

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024 AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.15PM

PRESENT Cllr P Strydom (Chair)
Cllr D McIntosh
Cllr C Perry
Cllr J Williams
Cllr I Wilkinson

APOLOGIES Cllr R Day
Cllr C Hopkinson

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark-Davies)

54/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

55/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2024 were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record.

56/24 MATTERS ARISING

The following matter was raised:

- a) Minute 45/24 b) The pothole outside Croft House has been filled but badly.
- b) Minute 45/24f) Clerk to inform Tony Wall that we have agreed to purchase another defibrillator. Cllr Strydom to liaise with Tony Wall regarding preferred location.
- c) The streetlight has been repaired outside 7 Millfield Close.

57/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public present.

58/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following pre-application consultation had been received:

- a) Pre-Application consultation on land adjoining Sunny Vale Holiday Park, Valley Road, Pentlepoir, SA69 9BP – Members did not wish to comment on this consultation.

59/24 UPDATE ON ACCOUNTS TO 30TH APRIL 2024

The following financial information had been circulated:

- a) Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £26,372.11 in the Current Acct, £3,166.74 in the Deposit Acct, £14,428.47 in the Parks account and £5,566.56 in the Jubilee Park Acct.
- b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £17,104.30 (net) and expenditure of £2,424.17(net).
- 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.

60/24 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark-Davies – May salary	£289.60
b) PAYE for May	£72.40
c) Google monthly subscription	£1.59
d) JN Williams -grass cutting for April	£924.00
e) KP Thomas & Son – Gas Oil	£48.14
f) Zurich Insurance premium for 2024-25	£3,566.27
g) PCC – annual charge for lease on land at Pentlepoir	£83.79
h) Cllr P Strydom – reimb for purchases from Jewson	£40.27
i) CCF – plastic boards for play areas	£539.41
j) Mike Lewis – repairs to equipment	£80.50

61/24 **TO DISCUSS QUOTE FROM SOVEREIGN PLAYGROUNDS**

This quote was briefly discussed, and Members expressed disappointment that it was not as per the discussion with the representative, so no further action to be taken. One other quote has been received from Dragon Play and a further quote is being pursued.

RESOLVED: **That the quote from Sovereign Playgrounds not be pursued and that one other quote be obtained in addition to the one from Dragon Play.**

62/24 **UPDATE ON PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS FOR APRIL**

The Inspection reports for April had only just been received and circulated. It was agreed that new signage for the three play areas was required with up-to-date contact details for the Clerk. The clerk will send a photo of the type of sign to cllrs. The replacement of rotten platform boards at Broadmoor and Pentlepoir is on-going. The rotten cross bar at Pentlepoir has been removed and members will continue to monitor for high-risk items.

63/24 **DISCUSS QUOTE FROM PPS FOR PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS**

The quote was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that as we have just signed a new contract with our current company, we will leave this matter until next March.

RESOLVED: **That a quote from PPS be considered next March.**

64/24 **TO REVIEW INSURANCE COVER**

The Insurance schedule to be circulated for cllrs to have a good look at to make sure we are not under or over insured. Responses required as soon as possible as renewal date is 1st June 2024.

RESOLVED: **That Members carefully check the insurance schedule to ensure it is up to date before renewing on 1st June 2024.**

65/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) OVW May and June Training dates – noted.
- b) PCC Planning – land south west of The Anchorage, Broadmoor, Kilgetty – noted.

- c) Cty Cllr J Williams – planning refusal for The Old Pump Filling Station – noted.
- d) PLANED – Pembs Local Food Partnership – noted.
- e) Gallagher Insurance – offer to quote for council insurance – noted.
- f) OVW – Preparation and publication of Annual Reports – Clerk to start work on preparation of Annual Report as soon as possible.
- g) OVW – new Contract of Employment for Clerks – clerk to find out if current Contract needs to be replaced with the new one.
- h) OVW – newsletter. – noted.
- i) Cllr J Williams – anti 20mph stickers on speed signs – noted.
- j) Email from Cllr R Day regarding tractors being driven at speed along narrow roads whilst drivers using their mobile phones – report to PCSO Ffion Thomas for this practice to be monitored by the Police.

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REPORT OF CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS

Cty Cllr J Williams submitted the following report:

Cllr Williams had been contacted about the intensity of the farm road tanker movements along Templebar Road, Bush Lane, and through Pentlepoir on the A477 towards Tenby. Towed by tractors, whose drivers could frequently be observed driving to abominable standards, these large units are not suited to such frequent use on minor roads. Among the concerns raised were speeding, the churning up of verges and bringing mud onto the highway. Certain residents have particular concern that their property's water stopcock - which is inches from the verge - is liable to be hit. Cllr Williams has raised such concerns with the highway department but was not confident that there was any prohibition or restrictions which PCC, as the highways authority, could introduce, but was confident that he would be told poor driving, and breaches, are a matter solely for referral to the police. Highlighting that this had so quickly emerged as such a great source of frustration to so many residents, Cllr Williams feared that the trend of intensive farming was unlikely to see any improvement to the situation any time soon.

PCC's digital services team is encouraging more Pembrokeshire households to switch to paperless council tax billing through the authority's online 'My Account' - the benefits of which include 24/7 access to statements online through a safe and secure website, a reduced risk of bills being misplaced, and reduced postage and printing costs.

A resident had enquired with Cllr Williams about the fate of the defibrillator which had been installed inside a case mounted on the outside wall of the bus shelter, located at the entrance to Pentlepoir from Kilgetty, near Hill Rise. As councillors were aware, this old masonry bus stop has since been demolished by Pembrokeshire County Council and replaced with a perspex shelter. Before this work was undertaken the defibrillator was relocated by the first responders' team to the outside wall of the nearby gym, accessed off Kingsmoor Road. It was unfortunate that this location was not visible from the road or pavement, but when funds permit, the community council intends to add to its current number so that no resident will ever be far from one of these lifesaving devices.

20mph limit – call for local authorities to review 20mph areas with a view to increasing to 30mph. PCC Pembrokeshire County Council is allowing an opportunity for residents to request changes to 20mph speed limits in their locality. It

follows a speech by new Senedd transport cabinet member Ken Skates, in response to negative feedback following the Welsh Government's 20mph roll-out last autumn. New 'exceptions' guidance from Cardiff Bay is expected to follow on this summer. In the meantime, if residents wish to suggest any valid reasons why current 20mph limits in specific areas should be reversed (as opposed to comments on the policy in general) then they are invited to make representations to the council's highways department.

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

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

The following matters were raised:

- a) A member commented that any future maintenance on play area eqpt would benefit from a more detailed review of the work to be carried out, eg replacement fixings should be clearly defined and pre-ordered.
- b) A member referred to the information board on a stone plinth by the bus shelter on The Common. The stone plinth is falling apart, and the board is practically illegible. It was suggested we should apply for grant funding to replace this from PCC. The interpretive boards within the park are also in poor shape and need replacing. It was discussed whether the plinth should be removed but no decision was made.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th June 2024 at 7.00pm.

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

Signed..... Clerk