

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 12th March 2018 in Johnston Institute.

Present: Cllrs Young, Jones, N. James, Jeffries (Chair), Rowlands, Philpott; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C'Ilr Wilkins, Pratt, Morgan, Spilsbury, Warlow

9145 – Declarations of known Interests

None.

9146 – Public Forum (ten minutes maximum)

Kath Spurling of The Windsor Hotel was present to address the meeting. She expressed concern over inconsiderate vehicle parking and turning on the pavement opposite the Village Institute, and also in and around the Windsor Hotel entrance. She asked if notices could be displayed discouraging people from turning in the hotel grounds, and from parking on the pavement opposite the Village Institute. On a separate matter, she also mentioned that she had received a visit from the Police following an incident in the Windsor Hotel. There had been some suggestion locally of a possible link between this incident and the damage to the Christmas tree. There is an incident number for the Xmas tree damage. C'Ilr Philpott undertook to liaise with her over the matter, in order to progress any possible avenues that might help to identify the individual(s) concerned.

9147 – Approval of minutes of February 2018 monthly meeting

Item 9110 – The reference to 'Tree transport' was corrected to read 'Free transport'. With this amendment, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'Ilr Rowlands, seconder C'Ilr Philpott).

Matters arising

9148 – Public forum.

Paul Davies, A.M., had been unable to attend either the March or April meetings, due to prior commitments, and had sent a message to the Clerk to this effect, while offering to attend a future meeting as soon as possible. Clerk to contact him with further meeting dates for consideration.

9149 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop

C'Ilr Rowlands informed Members that this matter was still under consideration in P.C.C.

9150- Close Field Skatepark.

C'Ilr Rowlands informed Members that he had held further discussions in P.C.C. regarding possible lighting and /or CCTV installations. Due to pressures of work in P.C.C. due to recent snow problems nothing further had been done regarding the matter. However, C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to continue liaising over the matter, and also mentioned the possibility of some grant assistance from Police funding sources towards a scheme.

9151 – Road and pavement problems.

C'Ilr Rowlands to arrange a site meeting when the weather improves.

9152 – Publicity for recently-acquired defibrillator provision.

Matter still in hand with C'llr Pratt.

9153 – Boundary fenceline with Dawnus development.

C'llr Rowlands was awaiting contact from the new company C.E.O., and undertook to follow up as necessary.

9154 – Excessive weed growth around Village.

C'llr Rowlands due to arrange discussions with officers in County Hall. He requested another Member to accompany him to these discussions. Arrangements to be made for C'llr Jeffries to attend meetings at a mutually convenient time for all concerned.

9155 - Discussion of possible formal signage provision for businesses around railway bridge

C'llr Rowlands informed Members that he had discussed the matter with the owners of the bakery. They had expressed a willingness to try and find a way forward. C'llr Rowlands to organise a meeting with them to discuss possible ways forward. Meeting to take place on a convenient Thursday, and C'llr Jones to accompany C'llr Rowlands. C'llr Jones requested that the meeting be scheduled for prior to 3pm. C'llr Rowlands also to invite C'llr Spilsbury to attend if available.

9156 - Discussion of Community Risk Assessment

The risk assessment had been completed by C'llr Neil James. This was accepted by Members, signed by C'llrs Neil James and Jeffries, and passed to the Clerk for filing. Members thanked C'llr James for the work carried out in preparing and completing the risk assessment. C'llr James had also produced a list of actions required as a result of issues identified in the risk assessment. Matter to be placed on agenda in April for a discussion of this.

9157 - Discussion of responsibility for boundary fencing at Hayston View development

C'llr Rowlands had discussed the matter with the acting Head of Planning in P.C.C. C'llr Rowlands had requested a site meeting with him to pursue the matter. It was suggested that C'llr Neil James accompany him to this meeting. While this was accepted, it was noted that C'llr James' involvement in the meeting would be as a private resident, and not as a representative of J.C.C., due to his previously declared conflict of interest in the matter. C'llr Rowlands undertook to arrange the meeting.

9158 - Discussion of overhanging tree, Church Road.

Members discussed the various options following recent communications from P.C.C. Members were agreed that pedestrian safety was the matter of paramount importance. C'llr Rowlands to discuss the matter with Darren Thomas and Richard Staden in P.C.C., to try and find a way forward. Clerk to send a message to P.C.C. to inform them that C'llr Rowlands would be addressing the matter on behalf of the Community Council.

9159 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence.

C'llr Rowlands had been in discussion with the quarry officers. They had apologised for the delay in getting a quotation to the Community Council, due to pressure of

other workload. He had been promised that they would now prioritise the matter, and get the necessary details to the Community Council as soon as possible.

9160 – Non-functioning street lights, Langford Road.

Members noted that this had now been resolved.

Regarding the separate matter of Speed-activated signage, the Clerk reported that no quotations had yet been received. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to chase up the matter in County Hall.

9161 - Subsidised bus to hospital.

An email concerning this had been circulated for information to all Members.

9162 - Discussion of ways to promote community spirit via community events

C’Ilr Philpott suggested that, with better weather now coming, a start could be made with, perhaps, a flower show or similar. C’Ilr Jones offered her assistance in organising that.

9163 - Walkway under railway bridge on cycle path.

C’Ilr Rowlands mentioned that responsibility for the necessary maintenance lay with Sustrans, who had undertaken to complete the necessary work by the end of March. However, Members were concerned that nothing had been done to date, given the hazardous condition of the woodwork. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to pursue the matter with Sustrans, and also with Darren Thomas in P.C.C. Highways.

9164 – Rubbish collection problems, Hayston View.

