

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on

Tuesday, 4th October, 2011

Present:

Mr. J. John, Chairman

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mr. B. Williams

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. B. Moon

Councillor D.I.E. Jones

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

1 member of the public present

1515. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. True, Mrs. T. Morgan, Mrs. C. Knox and Mr. L. Jones. Councillor A. Jopling was absent.

1516. Disclosure's of personal interest.

None.

1517. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September, 2011.

Approved.

1518. Matters arising from the minutes.

1504 (1489 1479 1475 ii) The Secretary informed Members that he had spoken to his counterpart from Gorseinon Town Council to understand how Gorseinon went about setting set up regular meetings with Swansea Council Highways Section. Meetings started off at regular three monthly intervals between the Chair, Clerk and Director of Highways. Recently these have slipped to approximately six monthly meetings with a senior officer of Highways instead of the Director. The Clerk at Gorseinon mentioned that they found the Swansea Council Forum meetings useful where issues that affected all Community and Town Councils could be aired and discussed together.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Secretary would maintain an on-going list of items that could be discussed with the Highways Department. When there were sufficient items a meeting could be requested in a similar manner to how Gorseinon arrange.

Resolved: That the Secretary maintains such a list and request a meeting as and when appropriate.

1514 (i) The Secretary informed Members that he had spoken to the Highways Department regarding the request for road markings at the new ASDA roundabout in Gorseinon. He was told that white painted road markings were classed as "non-standard signage" and had been refused for use at this location.

The Highways Department have agreed though that there is a safety concern at the roundabout and will be placing some form of signage there before Christmas; probably signs fixed to posts.

1519. Local Members Report – Councillor D.I.E. Jones.

Councillor Jones reported on the following issues:

i) He was pleased with the manner of the recent public meeting to discuss the LDP. He felt there were a lot of sensible questions asked and answered. He said that a similar meeting had taken place elsewhere in his ward the week previous.

ii) Initial and early discussions were currently taking place regarding the 2012/13 financial budget. It was envisaged that the year ahead was going to be yet another harsh settlement.

1520. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None.

1521. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan, Planning Officer.

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

i) 125 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend, Swansea – Amended plans.

Mr. A. Hamilton declared an interest regarding this item.

Mrs. Morgan informed Members that an amendment application had been received for the above property which was first considered in July, 2011. The amendments included an increase to the height of the building to provide for a first floor, single storey side, rear and front extension and front porch.

Resolved: Members were content with the amended plans and had no objections.

1522. Application for financial assistance from NSPCC.

A letter requesting financial assistance from the NSPCC was discussed.

Resolved: To provide financial assistance of £100.

1523. Christmas Carol Service/Concert.

Mrs. T. Rees informed Members that Mrs. C. Knox had mentioned to her that her daughter Corrin and her friends were unable to take part in this year's service as first thought.

There was a general feeling from Members that given the success from two years

ago to return to the Church for a more traditional service to celebrate Christmas.

Resolved: i) That Mrs. S. Morgan would speak to a representative of the Church to enquire whether they were prepared to undertake a joint venture again this year and if so to ascertain a suitable date; ii) The Secretary would speak with the Headteacher to ask if the school will take part again and possibly something different this year from Christmas cards and poems; iii) To fund vouchers again as prizes to each class; 8 x £10 vouchers.

1524. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported to Members on the following:

i) A late letter requesting financial assistance had been received from the Urdd which was visiting Caernarfon in 2012.

Resolved: To note the letter.

ii) A letter had been received from the Electoral Section at Swansea Council to say that a review was underway of all polling Stations in the County. Members felt that this was an opportunity for consideration to be given to re-locate the Polling Station from the School to the Village Hall. This would save the School having to close for an additional day a year whilst utilising a community facility. The Welfare Hall had ample of free parking, toilet and disabled facilities.

Resolved: To respond to the review and recommend that the Welfare Hall was used in place of the School.

iii) A letter had been received from One Voice Wales asking all Community and Town Councils to nominate a Training Champion to represent themselves. The role would involve communicating, training and promoting development opportunities to Members; provide feedback to both Members and OVW on key training activities; provide ideas on different ways and methods of engaging with training, and generally promoting training events and attendance to ensure the Council was being represented.

Resolved: That Mr. M. Jones would represent the Community Council as the Training Champion.

iv) He had received notification of the OVW AGM which is to be held on 8th October, 2011 at Ceridigion.

Resolved: Noted.

1525. Any Other Business.

i) Mr. A. Hamilton informed Members that he had been made aware that Pengelli Farm had been broken into recently. There was a lot of damage caused including a landrover being smashed-up and a quad bike stolen. The Police helicopter had been called out. Two people were caught and handed to the Police. Both were from the Pontarddulais area.