

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on**

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2011**

**Present:**

Mr. J. John, Chairman

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mr. B. Williams

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. D. True

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. B. Moon

Mrs. C. Knox

Mr. L. Jones

Councillor D.I.E. Jones

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

One member of the public present

**1465. Apologies.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. T. Morgan. Councillor A. Jopling was absent.

**1466. Disclosure's of personal interest.**

None.

**1467. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.**

Approved.

**1468. Matters arising from the minutes.**

1451 (ii) Mr. J. John informed Members that he had learnt at the last One Voice Wales meeting that Swansea Council had created a dedicated phone number for the reporting of pot-holes. For anyone wishing to report a pot-hole the number was available on Swansea's web site.

1464 (i) The Secretary reported that he had received no response from the Trustees of the Miners Club regarding the letter he had sent expressing Members concern surrounding the receipt of the letter to the NFU farmers wives; lack of heating over the winter period in the committee room and failure of the Club to complete the repairs to the

roof and ceiling.

Mrs. S. Morgan reported that the NFU farmers wives had since decided to move their meetings to Penllergaer.

The general feeling of Members was to move future Community Council meetings to either the Brynlliw Club or Mount Pleasant Church.

**Resolved:** Mrs. S. Morgan would enquire with both as to whether there is any cost involved for holding Community Council meetings at either venue.

#### **1469. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D.I.E. Jones reported that there had been a lack of meetings at the Civic Centre in Swansea recently as it was the start of a new fiscal year. The allocation of Committees to Members was taking place over the next few days. Individuals would shortly be notified what portfolios they had been assigned to.

#### **1470. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None.

#### **1471. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.**

Mrs. S. Morgan informed Members that no specific planning applications had been received this month; however, some concern had been raised recently regarding the Local Development Plan (LDP) and the requirement for individuals to submit sites and plans for possible development over the next 10-15 years.

Mrs. Morgan advised that to date seven applications had been submitted for the Grovesend & Waungron area with the possibility of more being registered as the Planning Section continued to process them. Comments of support/objection are required to be submitted to Swansea Council by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**Resolved:** Members agreed that given the importance of this item that the matter be formally placed on the Agenda for the June meeting where the merits of each application could be discussed individually with comments then being submitted to Swansea by the closing date.

The Secretary advised that Members with personal interests in any of the applications should consider declaring a conflict interest and not take part in the discussions.

#### **1472. To consider adoption of the Charter between City & County of Swansea and Community/Town Councils.**

Mr. J. John informed Members that the new Charter had been created following discussions at the Swansea Council/Community Councils' Forum meetings.

The merits of signing up to the Charter were discussed along with the possibility of using a rota system for sharing attendance at the Forum meetings amongst all Members. Currently it was unknown whether other local Community/Town Councils were signing up to the Charter.

**Resolved:** To defer a decision as whether to adopt the Charter until further information was obtained regarding the mechanics of the Charter and the intentions of other neighbouring Council's.

### **1473. To approve the Community Council Accounts for 2010/11.**

Approved.

### **1474. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported on the following matters:

i) A late letter requesting financial assistance had been received from the Parkinson's Society was read out.

**Resolved:** To provide £100 financial assistance.

ii) A letter had been received from a resident of Grove Farm Road regarding the recent introduction of a new one-way system along Box Road forcing vehicles to exit along Grove Farm Road and through the Meadgate Estate. The letter expressed concern regarding the increase in the amount of traffic that will now pass through the estate, increasing the risk of harm to children playing there.

**Resolved:** To forward the letter received to the Highways Department for their comments on the concerns expressed.

### **1475. Any Other Business.**

i) Mr. J. John reported that it had been mentioned at the recent OVW meeting that planning permission had been granted for a complete redevelopment of the Mumbles Pier.

ii) Mr. B. Williams reported that the hedges through Waungron were again overgrown and causing difficulty for pedestrians. A lady pushing a pram was forced to walk on the road recently to avoid the overgrowth. The area causing concern was the stretch opposite Zion Chapel towards Waungron.

**Resolved:** That the Secretary would contact the Health and Safety Executive with the Community Council's concerns over safety and continued failure of Swansea Council to cut the hedges.

iii) Mr. B. Williams informed Members of the reduced opening hours of Garngoch tip. In future, the tip would only be open for extended weekends and closed for the beginning part of the week. The same would apply to other similar facilities throughout Swansea.

**Resolved:** That given this was an issue that affected the whole of the Swansea area the Council Forum meetings would be an appropriate venue for this to be raised as a concern.