

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Mcintosh
Cllr Ian Wilkinson
Cllr J Williams
Cllr P Strydom

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Day
Cllr C Hopkinson

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

99/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

100/23 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2023 were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record.

101/23 **MATTERS ARISING**

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute 86/23a) The grass cutting contractor has not cut back the village Green which he quoted £250 for, and which was accepted. Contact JN Williams to ask when this work will be carried out.
- b) Minute 86/23 b)The carpenter did not turn up to do the necessary repairs to the platform on the multi play unit at Pentlepoir which badly needs repairing, which has resulted in the play area being closed. Another carpenter has been suggested who will be contacted with a view to carrying out this work. Several sheets of 'Buffalo board' will need to be purchased from CCF.
- c) Minute 97/23 e) The Clerk has reported the drainage issue at Hainy Moor to PCC but no action has been taken. Report this matter directly to Darren Thomas of PCC.

102/23 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Members of the public present.

103/23 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning apps to consider and the August applications dealt with via email as 'No Comment' as follows:

- a) **233/0371/PA: Proposed rear kitchen etc at Lawrenny, 9 Valley Close, Wooden, SA69 9BS** b) **23/0293/PA: erection of timber framed orangery at Hill Croft, Pentlepoir, SA69 9BH** c) **23/0365/PA: Proposed dwelling house on land adjacent Little**

- b) Hay, East Williamston, SA70 8RT d) 23/0346/PA: Variation of condition 2 of permission
 c) 00/0586/PA (conversion of outbuilding to 4 holiday units) at Star Farm, Pentlepoir, SA69 9BH

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following financial information had been circulated:

- a) Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £16,798.06 in the Current Acct, £3,123.53 in the Deposit Acct, £14,244.23 in the Parks account and £4,113.27 in the Jubilee Park Acct.
 b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £23,320.92 (gross) and expenditure of £26,705.99 (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 – September salary	£273.60
b) PAYE for September	£68.40
c) Google monthly subscription	£1.59
d) Cllr P Strydom reimb for fuel	£25.97
e) Pembs Building & Plumbing supplies – treated wood	£50.04
i) JN Williams – grass cutting for July & weedkilling and hedges	£1,814.40
j) Google monthly subscription August	£1.59
k) JN Williams grass cutting for August	£1,260.00
l) Alan Davies work on car park area at JP	£3,568.00
m) Barrie Jones – installation of speed signs	£450.00
n) Mike Lewis for repairs to mower and strimmer	£171.00

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UPDATE ON PLAY AREAS FOR AUGUST

The inspection reports were received and circulated to all members. The two high risk matters were being dealt with ie the two platforms on the multi play units at Broadmoor and Pentlepoir.

The Clerk was asked to report to the contractor that there is a lot of green generally throughout the JP (grass and weeds) along the paths and the pads where benches and seats are, which require weedkilling. Put gates and fencing for discussion on October agenda.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- a) Zurich Insurance – renewal of tractor insurance for 2023-34 – agreed and that Clerk to find out how much reduction in premium for 3 year long term agreement.
- b) Cerebral Palsy Wales – request for donation – discuss in March 2024.
- c) Public services Ombudsman – Annual report 2022-23 – noted.
- d) OVW Community Cohesion Small Grants scheme 2023-24 – noted.
- e) PCC Recalibration of speed signs to 20mph by 17th September 2023 – appropriate action to be carried out by members.
- f) Publication of Further Revised Delivery Agreement including the Community Involvement Scheme. – noted.
- g) OVW Conference and AGM. – noted.
- h) PLANED – Pembs Tourism Community Panel- noted.

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REPORT OF CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS

Cty Cllr J Williams submitted the following report:

Following representations made on behalf of a resident, PCC had undertaken, to a good standard, repairs to potholes and patches of badly eroded road surface in Hill Rise. PCC had also undertaken significant repairs to the road drainage system in Broadmoor, near Bush Pond, as standing water had been flooding the roadside and the immediate frontage of properties and driveways there.

Cllr Williams had been contacted by PCSO Ffion Thomas, introducing herself as the new community support officer covering the East Williamston community. PCSO Thomas (8056) is based at Tenby police station, and asked if there were any local issues or concerns to please let her know.

