being of Future Generations etc – noted.
- j) OVW – Community Health Councils – new members required – noted.
- k) PAVS AGM and Involvement & Influence event – noted.
- l) Hywel Dda UHB – Let’s Talk Health events – noted.
- m) OVW – consultation on Welsh Govt Guidance on allotments and community led growing projects – no action.
- n) OVW – Draft Local Govt (Wales) Bill – that this matter be dealt with at the January meeting.

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CLOSURE OF THE AVENUE CENTRE, TENBY

Cllr Hopkinson commented that he is very concerned that PCC are thinking of closing this centre as it provides an excellent service to the people of this area who really need it. It was agreed that a letter be sent to PCC asking that they reconsider this decision. Cllr Hopkinson offered to draft a letter to forward to the clerk for posting.

RESOLVED: **That a letter be sent to PCC requesting them to reconsider their decision to close The Avenue Centre.**

150/15 **NEWSLETTER MAILSHOT**

The chair raised this matter and suggested that Council publish a newsletter for residents which would be distributed by the Royal Mail Direct Mail service. There followed some debate when it was suggested that possibly a local business be asked to sponsor it or PLANED.

It was considered that we, as a Council should get more information out to every householder in the community so that hopefully we may get a wider representation on the council. Cllr Charles Hopkinson did not agree and suggested that we ask PLANED to conduct a survey of residents within the area to see whether they would like this to be done. It was decided that Cllrs would put something together which could possibly be a joint effort with the Community Hall Assoc.

RESOLVED: **That councillors would put some information together that could be included in a newsletter for the next meeting.**

151/15 **REMUNERATION OF COUNCILLORS**

The Remuneration Panel of Wales has suggested that Councils agree on a policy of what payments are made to councillors and it was agreed to adopt point 1 which is to ensure at least some expenses involved in representing the community can be met – up to £100 pa and point 2 to allow expenses of partnership and engagement outside the council to be met.

RESOLVED: **That points 1 relating to payment to councillors for expenses incurred whilst carrying out Council business and point 2 relating to expenses and engagement outside the council be adopted.**

152/15 **MAINTENANCE TENDER DOCUMENT**

It had been suggested that the tender document should be reviewed before advertising the maintenance contract in the New Year. It was suggested that Cllrs Ian Wilkinson and Tony Ensom should draw up a new tender document to be considered at the January meeting.

RESOLVED: **That Cllrs I Wilkinson and T Ensom prepare a new tender for the maintenance contract for consideration at the next meeting.**

153/15 **PRESENTATION AND MEAL**

This matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting and arrangements had been agreed.

154/15 **BANK BALANCES**

The bank balances up to the end of November 2015 were given as follows:

Current Acct	£7,963.53
Saver Acct	£6,081.61
Parks Acct	£13,038.12

155/15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark – Salary November	£189.13
b) PAYE for October and November	£97.40
c) Mrs J Clark – Telephone calls/broadband for 14 months	£258.30
d) S.L.C.C. subscription (part pro rata)	£37.00
e) Hire of Hall for meetings	£168.00

It was agreed to remove Cllr D Beynon as a signatory and to add the current chairman Cllr D McIntosh as a signatory.

156/15 **DRAFT PRECEPT FOR 2016-2017**

It was agreed that this be discussed at the January meeting and that the clerk would submit a draft budget before the end of December.

RESOLVED: **That the budget for the 2016-2017 precept be discussed at the January meeting.**

157/15 **REPORT OF COUNTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS**

Since the 2014 departure of Jake Morgan the county council's role of director for children and schools has been filled in an acting capacity. The permanent position has been advertised and the role was due to be filled in December. However, councillors have been informed that due to a small number of applicants, the post has been re-advertised and the recruitment process will recommence early in the New Year.

Cllr Williams informed members that a petition has been set up by another county councillor to oppose Welsh Government plans to bring back Dyfed by merging Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion county councils.

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

158/15 **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY CLLRS**

The following matters were raised by members:

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- a) The County Council have issued a questionnaire on council budget pressures and are encouraging the public to complete this and have their say. It was suggested that the minutes be published by 13th December if possible.
- b) The new legislation regarding pensions for employees was raised. However this matter had been dealt with at the last meeting.
- c) Apologies for next meeting were received from Cllr D McIntosh and Cllr Mrs K Talbot confirmed that she would be present to chair the January meeting.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th January 2016.

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

Signed.....Clerk