

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

**Tuesday, 6th December, 2011**

### **Present:**

Mr. L. Jones, Chairman

Mr. J. John

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mr. B. Williams

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mrs. T. Morgan

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

6 members of the public present

### **1537. Apologies.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. True, Mrs. C. Knox and Councillor D.I.E. Jones. Mr. B. Moon and Councillor A. Jopling were absent.

Mr. D. Cole, Gorseinon Town Council, informed Members that Councillor D.I.E. Jones was currently in hospital. The Secretary informed Members that he would contact Mrs. Jones to convey the Community Councils best wishes for a speedy recovery.

### **1538. Disclosure's of personal interest.**

None.

### **1539. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November, 2011.**

Approved.

### **1540. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Mr. D. Merriman was present and advised Members that the quote he had been given originally for a Christmas lunch for the elderly had now changed from £5 per person to £10 per person. He felt that given the large increase and expectation that upwards of 70 people would attend the total cost was now too high and unaffordable.

Disappointment was expressed by Members who had thought the initial idea was excellent.

It was felt that there was lack of time to arrange an alternative venue and catering arrangements, therefore, it was suggested that with some forward planning the lunch could be organised for Easter time, and when the weather was improving to enable more

of the elderly to attend.

1536(i) The Secretary informed Members that the Enforcement Team at Swansea Council Planning Department were due to visit the Scrap Yard in the following day or two to assess what is happening at the site whilst the planning application is being determined.

1536(iii) The Secretary informed Members that he had reported the tipping to the fly tipping hotline at Swansea Council.

Mr. M. Jones reported that some of the fly tipping had been removed, however, most remained.

**1541. Local Members Report – Councillor D.I.E. Jones.**

None.

**1542. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

Two residents of Clos Pengelli were present who informed Members of parking difficulties they were experiencing due to the number of vehicles visiting the nursing home since the new extension had been built.

It was explained that residents from the area were hoping that a parcel of land could be used as a car park to avoid users of the nursing home parking in the street and outside residents' houses.

Action had been ongoing for some time and included a petition being submitted to Swansea Council Planning Section; the involvement of Martin Caton MP and a planning application submitted by the Directors of the Nursing Home, however, all had failed to materialise.

The Secretary informed the two individuals that there was a statutory requirement for all planning applications to be presented to the Community Council for comment/observation prior to being determined and that no such application had been submitted by the nursing home.

It was suggested that the individuals ask the Directors of the nursing home for the planning application reference number so a check could take place as to its whereabouts and enquiries made as to what the current problem was with progressing the application.

**1543. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan, Planning Officer.**

None.

Mrs. S. Morgan reported to Members that she had spoken to the Planning Department following Mr. M. Williams representations to the November meeting to changes to his LDP application to be told that any comments submitted to date would stand unless specifically revoked.

Resolved: To allow the original comments to remain as valid.

**1544. Community Council Precept 2012/13.**

The Secretary advised that he had received a letter from Swansea Council requesting the Community Council precept for the next financial year 2012/13.

Resolved: That the precept would remain at the same level for 2012/13 as present of

£5000.

### **1545. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported to Members on the following:

A late letter requesting financial assistance had been received from the Miners Club for funding towards the cost of selection boxes for the children's Christmas party that was taking place on Sunday 11th December.

Resolved: To provide £100 funding for the selection boxes.

A letter had been received from the Lord Mayors Office at Swansea Council inviting the Chairman and his wife to the annual Carol Service at St. Mary's Church on 15th December.

Resolved: To note the invitation.

An invitation had been received for the Chairman and his wife to attend the Mansion House at Swansea for a Christmas evening with the Lord Mayor to raise funds for charity on 11th December. The cost of the tickets were £10 each.

Resolved: To note the invitation.

iv) A late letter requesting financial assistance had been received from Pontarddulais Community Car Scheme. The letter made reference to several individuals from Grovesend benefiting from using the service which covers Pontarddulais and the surrounding area.

Resolved: To provide funding of £200.

### **1546. Any Other Business.**

Mrs. T. Morgan reported to Members that Pengelli Primary were currently raising funds to install wireless technology throughout the school and to purchase as many ipads as possible for the children to assist with their reading/literacy development. Recent research had provided evidence that boys' attainment in reading was increased when they used technology to learn.

Resolved: To agree in principal to contributing £300-£400 towards a new ipad upon receipt of a formal request from the School.

Mrs. T. Morgan informed Members that complaints had been received that service buses could not get through Plas Road on Saturday afternoons due to the number of vehicles from Pengelli AFC players/supporters gathering at the Miners Club and parking all along the road.

Resolved: That the Secretary writes to the Secretary of Pengelli AFC to outline the difficulties being experienced and ask whether these could be highlighted to the payers and supporters using the Club.

Mrs. S. Morgan asked if the Secretary could write to Swansea Council to request the placement of a dog fouling bin to be located near the welfare club on Plas Road for those who walk their dogs along the common.

Mr. B. Williams reported that the main road through Waungron has started to break-up.

Resolved: The Secretary reports this to the Highways Department with a request for re-surfacing works to be undertaken.

Mr. J. John suggested to Members that consideration be given in the new year to the Community Council involving the local youth, Pengelli Primary and Pontarddulais Secondary children in landscaping works around the village. Such sites to be developed might include the two roundabouts along Plas Newydd/Clos Gors Fawr and the square near the park.