C’Ilr Rowlands informed Members that the matter had been reported, and that officers from P.C.C. had apparently been calling at the properties in question to offer appropriate advice. However, C’Ilr Philpott commented that the problem was still ongoing, with bags still being put out on the wrong days. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to chase up the matter once again in County Hall.

9165 – Fence, Cunnigar Lane.

C’Ilr Rowlands to chase this up with P.C.C.

9166 – Pavement parking, The Close.

C’Ilr Rowlands commented that little could probably be done if the vehicles in question was properly taxed, as pavement parking is not actually illegal in Pembrokeshire. C’Ilr Jones raised the possibility of using some redundant grass areas for additional parking provision. C’Ilr Rowlands to include this for discussion in the forthcoming site meeting of Village issues. C’Ilr Neil James suggested that obtaining indications of likely costings would be helpful, to enable full consideration of all possible options. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to arrange the site meeting with any interested Members and officers of P.C.C.

9167 - Planning

There were no plans for consideration this month.

Correspondence

9168 - One Voice Wales – Information on grants for setting up of joint arrangements – Clerk to forward information to C’Ilr Rowlands for any possible action.

9169 - Pembrokeshire Community Transport – Information on community Sunday bus to Withybush – Information circulated to all Members for information.

9170 - Hywel Dda C.H.C. – Report on non-emergency patient transport arrangements – circulated to all Members for information.

9171 - John Bonwick – concerns about dog-fouling of cycle path and littering of railway track – Members noted that the matter of littering of the railway line had been previously dealt with. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to pursue the matter of the replacement of the litter bin on the cycle path with Sustrans.

9172 - John Bonwick – concerns over quarry-related issues – C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to call on Mr. Bonwick to discuss the issues raised. Regarding the alleged expansion of the quarry and possible moving of the path, Members requested that C’Ilr Rowlands seek specific information on this from the Quarry, and report back to the April meeting. This information would enable the true situation to be understood, and enable other actions to be taken regarding noise levels, etc., if necessary. C’Ilr Philpott commented that the work under way may be more to do with Welsh Water than the Quarry. C’Ilr Rowlands to pursue the matter with Welsh Water.

9173 – P.C.C. – parking variation order – noted.

9174 - One Voice Wales – Consultation on draft Autism Bill (Wales) – noted.

9175 - One Voice Wales – Information on One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony, Thursday 29 March 2018 - noted.

9176 - Zurich – Notification of play equipment defect at Vine Field – This had been passed by C’Ilr Rowlands to P.C.C. with a request for the necessary work to be carried out.

9177 - P.C.C. – Proposed changes to way of dealing with complaints about dog-related issues – C’Ilr Rowlands informed Members that there are two dog wardens in P.C.C. However, their role is to catch stray dogs, not primarily to deal with dog-fouling issues. C’Ilr Philpott commented that the problem needs to be addressed, as it is worsening. C’Ilr Rowlands acknowledged this, but commented that it needs to be addressed in the community and by individuals.

9178 - John Davis (copy of letter to Paul Davies A.M.) – Request for 20mph speed limit in Johnston Village – noted.

9179 - PCC – Confirmation of precept at £33,000 – noted.

9180 - One Voice Wales – invitation to join O.V.W. at cost of £137/year for 2018/19, based on a 50% reduction – Members voted to join O.V.W. (proposer C’Ilr Rowlands, seconder C’Ilr N. James). Clerk to process the forms accordingly. The Clerk informed Members that he had been informed that £139-33 was to be returned from P.A.L.C.

Accounts

9181 - Payments

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
Clerk (salary / fixed expenses January – March)	:	£793-32
HMRC (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	£182-20
One Voice Wales	:	£137-00

9182 – Income

From P.A.L.C. (following recent dissolution)	:	£139-33
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The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Jeffries, seconder C’Ilr Rowlands).

9183 - Discussion of status of land behind Mike Howlin Motors

The Clerk had obtained copy of the Land Registry certificate for the land. The land ownership does not extend to the access lane from the main road. No information relating to the access lane was available on the Land Registry plan. Members mentioned possibly considering registering the access lane. C’Ilr Rowlands to discuss with solicitor.

9184 - Discussion of needed maintenance work on Glebelands Field Pavilion

Members agreed a ceiling of £300 for the necessary maintenance works (proposer C’Ilr Jeffries, seconder C’Ilr N. James). Clerk to write to the Football Club to inform them of this, subject to their arranging the work and invoicing the Community Council afterwards.

9185 - Discussion of trunk road issues (including signage on Pope Hill and kerbs at Merlin’s Bridge)

Matter left in abeyance for the time being.

9186 - Discussion of Remuneration Panel Report 2018

Matter to be placed on April agenda, with possible view to deferral to A.G.M. Clerk to prepare a synopsis of the likely cost to the Community Council if this had been implemented in 2017/18.

9187 - Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute

[NOTE – this item was held in camera, and the member of the public present was asked to leave the meeting].

C’Ilr Rowlands confirmed that the tribunal was scheduled for May, in Swansea.

Any other business

9188 – Langford Road. C’Ilr Philpott raised concerns over the state of the road surfacing around the junction with the Main Road, especially around some of the chambers. This had worsened as a result of recent bad weather. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to pursue this with Darren Thomas in P.C.C. C’Ilr Philpott also mentioned a recent accident involving a lorry and a taxi that had occurred at the junction, and highlighted the need for junction improvements, especially in the light of increasing traffic flows along Langford Road. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in April.

9189 – W.W. 1 anniversary, 2018. C’Ilr Neil James raised the possibility of using some of the Community funds obtained from the solar farm to fund improvements to the Community memorials in the Village in advance of the forthcoming commemoration events later in 2018. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in April meeting.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 9th April 2018.

Signed.....Chairman

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