

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023 AT THE EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D McIntosh (Chair)
Cllr C Hopkinson
Cllr Ian Wilkinson
Cllr J Williams

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Day
Cllr P Strydom

111/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D McIntosh and Cllr I Wilkinson declared in interest in item 11a) as they both serve on the EW Community & Hall Association.

112/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2023 were proposed and seconded and agreed as a true record.

113/23 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Minute 101/23a) The work on the Green has been carried out.
- b) Minute 101/23b) IW and DMc have carried out a temporary repair on the platform at the multiplay unit at Pentlepoir until a carpenter can be found to make a permanent repair.
- c) Minute 109/23a) New batteries are required for speed signs in Cold Inn and EW as the charge is not lasting long compared to when they were first purchased. DMc will charge up the existing batteries for the time being and get the speed signs up and running until new batteries can be purchased.

114/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

115/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No plans received.

116/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS UPDATE TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

The following financial information had been circulated:

- a) Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £15,010.08 in the Current Acct, £3,136.37 in the Deposit Acct, £14,266.18 in the Parks account and £4,108.27 in the Jubilee Park Acct.

- b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £23,355.71 (gross) and expenditure of £28,498.97 (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:

a) Mrs J Clark – October salary	£273.60
b) PAYE for October	£68.40
c) Google monthly subscription	£1.59
d) Cllr P Strydom reimb for fuel	£25.97
e) Cllr D McIntosh – reimb for purchase of key for noticeboard	£6.42
f) Cllr I Wilkinson – reimb for fuel	£33.03
g) Jane Clark-Davies – reimb for purchase of laptop from Currys	£269.00
h) JN Williams grass cutting for Sept/Oct/The Green/weedkilling	£1,430.40
i) Amazon– purchase of mini-engraver tool for marking eqpt	£11.00

The clerk was asked to check why only 1 cut in Sept and to check the contract for the required number of cuts in Sept and Oct.

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TO DISCUSS 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AT COLD INN

Cllr McIntosh wished to discuss the speed limit at Cold Inn which remains at 40mph through the village until you reach the traffic lights at Broadmoor when it changes to 20mph. Due to the nature of the area with no pavements or streetlights, this should be a 30mph area if not a 20mph. It was suggested a request be made to PCC to review the speed limit at this location.

RESOLVED: **That we make a formal request to PCC for a review of the speed limit on this stretch of road through Cold Inn.**

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UPDATE ON PLAY AREAS AND INSPECTION REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER

The September reports had been circulated and the following observations were made:

- a) All high-risk items will be looked at by a handyman to repair asap.
- b) The relevant councillor to check their allocated play park and report any dangerous items.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) EWC& Hall Association – request for contribution towards the replacement of information boards at JP.
 - b) Darren Thomas (PCC) response on drainage issue at Hainey Moor.
 - c) Boundary Commission for Wales Questionnaire. – no action.
 - d) OVW Sept training dates – noted.
 - e) OVW Motions for AGM 2023 – noted.
 - f) Welsh Revenue Authority Newsletter - noted.
 - g) PAVS Funding Update – noted.
 - h) OVW Newsletter No 1 – noted.
 - i) PCC UK Shared Prosperity Funding – noted.
 - j) OVW Consultation – Scrutiny of Welsh Govt Draft Budget 2024-25 – no action.
 - k) PCC Community Review Boundary Commission Meeting – no action
 - l) OVW Funding update Local Places for Nature – noted.
 - m) OVW Pembs Area Committee Meeting agenda etc – noted.
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- a) EW Community & Hall Association request for a financial contribution towards the replacement of the information boards at the JP. After some debate it was proposed that no action be taken on this request.
 - b) Darren Thomas re Hainey Moor -send contact details to Tony Ensom for a site meeting to be arranged.

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REPORT OF CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS

The following report was submitted:

Cllr Williams noted that the trees along the northern side of Elveston Lane, which were suffering from ash dieback and had shed branches in recent storms, had all now been cut down. Evidence of the infection could be seen in some of the remaining tree stumps in the hedge, some of which were rotten and appeared to be partly hollow.

As a follow-up to his report at the previous month's meeting relating to the terrible state of the tarmacked surface of the road and car park near the Kilgetty community hall, Cllr Williams stated that he had since attended a site meeting. Also in attendance were PCC's highways officer Darren Thomas, the local ward member Cllr Alistair Cameron, and fellow neighbouring councillor Alec Cormack. Whilst it wasn't within the East Williamston ward, all local councillors agreed that it was an important facility for the wider area, serving the community hall, toilet block, GP surgery and vets, and the bus station which was also used by National Express. It was confirmed that this land is wholly owned by the Co-operative group, and that none of it was a designated highway, not even the one-way road from the roundabout. Agents for the Co-operative group had expressed their intention to resurface the car park, however as this was relayed in an email, there was some uncertainty as to whether this referred to the car park in question, or the car park associated with the Co-op supermarket. Since the supermarket car park is in a good condition, Cllr Williams was hopeful that the Co-operative group's agent must be referring to the car park in question, i.e. by the toilet block and community

hall, which is in an awful state, but was awaiting confirmation, and if so, was grateful that the Co-op would finally be taking action.

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

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ANY OTHER INFORMATION

The following matters were discussed:

- a) IW has applied for funding through Local Places for Nature for a starter package for 3 raised beds, bulbs and wildflowers and this one is for benches, small pond, fruit trees, hedging and wildflowers in turf. An area in the JP has been agreed and it has been cleared in preparation.
- b) IW has acquired a lot of hand tools and other items accumulated over the years and has purchased an etching machine so that these tools can be marked for identification purposes.
- c) DM we should think about co-opting some new members as we only have 6 out of 12. Members were asked to try to recruit some new members from within their circle of friends and neighbours.
- d) IW advised that a loose BT cover in the main road outside the Old Pump filling station should be reported.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 7.00pm.

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

Signed.....Clerk.