

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on

Tuesday, 1st November, 2011

Present:

Mr. J. John, Chairman

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mr. B. Williams

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mrs. T. Morgan

Mrs. C. Knox

Councillor D.I.E. Jones

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

3 members of the public present

1526. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones, Mr. D. True, Mr. A. Hamilton and Mr. B. Moon. Councillor A. Jopling was absent.

1527. Disclosure's of personal interest.

None.

1528. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, 2011.

Approved.

1529. Matters arising from the minutes.

None.

1530. Local Members Report – Councillor D.I.E. Jones.

Councillor Jones reported on the following issues:

- i) It had been an exceptionally quiet month with little or no meetings taking place at the Civic Centre;
- ii) Early talks were taking place regarding the possible reduction in the number of Councillors for Swansea. It is possible that any reduction may take place in time for the next County elections in May 2012.
- iii) The application submitted to create a new public right of way from the end of Box

Road to the marsh area had been rejected by the Council.

1531. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Mr. M. Williams, Tyrisha, was present and informed Members that due to an error by his agent, the LDP planning application submitted for the candidate site stage was incorrect and a replacement application was to be submitted in the next few days. The amended application will contain around 20 houses, rather than 200.

Resolved: That Mrs. S. Morgan, as Planning Officer, would consider the amendments in more detail and report back to the December meeting.

1532. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan, Planning Officer.

Mrs. S. Morgan reported that there was one application for consideration:

i) Land adjacent to Glenmay, Station Road, Grovesend, for a detached two storey house and garage.

Resolved: No objections.

1533. Christmas Carol Service/Concert.

The Secretary informed Members that the Church had given their agreement to a joint carol service which would be held on Sunday, 18th December at 5.30pm.

Mrs. Loydon, Headteacher at Pengelli Primary had also confirmed their involvement at the service. Mrs. Loydon will consider something different to Christmas cards and poems this year and will discuss pupil participation with the school's Artist-in-Residence in the next few days.

The Secretary encouraged all members of the Community Council to attend the service to ensure the Council is well represented.

1534. Suggestion of a Christmas Dinner for the elderly.

The Secretary read out a letter that he had received from Mr. D. Merriman who suggested that the Community Council might like to contribute towards the idea of a Christmas dinner for the elderly in the village. Members were very much in favour of such an idea especially given that there was no longer a representative group for the old age in the village.

It was suggested that as the Community Council no longer contributes financially towards any activities for the old age that Members would consider paying for the cost of each meal, a glass of wine (or soft drink) and possibly transportation costs of a social services bus to allow those infirm or immobile from within the village to attend also.

Resolved: To respond to Mr. Merriman with the Community Councils support for the dinner and, subject to a final costing, to pay for each meal, glass of wine (or soft drink) and transportation costs, to the value of approximately £500.

1535. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported to Members on the following:

i) Notification had been received from the Auditors to confirm that the 2010/11 audit had

been completed satisfactory with no areas of concern.

ii) Following the conclusion of the October meeting, the Secretary and a few Members were approached when leaving the building for the Community Council to contribute to a raffle prize for a charity night in aid of the Gleision Miners families which was taking place the following week.

Given that the meeting had finished and there would not be another meeting until after the event it was agreed by those present at the time that the Community Council would donate a hamper up to the value of £75 as a gift.

It was reported that almost £2000 had been raised during the evening.

Resolved: Members agreed and understood the need for the decision outside of normal protocol and agreed to refund Mrs. T. Morgan the cost of £67 for organising the hamper on behalf of the Community Council.

1536. Any Other Business.

i) Mrs. C. Knox informed Members that the scrap yard at Allt-Y-Graban was now fully operational despite no planning permission being received as yet.

Resolved: i) That Mrs. C. Knox would forward pictures taken at the site to the Secretary;
ii) The Secretary would report the issue to the Enforcement Section at Swansea Council.

ii) Mr. B. Williams reported that the drains throughout Waungron were blocked with fallen leaves and not allowing surface water to access the drains effectively.

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

iii) Mr. M. Jones reported that fly tipping had been taking place along Box Road. It appears that locals were dumping grass cuttings, tyres, paint tins and general rubbish along the hedge-banks.

Resolved: That the Secretary would report the problem to Swansea Council.

iv) Mr. J. John informed Members that it had been reported recently at a OVW meeting that in order for the forum meetings to work effectively there needs to be greater involvement from Community and Town Councils with including items for discussion on the Agenda of their meetings. OVW Officials felt that the current system was one-sided with most, if not all, items of discussion coming from OVW.

The next meeting of the forum is to be held in the New Year.