

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2016 AT THE EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs K Talbot (Vice-chair)
Cllr T Ensom
Cllr I Wilkinson
Cllr I Prout
Cllr J Williams
Cllr C Hopkinson

APOLOGIES: Cllr A Ratcliffe
Cllr D McIntosh

01/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

02/16 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2015 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

03/16 **MATTERS ARISING**

The following matters were raised:

- a) 145/15 a) Members were concerned about the county council's approval of year round occupation of caravan pitches at Sunnyvale and Myrtle Hill and asked the clerk to ascertain why this approval was given.
- b) The clerk advised that she would contact Ramblers Wales before the next meeting.
- c) Regarding the Planning application for work on the new field it was agreed that EWCC to make the application as they were entitled to a discount of 50% of the fees.
- d) The Picnic table at Broadmoor has not been relocated due to the extremely wet weather.
- e) Everyone confirmed that they were available for the council meal on 15th January.
- f) The letter to the County Council regarding the possible closure of The Avenue had not been sent as the draft letter had not been received from Cllr Hopkinson. The clerk agreed to remind him.
- g) It was agreed that the mailshot would be discussed at the next meeting.

04/16 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application was considered:

15/0937/PA: The Orchards, Pentlepoir – extension. It was agreed not support this application due to insufficient information available on PCC's website.

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PLAY AREAS

East Williamston: The clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from the County Council that day regarding 3 items of equipment that have been condemned due to several timbers being rotten. These items had been taped off by the County Council to prevent their use. Members commented that the same thing happened before 5 years ago and all the timber was renewed at considerable cost. The Clerk was asked Chris from Bizzy Play to investigate and to report back his findings. It was further agreed that the play area be closed until further notice and that notices to this effect be prepared to be displayed at the park indicating its closure. The Clerk was asked to inform PCC of this.

Pentlepoir: No problems reported at the moment.

Broadmoor: No problems reported at the moment.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) PLANED – next round of action-planning workshops – no action.
- b) One Voice Wales – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2016 – chair's name to be put forward for selection.
- c) Welsh Govt – Road Safety Review across trunk roads in Wales – link to be forwarded to councillors.
- d) Hywel Dda UHB – invitation to attend a Transformation of Mental Health Services Engagement Event – noted.
- e) Cty Cllr Peter Stock – Draft Local Govt (Wales) Bill and petition against a return to Dyfed – noted.
- f) WAG – invitation to attend an engagement event on the Draft Local Govt (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum – no action.

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TENDER DOCUMENT FOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Cllrs I Wilkinson and T Ensom had reviewed the tender document and had made the necessary changes so that it will attract tenders from companies who would use and maintain their own equipment. A further tender document would be created solely for a handyman to do ad hoc work at the play parks and Jubilee Park. It was agreed to remove the treating of the wood aspect from the grass cutting document and include it on the handyman tender document. Once the changes had been made Cllr Wilkinson would send the clerk the amended document.

Cllr Wilkinson advised council that he had seen an advert for a company who could quote for servicing our machinery and this was noted for future reference.

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RESOLVED: That an amended tender documents to be finalised by Cllr Wilkinson and forwarded to the clerk.

08/16 **DRAFT LOCAL GOVT (WALES) BILL**

The above WAG consultation document had been received and had been circulated to members via email as it was a lengthy document. Following a short debate it was agreed that the Clerk would draw up draft responses to the relevant questions which would be approved at the February meeting. Responses were required by 15th February.

RESOLVED: That the clerk draw up draft responses to the relevant questions for approval at the next meeting.

09/16 **BANK BALANCES**

The bank balances to 31st December were given as follows:

Current Acct	£12,769.90
Deposit Acct	£6,082.67
Parks Acct	£13,038.72

10/16 **SETTING OF BUDGETS AND PRECEPT FOR 2016-2017**

A draft budget had been circulated by the clerk prior to the meeting suggesting a stand-still precept of £25.00 per household which equated to income of £21,341.50. Following some changes to the budget the expenditure figure was increased to £22,900 and the income budget to £22,779.50 giving an excess of expenditure over income of £120.50. The proposed precept of £25.00 was accepted and agreed.

RESOLVED: That a precept of £25.00 per household, equating to an income of £21,341.50 be set for 2016-2017.

11/16 **REPORT FROM CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS**

Cllr Williams and other local county councillors had been kept up to date with the on-going consultation concerning the future of Tenby's Avenue Centre for adults with learning disabilities. In November the cabinet approved a consultation over the facility's future against a backdrop of budget pressures and the considerable expenditure claimed to be necessary for repairs to the roof, electrical wiring and other matters. Several concerns over accuracy within the information presented to cabinet had subsequently been identified by parents and carers. The original timeframe for the consultation of twelve weeks has now been extended indefinitely by the council's social services director in an effort to allay concerns that the matter was a foregone conclusion.

Cabinet meetings of Pembrokeshire County Council would from January be broadcast online via the council's webcasting facility following a successful full council vote on the proposal tabled by Cllr Williams. Previously only full council meetings were webcasted. The service not only allows for live viewing but backs up the streamed recordings into an archive for subsequent viewing. The county council's webcast site address is: www.pembrokeshire.public-i.tv

Cllr Williams had been contacted by a resident regarding what was described to him as the disgusting state of the Tenby-bound bus stop opposite the entrance to Hill Rise, Pentlepoir, which he passed on to the area maintenance team.

The long-awaited publication of the Wales Audit Office's in-depth corporate report of PCC concluded that the authority "cannot yet provide adequate assurance that its arrangements are capable of delivering its priorities and improved outcomes for citizens." It recognised that some progress has been made but among the report's many findings are that "decision making is not consistently transparent" at County Hall. In accepting the report, the council's leader said it provided an accurate view of the authority at the time the WAO conducted its investigation, during the month of April, 2015.

Cllr Williams wished all community councillors and residents within the Pentlepoir, Broadmoor and East Williamston area a happy new year. Cllr Williams also wished to remind residents that if they had any concerns they could contact him by email: jw@jacobwilliams.com or telephone 812999.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark – Salary December	£189.13
b) PAYE for December	£47.20
c) Church Farm Landscapes – tree felling	£420.00
d) MGM Garden Machinery – grease	£18.00

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BUSINESS FROM CLLRS

The following matters were raised by Members:

- a) Members were advised of a website that provided plans for planning applications that provided lots of information which was free for community councils. This site could prove to be very useful for this community.
- b) The drain covers adjacent to Link Elm and Mariners were set too low and had not been rectified despite being reported last month. The clerk agreed to remind PCC.
- c) The street light outside hall is out – clerk to report to PCC - light number 8043228.

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- d) Cllr I Wilkinson advised that he had walked around the Jubilee Park and the footpaths were in a very poor condition. He asked for permission to get some stone and drainage pipe to reduce the amount of water on the paths and this was agreed. Cllr Wilkinson also agreed to ask for discount for servicing all our equipment.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th Feb at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed.....ChairDate

SignedClerk