Whilst it wasn't with the confines of the East Williamston ward, Cllr Williams reported that, in communication with other county councillors in the area, he had raised the issue with council highways officers of the very poor state of the road surface on the approach to the Kilgetty doctors' surgery. The road also services the bus station, toilet block, the vet and the Kilgetty/Begelly community hall. Given the number of facilities this road serves, and the usership across a wider area than just the Kilgetty and Begelly community in which it is located, Cllr Williams was pleased to report that an on-site meeting has been arranged later this month. The condition has been very poor for many years, and he explained that one of the reasons PCC had not acted to date was due to some rather unusual circumstances about this whole section of road, none of which is classified as adopted highway. Whilst it is located near common land, the roadway, including the one-way system from the A477 trunk road's roundabout, is believed to be privately-owned by the Co-Operative group. Parts of the surface are now in such a poor condition, including near its junction with Carmarthen Road, that Cllr Williams expressed his view that he would support PCC undertaking repairs and bearing the costs, on the basis that it is a well-used public facility which has effectively been abandoned, or at the very least, not maintained to an acceptable standard by its owner. The ward member is Cllr Alistair Cameron, with whom Cllr

Williams has discussed the potential for PCC in its capacity as highways authority, to adopt the road, or part of it, as an official highway.

Cllr Williams had been copied into email correspondence between a constituent and the county council, who was turned away from Tenby's multi-storey car park this summer by attendants on the basis that it was too busy. The resident's complaint, which Cllr Williams agreed had had merit, was that the driver had shown the attendant their disabled blue parking badge, and had indicated their desire to park in one of the disabled bays, which they believed were visibly unoccupied. The driver was still turned away, and directed to park in other PCC car parks where they could make use of the park and ride facility. In response to the complaint, the constituent was told that the attendants on duty "had been told to close the car park to any vehicles (regardless of whether new spaces appeared) until such time as they were instructed to re-open when a sufficiently large number of spaces appeared that would prevent any substantial queues and blockages." Additionally, PCC's response stated: "It may well be in the future we are able to continue to permit access for Blue Badge holders under such circumstances and provide officers on the ground the discretion to make such a judgement depending on availability."

The discovery of dangerously-deteriorated RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) in public buildings including schools and hospitals across the UK had been in the news recently, including at Withybush hospital, Haverfordwest. As to whether such an issue was likely to be found in PCC buildings, councillors have been informed that there are currently no known "specific issues highlighted across Pembrokeshire County Council's buildings portfolio," but that members will be kept updated as "Officers have been tasked to review available information on buildings owned and used by the Council and identify any which require further investigation." Schools reopened as planned after the summer holidays, however the Welsh Government has pledged to "survey all state-funded schools and colleges in Wales," about which more information is awaited.

Cllr Williams drew members' attention to PCC's new partner, WISE, which will enforce environmental crime including dog fouling, littering, fly-posting and graffiti. PCC had explained that there will be no targets for the issue of penalty notices, nor will enforcement teams be working on a commission or bonus system, the aim being to change behavior and increase compliance. Residents may email enviro-crime@pembrokeshire.gov.uk to highlight particular areas of concern.

In the recent award of grants by Sport Wales, a number of sports organisations in Pembrokeshire, including smaller ones, had received funding. Fifteen awards were made in the county, ranging from £1,013 to Cleddau Reach Archers, Pembroke, to £19,819 for Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club, at Whitesands. Other recipients included Tenby Sailing Club and Trefloyne Junior Golf Academy. Cllr Williams thought it may be a useful opportunity for organisations associated with the East Williamston Community Hall, or who operate within the community, to apply.

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ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS

The following matters were raised:

- a) Cllr Strydom advised that the batteries in the two speed signs in Cold Inn and in EW will fail soon. We may need to purchase replacement batteries x 6.
- b) The Defibrillator training session was held and received well. Valley Road was suggested for a further defibrillator.
- c) Fflecsi bus service – how many people know about this? This should be publicized by the East Williamston Community Group.
- d) There is a Street light out in EW and the number to be sent to me.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th October at 7.00pm. Apologies received in advance from Cllr Peter Strydom.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

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

Signed.....Clerk