

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM**

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Cllr D McIntosh  
Cllr G Soar  
Cllr J Williams

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr I Prout  
Cllr C Hopkinson  
Cllr I Wilkinson  
Cllr T Ensom  
Cllr A Ratcliffe

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark)

**138/16      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**139/16      MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

**140/16      MATTERS ARISING**

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute 127/16 ask Colin to move existing sign at Broadmoor to entrance near road.
- b) Minute 128/16 planning application has been withdrawn for the time being whilst an extended Phase I ecological survey is carried out. Agreed that three quotes for carrying out of this survey be obtained for the next meeting.
- c) Cllr Talbot confirmed that she did respond to the PCC consultation on Culture, Tourism and Leisure services on our behalf.
- d) Cllr J Williams did not agree with this council asking residents to cut back hedges. Agreed that the clerk to ask PCC about this.

**141/16      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received but Certificate of Lawful Use or Development received for Lake House, East Williamston and planning approval granted for alterations and extensions at Pencoed Care Home, Wooden.

Approval has been received for the wind turbine as the appeal was upheld.

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**PLAY AREAS**

The quarterly inspection reports by PCC for each play park had been received and the items with medium or high risk noted for action.

**East Williamston:** The clerk was requested to arrange for the trim trail to be removed as soon as possible and that PCC be made aware of this.

**Broadmoor:** All looking ok and agreed that Colin be asked to clean down the picnic table and other items requiring cleaning.

**Pentlepoir:** All looking good and agreed that Colin be asked to check on items requiring cleaning and repairing.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) HDUHB – Stakeholder Reference Group Workshop – noted.
- b) PLANED – Info on Rural Community Development Funding – noted.
- c) OVW – Questionnaire about Community Asset Transfer – no action.
- d) OVW – Response to proposal on mergers of Local Justice Areas in Wales – noted.
- e) PCC – Pembrokeshire Wellbeing Survey – members to respond individually.
- f) PLANED – European LEADER funding and other European Rural Funding – noted.
- g) Information on South Hook LNG Community Funding – noted for next meeting.
- h) Ombudsman – acknowledgement of adoption of new Code of Conduct – noted.
- i) Welsh Govt – Update on Local Govt Reform – Statement by Mark Drakeford AM – noted.
- k) Planning Aid Wales - info on planning training – noted.
- l) Ind Remuneration Panel for Wales – payments to Members of Town & Community Councils. Agreed to make the same payments as previous year.

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**COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

The chair advised that this had been sent off for printing and would be available for the next meeting when distribution would be discussed.

**RESOLVED:**                   **That the distribution of the newsletter be discussed at next meeting.**

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**FUNDING FROM SHLNG**

It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next meeting to give Members an opportunity to read the funding information.

**RESOLVED:** That this matter be discussed at the November meeting.

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**EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY & HALL ASSOCIATION**

The chair confirmed that this is now being transferred and is going through without any problems. This change has been made so that there is only limited liability. There will be no change of name just a change of status and therefore any leases will not need to be amended.

**RESOLVED:** That no changes required to leases relating to change of status for the EWC & H Association.

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**ACCOUNTS UPDATE AND BANK BALANCES**

The bank balances were given and financial updates to end of September were presented. The following documents had been circulated before meeting:

- a) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing expenditure of £9,741.58 (gross) and income of £15,487.83.
- b) The Bank Account Reconciliation Statement confirming the bank balances of Current Acct - £16,716.41; Deposit Acct - £6,085.85 and Park Acct - £13,045.19.
- c) The Budget Heading Monitoring Report showing budgets with actual figures to date and balance remaining under each heading.

**RESOLVED:** That the financial information provided be agreed and accepted.

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**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark – September	£191.09
b) PAYE for September	£47.60
c) K P Thomas – diesel for tractor	£44.45
d) Cutting Hedge – grasscutting September	£336.00

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**REPORT OF CTY CLLR J WILLIAMS**

Cllr Williams reported on the following matters:

After making enquiries into the long-awaited Pentlepoir pedestrian crossing, Cllr Williams was told by PCC's planning department that the condition imposed by the planning committee when approving housing redevelopment of the former Pentlepoir school site in March 2015, requiring a financial contribution towards a pedestrian crossing, had been subject to a successful appeal by the landowner, local company G. D. Harries.

As part of its appeal, G. D. Harries is believed to have contested all of the financial and community-benefit contributions imposed by the planning committee and supported by planning officers. The appeal decision, made by the District Valuer Service, means that there will now be no requirement for

a financial contribution towards the crossing, which residents and Cllr Williams have campaigned for over many years, or for the development to include any affordable housing units or financial contribution in lieu of the units.

Cllr Williams expressed his disappointment, and considered it a big setback as the crossing project, which he and transport officers had agreed was necessary long ago, may have to go back to the end of the queue for council funding if no sum connected to the site's redevelopment was forthcoming. He requested to see the District Valuer's report but was initially refused by the planning department on grounds of commercial confidentiality. Cllr Williams informed the community council that, on terms of confidentiality, he knew he held certain rights of access to documentation as a councillor, as a member of the planning committee, and as the ward member, and that he had taken the matter up with the head of planning, whose response he was awaiting.

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#### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The following matters were raised:

- a) The erratic parking outside the Chinese Restaurant at Pentlepoir had been raised with police at PACT meeting. It was noted that it is not against the law to park on the pavement. It is only an offence if an obstruction is caused. Residents should phone 101 if there is a problem.
- b) The road signs at the end of Clayford Road warning that the road is not suitable for long vehicles are too far along the road and vehicles already committed by the time they see the sign. Agreed that PCC be asked to re-locate them at a more suitable site.
- c) The chair advised that she was not able to attend the OVW meeting as she was away on holiday.
- d) Members were advised that if Japanese Knotweed is on a private property the owners are responsible if someone cannot sell their property because of it.
- e) Cllr Wilkinson asked for authority to buy 5 litres of hydraulic fluid and a tube of grease for the tractor. This was agreed.
- f) Cllr Hopkinson to sort out wreath for Remembrance Sunday and the clerk was asked to have a Cheque for this for next meeting.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 3<sup>RD</sup> November 2016 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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

Signed.....Clerk