

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.00PM AT THE EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL

PRESENT: Cllr D McIntosh (Chair)
Cllr Hopkinson
Cllr I Prout
Cllr Mrs K Talbot
Cllr A Ratcliffe
Cllr J Williams
Cllr I Wilkinson

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Ensom

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark)

128/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Charles Hopkinson declared an interest in item 5 d) planning application 15/0743/PA - variation of condition 2 of planning app 14/0270/PA to incorporate amended house type, means of enclosure and landscaping and did not take part in the debate or vote.

129/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2015 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as true record apart from minute 121/15 which it was agreed to delete the second and third sentence and to replace with '*As the application is being recommended for approval it was agreed that the chairman should attend the meeting to put forward our objections and this was agreed.*'

130/15 MATTERS ARISING

The following points were raised:

Minute 125/15 In Cty Cllr Jacob Williams' report he referred to the Pentlepoir school development. Members asked if the widening of footpath been suggested and it was agreed to monitor this situation.

121/15 Cty Cllr Williams advised that the wind turbine planning committee would be held next Tuesday. We can send a representative to attend but not speak so Cllr Williams offered to speak on our behalf. Cllr Williams advised on what had happened on the site visit and that a representative from the CPRW will speak against approval. Cllr K Talbot read out a previously prepared statement which Cllr Williams will read out at the meeting. This was approved by those present.

131/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received:

15/0699/PA: part demolition of garage to enlarge extension, alterations and new extension to rear of dwelling at Rowan, Broadmoor – SUPPORT

15/0693/PA: variation of condition 5 to allow year round occupation of caravan pitches at Sunnyvale Caravan Park, Valley Road, Wooden – **NOT SUPPORT** as it is a holiday park for the summer season only and not a residential caravan park.

15/0691/PA: as above for Myrtle Holiday Park, Broadmoor – **NOT SUPPORT.**

15/0743/PA: Variation of condition 2 of planning app to incorporate amended house type, means of enclosure and landscaping at Coppins Lodge, Pentlepoir, Saundersfoot – **SUPPORT**

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PLAY AREAS

All the parks look in reasonable condition for the time of year and the clerk referred to the recent list of items requiring attention from PCC. It was agreed to ask Colin to look at the latest faults and make what repairs he could. Also that he moves the picnic table at Broadmoor. Cllr I Wilkinson offered to find a suitable new location for it and would inform the clerk.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting:

- a) HDUHB New out-patient contact centre – noted.
- b) Tesco – new funding for community green spaces – noted.
- c) OVW – Free 2016 Grow Wild seed kits – noted.
- d) PCC Active Travel consultation – no comment.
- e) WAG Consultation on draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill – no comment.
- f) PCC – Review into Welsh Govt funding for town & community councils – noted.
- g) OVW November training session schedule – noted.
- h) HDUHB – Let’s Talk Health events – noted.
- i) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – proposed changes in the remuneration of members of town and community councils – discuss at next meeting.
- j) WAG ‘Our Health, Our Service’ Green Paper -
- k) Resignation of Cllr D Beynon – noted with regret.
- l) Groundwork-funding for community green spaces – to be followed up.
- m) OVW Protecting and improving the places where people walk in our area – to be followed up with Ramblers Cymru.
- n) Hywel Dda University Health Board – Transforming Mental Health services programme – noted.
- o) Hywell Dda University - Let’s Talk Health events – noted.

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PURCHASE OF MOWER

Members were asked whether the purchase of the new mower should go ahead or whether it should be held in abeyance until early next year when a decision has been made on the maintenance contract for 2016. After some

discussion it was agreed to wait until the contract has been awarded as it may be awarded to a company who use their own equipment.

RESOLVED: **That the mower not be purchased at this time and that that the matter be reconsidered when the maintenance contract is awarded.**

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PCC DRAFT CHARTER WITH TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The draft charter had been circulated to all councillors some weeks prior to the meeting so that members would be familiar with the content. It was agreed, after some debate to support all aspects of the charter and to inform PCC of this.

RESOLVED: **That this Council supports and agrees with all aspects of the draft charter with PCC.**

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MOVING OF EQUIPMENT CONTAINERS

The storage containers need to be relocated and there was some debate as to where this should be. The new field possibly or other suggested sites were near Norman's or on the allotments. A check should be made as to whether planning permission is required. It was agreed to put them on the allotments for now and include them on the planning application for the new field.

