

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**  
**Community Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**

**Present:** Mrs. C. Knox, Chair  
Mr. B. Williams  
Mr. W.B. Davies  
Mr. M. Jones  
Mr. J. John  
Mr. W.D. Merriman  
Mr. H. Bates  
Mr. L. Jones  
Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice  
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)  
No members of the public present

**1795. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Morgan, Mrs. T. Morgan, Mr. A. Hamilton and Councillor Mr. D. Cole.

**1796. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

**1797. Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013.**

Approved.

**1798. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Minute 1787 (1778 1772) Christmas Service/Children's Party: Mr. D. Merriman informed Members that the party was a great success with a good turn out from within the village. In keeping with previous year's events a decision was made on the evening to give £20 to Graham Rees as a thank you for assisting the Community Council by being Father Christmas. The Secretary reported that Mrs. S. Morgan had provided him with a receipt for £74.50 for the cost of sweet bags for the children.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to refund Mr. D. Merriman £20 that he gave to Mr. G. Rees and Mrs. S. Morgan £74.50 for the purchase of the sweets/crisps.

Minute 1788(ii) Meeting with Mr. Jeff Green of the Transportation Section at Swansea Council: Mr. W.B. Davies advised that a further option discussed with Mr. Green was the creation of a new mini-roundabout at the junction of Station Road and Pentre Road. This would also have the effect of slowing the traffic down. Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice mentioned that she and Councillor D. Cole were meeting with Mr. J. Green the following day to discuss various options, and would feed back.

Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that he had been in contact with the Welsh Government who had informed him that money was available for pedestrian crossings; however, to access this money the principal council (Swansea) must make the application. The Headteacher of Pengelli is making further enquiries regarding this in conjunction with the two local councillors and Mr. J. Green.

Minute 1794 New Seats/Benches: The Secretary advised that he had been in touch with Ian Jones, Highways at Swansea Council, to enquire whether permission was required for the Community Council to place seats/benches around the village ourselves to be told that there should be no problem with this providing the seats were purchased and installed by a reputable contractor.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to purchase two new seats; one to be located near the park and one at the top of Plas Road/High Street, and to repair the seat on Box Road.

### **1799. Local Members Report.**

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice reported that it had been a quiet month due to the Christmas break, however, both she and Cllr Cole had a meeting with Jeff Green the following morning which she had previously reported on and she was due to attend a finance meeting in the next few days to discuss the budget for 2014/15. As reported in the press recently there are likely to be some severe cuts to budgets which will consequentially affect some services.

Mr. B. Williams requested whether Cllr Curtice could arrange for an officer of Swansea Council to make a site visit with her to discuss the severe blocked drains and water problems in Waungron. Cllr Curtice said she would arrange for this to happen and contact Mr. B. Williams directly.

### **1800. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None present.

### **1801. Planning Applications.**

None.

### **1802. Community Council website grant.**

The Secretary informed Members that he had spoken to the Gower Community Council website organisation and he had rung most other Community Council's in the area, nearly all of whom had advised him that each Community Council appeared to want to go their own way and either create and maintain their own individual websites, or join with the One Voice Wales recommended supplier.

He reminded Members that OVW had negotiated a deal with a company called Vision ICT. There were two packages available, one for larger councils and cost £500 for year one and £250 for each of the following two years; and one for smaller community councils at a cost of £500 for the three years. The £500 website grant provided by the Welsh Assembly had to be spent by the end of February or returned.

**Resolved:** Members acknowledged their legal obligation to display all minutes and contact details on a webpage by 2015 and agreed to purchase the smaller package with Vision ICT.

### **1803. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported on the following items:

- i) He circulated a thank you card received from the Guides for the recent financial donation made towards the pantomime trip and purchase of parachute play equipment.
- ii) He circulated the 2014 OVW training programme and asked if any Member was interested in attending a particular course they could let him know in order he could reserve them a place and record the cost involved.
- iii) He circulated Martin Caton MP and Edwina Hart AM's 2014 surgery

timetables.

- iv) That OVW had written to asked whether the current Chair of the Community would like to be entered into a draw to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in the summer. Mrs. C. Knox, as Chair of the Community Council, agreed.

**1794. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.**

None.

**Issues awaiting resolution**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Key dates</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action required by</b>
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Originally requested several years ago.</li><li>• Followed-up: August, 2013</li><li>• Followed-up: October, 2013</li><li>• Site meeting in December, 2013 with Ward Members and Jeff Green</li><li>• January, 2014</li></ul>	Cllrs D. Cole and J. Curtice to meet with Jeff Green of Swansea Council Traffic Section to discuss options available.	Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green)