

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2020 AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.PM

PRESENT: Cllr J Williams (Vice-chair)
Cllr C Hopkinson
Cllr D McIntosh
Cllr I Wilkinson
Cllr A Ratcliffe

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Day
Cllr G Soar
Cllr M Taylor

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark)

In the absence of the Chair Cllr G Soar due to illness, Cllr J Williams took the chair.

01/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

02/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2019 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

03/20 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute 146/19d) The caravan at Muddy Lane is still there and occupied with possibly two vans there now with no planning permission granted. Clerk to follow up with PCC and send photograph.
- b) Minute 146/19 over head cables – Open Reach cannot deal with these trees as they are too big. Contact PCC to ask if they can deal with them. Their location is marked on the road with arrows.
- c) Minute 156/19 d) PCC have not filled the pothole in Pentlepoir as the whole road is to be surface dressed in the near future.

04/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

05/20 UPDATE ON ACCOUNTS

- a) The Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £32,953.34 in the Current Acct, £3,097.87 in the Deposit Acct, £27,125.88 in the Park account and £2,020.48 in the Jubilee Park Acct.
- b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £31,475.88 (gross) and expenditure of £20,747.21 (gross).

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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 financial information provided be accepted and agreed.**

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark – December salary	£226.98
b) PAYE for December	£56.60
c) EWC&H Association – hall rent	£180.00
d) EWC& H Assoc– annual support (less car park)	£1,545.00

It was agreed to cancel the previous cheque for £180.00 for the Hall Association as it had not been presented. Replacement issued for £165.00 which is correct amount as per invoice.

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CONFIRM BUDGET FOR 2020-21

The draft budget as set at the December meeting was circulated (Appendix 1) and the clerk produced two sample budgets with a precept of £28.00 and £35.00 per household to reduce the amount taken from reserves. It was agreed, however to set a precept of £30.00 per household which equates to a precept of £27,677.40. The budgeted expenditure is £36,570.00 and the income is £29,202.40 which leaves the sum of £7,367.60 to be taken from reserves. The additional expenditure is for the purchase of two flashing speed signs for Pentlepoir and to maintain current services.

RESOLVED: **That the draft budget be accepted with a precept of £30.00 per household which equates to £27,677.40.**

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COMMUNITY WORKS GRANT

The clerk had received information on the above Grant which had been circulated to all. It was suggested that the flashing speed signs may be eligible and the clerk was requested to ask Darren Thomas if this was the case and if so an application be made.

RESOLVED: **That the clerk makes enquiries regarding the eligibility of the speed signs for this grant.**

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UPDATE ON PLAYPARKS

Nothing to report on play areas at present as the annual inspections will be taking place very soon. The clerk was requested to ask Neil McCarthy of PCC about inspections of parks ie weekly and check if our insurance will cover us doing some inspections. Also, whether our inspection qualifications still

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stand from several years ago. If so, clerk to request new inspection report books.

RESOLVED: That the clerk to find out about councillors carrying out weekly inspections on play equipment and whether our own insurance will cover this.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- a) Welsh Govt – response relating to traffic lights at Broadmoor.
- b) PAVS Volunteer Drivers recruitment Campaign.
- c) PCC Budget Engagement Sessions.
- d) Taf Valley Coaches – changes to bus services.
- e) Community Transport Assoc – Connecting Communities Newsletter.
- f) Urdd National Eisteddfod 2020 – request for contribution.
- g) Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner 2020-21 Police Precept Consultation.
- h) OVW – consultation on changes to planning fees.
- i) Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

The following point was raised:

- a) Response received from Welsh Govt on Broadmoor lights. Clerk to ask what, if any, changes have been made. Request Police to monitor this junction for vehicles ‘jumping’ the lights and obtain details of PACT contact. Also to report that the Green light is not working on Broadmoor side of minor junction.

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REPORT OF CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS

Cty Cllr Williams reported on the following matter:

- a) The council will be carrying out surface dressing though Pentlepoir on the A478 very soon and there will be a temporary 20mph speed restriction. This will commence on 24th Feb on a rolling programme over 28 weeks.
- b) There are trees overgrowing on parts of Clayford Road. Clerk to report to PCC who will write to landowners if it needs cutting back.

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ITEMS FROM CLLRS

- a) Half of the new grant-funded noticeboards have been delivered but none of them have been erected yet as some parts are missing from supplier. This will be sorted asap.
- b) PCC have been given permission to put the fence up near Pinewood so it is hoped work will commence soon.
- c) A resident of East Williamston who has access to her property over the Village Green should be written to, to explain that it is not this council’s responsibility to maintain this access. There is a right of access only and correspondence explaining this was issued with the deeds.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 7.00pm and the Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed.....Chair.....date

Signed.....Clerk