

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron

Community Council Meeting held on

Wednesday, 12th January, 2011

Present: Mr. L. Jones, Chairman

Mr. J. John

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mr. B. Williams

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. B. Moon

Councillor D.I.E. Jones

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

1 member of the public present

1414. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. true. Councillor A. Jopling was absent.

1415. Disclosure's of personal interest.

None.

1416. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December, 2010.

Approved.

1417. Matters arising from the minutes.

1405 (1395 1391 iv) The Chairman informed Members that the presentation to the winners of the annual Christmas card/poem competition had to be cancelled last minute as the school had to close due to the snow. The presentation will now take place when school returns in January.

1400 (iii) The Secretary informed Members that four of the six grit bins had been installed just in time for the latest cold snap and snowfall. The remaining two bins should be installed within a matter of weeks.

1408 The Secretary informed Members that Swansea Council Planning Committee had deferred a decision regarding the planning application for a non-ferrous metal recycling centre so that Members could undertake a site visit for themselves. Following that visit the matter will be referred back to Committee for determination.

1418. Local Members Report.

Councillor D.I.E. Jones reported on the following items:

i) He had decided after 33 years as a Councillor that he would not be putting his name forward to stand for election in the 2012 City & County elections. It would now be up to the Labour Party to elect a nomination to stand in his place.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Jones for all his hard work, dedication and commitment over such a long career and expressed his sadness from the Community Council for losing his expertise.

ii) A restructure was taking place within the Highways Section of Swansea Council. Ian Jones would now be the nominated officer for the area and would be responsible for issues such as pot-holes and drainage.

iii) Planning Committees were being re-organised. The proposal is to reduce four committees into one larger one.

iv) Refuse collection during the recent snow was mixed. Lots of people had contacted him to praise the hard work of the Collectors, whilst others have given criticism. Councillor Jones believed that they worked very hard during some very bad weather.

1419. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None.

1420. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

None.

1421. Application for financial assistance from Macmillan Cancer Support.

An application for financial assistance from Macmillan Cancer Support was discussed.

Resolved: To provide £50 assistance.

1422. Grovesend & Waungron Face-book Page/Site.

Mr. J. John reminded Members that both OVW and Swansea Council have facilities for Community Councils to post their notices, minutes, events etc online.

There was concern amongst some Members that Face-book was not the direction the Council wished to go in at this moment in time.

Resolved: That a trial period of 6-8 months would be undertaken with Swansea Council's website before considering expanding any further.

1423. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following matters:

i) The invoice had been received from Mazar's the Community Council Auditors for the 2009/10 audit of £58.75.

1424. Any Other Business.

i) Mrs. S. Morgan reported that large open potholes have appeared along the length of Coalbrook Road, High Street and Pentre Road.

Resolved: That the Secretary would report this problem to Swansea Highways Section.

ii) Mrs. S. Morgan reported that copper was still being burnt late at night at the far end of Station Road. Unknown transit vans were coming to the area to burn the copper. This was happening a few times a month now and apart from it being illegal it was causing an unpleasant smell for local residents.

Resolved: That the Secretary would contact Gorseinon Police Station.

iii) Mrs. S. Morgan informed Members for information that there was a PACT meeting taking place on 13th January at the bottom club.

iv) Mr. M. Jones asked whether the Secretary would follow-up with the request to Swansea Council for extra dog fouling signs as they had not been erected and the problem was still very much prevalent.

Resolved: That the Secretary would contact Swansea Council to follow-up the original request for extra signs.

v) Mr. B. Williams expressed his concern that the issue of the drains along Pentre Road had still not been resolved. Whenever it rained passage is only by crossing the carriageway into the on-coming traffic. The volume of water that was standing there is incredible.

Resolved: That the Secretary would write to Ian Jones in his new role and request that action is taken.

vi) Mr. B. Moon reported that parking on Coalbrook Road remained an issue especially on the corner with Plas Road. Frequently public buses cannot turn safely into Plas Road.

Resolved: That the Secretary would write to both Gorseinon Police and Swansea Council Parking Services to highlight the problem. Mrs. S. Morgan said that she would also raise the issue the PACT meeting the following day.