

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST MAY 2014 AT THE EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT

Cllr A Ratcliffe (Chair)
Cllr D Beynon
Cllr T Ensom*
Cllr D McIntosh
Cllr Mrs K Talbot
Cllr J Williams

*Present for part of the meeting only.

Also present:

Mrs J Clark (Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Cllr C Hopkinson
Cllr I Wilkinson MBE

235/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

236/13 MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2014 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

237/13 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

238/13 MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF 2013

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 2nd May 2013 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

239/13 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

210/13 OUTGOING CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair read out the following report:

Sadly this year we mourn the passing of Mr Thomas Charles Ellis, Tom to all his friends. He served this community for a great many years and his humour and pointed insight into the wide ranging areas covered by the council will be sorely missed.

Unfortunately two valued councillors retired from the council namely Jeannette John and Tracy Beynon. We thank them for all that they were able to bring to the council, and wish them both well in pursuing other interests. However we welcome Mr D Macintosh and Mr T Ensom to the council which still leaves us with vacancies to be filled. Should anybody feel that they are able to contribute to an active and vigorous council they will be made to feel very welcome.

Jane Clark our new clerk was appointed to replace Mr J Everett. Jane Clark has served in various Pembrokeshire local authorities for over thirty years and her vast knowledge and experience is much to our benefit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Richard Fanus for the volunteer work he has so generously given us this year.

The Jubilee Park now in all its spring glory belies the wettest and windiest winter on record and thanks to the Friends of the Park and other agencies the general public can enjoy an outstanding facility. There is now a plaque depicting the Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge mounted on a stone plinth located within the park.

A parcel of land, adjoining the Jubilee Park and eight acres in extent, has recently come on the market. The East Williamston Community Hall Association made a request to East Williamston Community Council for financial assistance for The Jubilee Park and Nature Trail for on-going works and improvements. It was agreed to make a donation of £5,000 towards these community projects. I would like to thank Mr Ian Wilkinson MBE for all his hard work.

Following an accident on Station Road near the railway bridge PCC has improved the road at this point. Luckily no one was seriously hurt and we hope that there is no repeat incident. Templebar Road is still a matter of concern within the 30mph limit. Residents express grave concern about the limit being ignored and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. Surely there is a need for PCC to be proactive rather than reactive in installing traffic calming measures on this very busy road.

Mr Brawn gave a fascinating presentation to the council regarding the history of mining in East Williamston and environs. He has produced a CD of his thesis which makes fascinating reading.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow councillors for all their help and guidance over the last twelve months who dedicate their free time and effort to serving your community and its needs.

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RESOLVED: That the chairman's report be noted and accepted.

211/13 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2014-2015**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Cllr Ian Prout be appointed as chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Cllr I Prout be appointed as chair for the ensuing year.

212/13 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2014-2015**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Cllr D McIntosh be appointed as Vice-chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Cllr D McIntosh be appointed as chair for the ensuing year.

213/13 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning application was considered:

13/1076/PA - Land East of Glenanne – residential development for 6 dwellings

RESOLVED: SUPPORT

214/13 **REPORTS ON PLAY AREAS**

Pentlepoir: Cllr I Prout reported that the Annual Inspection report indicated that certain issues need attention. 15 of 28 pieces of equipment are low risk and some need monitoring and attention ie the Squirrel rocker seat needs to be sealed. Swing bays - in both cases the surfaces need power washing and the toddler multi play unit needs power washing. Junior multi play wooden module caps need to be replaced. The Swing bay 1 with flat seats - surface wetpour edges need repairing. Monitoring is necessary for eight items. It was agreed to ask Colin to do power washing.

The play area is generally in good order but some play equipment is showing signs of wear and tear. It may be prudent to discuss this at the end of the financial year and to phase the repairs in over one to two years. The Clerk was asked to find out how to claim the maintenance money. Power washing to be done as soon as possible.

Broadmoor: Cllr D Beynon had carried out the inspections but did not bring reports. The Annual inspection report will be discussed at the next meeting.

An officer from the Welsh Government Minister Edwina Hart AM's office had sent Cllr. Williams an email relating to the state of the Pentlepoir exit of the Kingsmoor roundabout junction. She wrote to say that, as the main road was part of the South Wales Trunk Road Agency, representatives of hers planned to meet representatives of the county council to discuss longer term solutions.

Cllr. Williams had been informed that a temporary closure of Clayford Road was necessary so that carriageway resurfacing work can be carried out. It was proposed to commence on Tuesday 27th May for five days, during which time pedestrian access will be maintained and the alternative route for traffic will be Templebar Road and the A478.

RESOLVED: That Cty Cllr J Williams' report be accepted.

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MATTERS RAISED BY CLLRS

- a) A local resident has asked if this Council would have any objection to him creating a parking bay for two cars in the front of his house. The resident to be advised to contact PCC for advice.
- b) It was pointed out that the Clerk's address on correspondence from PCC's Planning Department was the former clerk's address. Agreed that PCC be advised of the change.
- c) Nearby residents are concerned about the safety of the graveyard wall as stones have been falling out. It was agreed they be advised that this is a matter for the church to resolve.
- d) The presence of Japanese Knotweed was also reported in the churchyard. Agreed the church be advised to ask PCC to spray it.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th June 2014 at East Williamston Community Hall at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.