RESOLVED: **That the storage containers are relocated to the allotments for the time being and that they are included on the planning application for the new field.**

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RECOGNITION FOR LONG SERVING CLLRS

It was agreed that the long service of former councillor Donald Beynon should be marked in some way and suggestions were discussed. It was agreed that we invite him to our Christmas meal and present him with a certificate of appreciation.

RESOLVED: **That D Beynon be invited to our Christmas meal and that he be presented with a certificate of appreciation.**

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FINANCIAL MATTERS UP TO 31ST OCTOBER 2015

The following documents were circulated at the start of the meeting:

- a) A bank account reconciliations summary showing £9,525.59 in the current account; £6,081.61 in the Deposit Account and £13,037.49 in the Parks Account. A total of £28,644.69.

- b) A Financial Statement - Cashbook showing receipts of £13,384.81 and expenditure of £10,311.57 (net).
- c) A Financial Budget Comparison showing the budget for the year, the actual net amount received/spent and the balance remaining under each budget heading. The budget for income was £21,454.75 with £13,384.81 actually received leaving a balance of £8,069.94. The budget for expenditure was £21,350.00 with £10,336.17 actually spent leaving a balance of £11,013.83. The figures showed an excess of income over expenditure of £3,048.64.

RESOLVED: That the above figures be accepted and that the budget for 2016-2017 be discussed at the next meeting in December.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| a) Mrs J Clark – October Salary | £189.13 |
| b) BDO External Audit | £282.00 |
| c) MGM – Ball hitch for trailer | £21.00 |
| d) Mrs J Clark – Postages | £22.36 |
| e) Colin Phillips – Maintenance Sep – Oct | £1,300.85 |

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REPORT OF CTY CLLR J WILLIAMS

Cllr Williams reported that Pembrokeshire County Council had finally begun the process of adopting its long-awaited new constitution. Drafts prepared by the council's officers and an external 'expert' in such matters have come before a working group of councillors. Whilst not a member of the working group, Cllr Williams chose to sit in on several of their meetings and was alarmed that one of the new provisions proposed in the draft constitution was that any officer-drafted report which comes before council would be automatically treated as having been moved and seconded. The panel members were also unhappy with this and struck a line through it. It is expected that the new constitution will be adopted by the end of the year and will likely include a provision for public questions and annual elections for councillors to elect the leader.

New Welsh language standards introduced by the Welsh Government, which affect public bodies including the county council, will come into effect from next year at a very large cost to the taxpayer. Among the provisions are that public speaker announcements must be read out in Welsh before English, that all public meetings must have a live Welsh language translation available on headphones regardless of whether the facility is used, and many other stipulations relating to such aspects as public telephone call-handling and paperwork. Some of the 144 requirements of the legislation are extremely onerous and it has been estimated that the cost of complying with every aspect could cost the county council as much as a million pounds next year alone.

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has been appointed by the county council's new chief executive, Ian Westley, to come in and help him identify savings and formulate the next financial year's budget. This was made under delegated powers without reference to councillors. The cost of this exercise was to be an up-front sum in the region of £70,000-£100,000, for which PwC will conduct research into the organisation and its various service departments. PwC will report back its findings in December 2015 and tailor a programme to meet projected savings, and will subsequently receive on-going payment worked out as an as yet unknown percentage of the cuts it identifies. Cllr Williams learned at about the same time that PwC happened to be the firm which the council's recently-departed deputy chief executive, Ben Pykett, now works for. He raised this with officers, and was told that Mr Pykett will not be involved in this job.

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MATTERS FROM CLLRS

The following matters were raised:

- a) Outside Link Elm and the Mariners there are two storm drains which are below the road surface about 4" deep – report to PCC.
- b) Noticed at Broadmoor at used car lot. On left hand hand side there are cars parked up that are jutting out into the road and causing an obstruction– report to PCC highways. (do not put in newspaper)
- c) Speeding on Templebar Road is still a problem – parked cars are being knocked by speeding vehicles and a car parked on a drive has been hit. Ask PCC highways for traffic calming measures.
- d) Elverston Lane pot hole still sinking and needs to be properly sorted.
- e) Residents are complaining about the caravan in our field however a Notice has been served and there is no more that can be done at this point.
- f) A street light at the corner of Green Meadow close is out 803 01866 .
- g) There have been several near misses in Clayford Road due to poor visibility near the dip. Ask PCC Highways to review this.
- h) Noticeboard in Pentlepoir - ask Colin to put slabs down.
- i) It is possible that council may produce a mailshot for residents which can be delivered by Royal Mail's Door to door service. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thurs 3rd December 2015 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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

Signed.....Clerk