

## **Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**

### **Community Council Meeting held on**

**Wednesday, 9th March, 2011**

#### **Present:**

Mr. L. Jones, Chairman

Mr. J. John

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mr. B. Williams

Mrs. C. Knox

Councillor D.I.E. Jones

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

Councillor D.I.E. Jones

One member of the public present

#### **1435. Apologies.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. True, Mr. A. Hamilton and Mrs. S. Morgan. Mr. B. Moon and Councillor A. Jopling were absent.

#### **1436. Disclosure's of personal interest.**

None.

#### **1437. To consider the application for co-option to the Community Council of Mrs. Carey Knox.**

The Secretary informed Members that there still remained two vacancies on the Community Council. Mrs. Knox had indicated her willingness to become a Councillor following her attendance at last months Community Council meeting. Any appointment would be until the next formal Council elections which were due to take place in May, 2012.

Resolved: To co-opt Mrs. Knox to the Community Council until the next formal elections.

#### **1438. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February, 2011.**

Approved.

#### **1439. Matters arising from the minutes.**

None.

#### **1440. Local Members Report.**

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

i) The Chief Executive of Swansea Council had announced his intended retirement from the end of March. The reason given was to assist the Council reduce its management costs and deficit. Early access to pension is to cost £250k, however, this amount should be recovered from the non-payment of salary over a two year period.

ii) 500 grit bins had been purchased and installed recently by Swansea Council and placed at various locations around the City.

iii) Gorseinon Infant School is set to close in August. The School will merge with the Junior School on the Pontarddulais Road site and become a Primary School.

iv) Refuse collection services in Grovesend are due to change from a Thursday collection to a Friday collection with effect from week commencing 14th March in order to facilitate a fortnightly collection service which is to start in the following few months.

v) Box Road is to become one-way. This should be implemented in the next few months. The one-way will be from Pentre Road/High Street into Box Road and exiting along Grove Farm Road through the Meadgate Estate.

#### **1441. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None.

The Chairman welcomed back Mrs. Williams after her recent illness and stay in hospital. Members were pleased to see her health had improved.

#### **1442. Planning Applications.**

In the absence of Mrs. Morgan the Secretary mentioned that he had received notification from Swansea Council that Mr. Chris Morgan of Bryn-yr-Arad Farm had submitted an appeal to the Welsh Assembly following the recent decision of Swansea Council Planning Section not to approve an application for land restoration.

The Secretary reminded Members that they had previously recommended that this application be refused when consulted in April, 2009.

Resolved: Members felt that given the fact that nothing material had changed in regard the application, the same reasons for objection be sent to the Assembly.

#### **1443. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported on the following matters:

i) He had made several enquiries from his counterparts across the Swansea area for their views as to the success and user friendliness of the Gower Website. The overall general opinion expressed was that it is easy to use and is seen as a benefit for local residents to be kept informed of local developments and interests in their areas.

Costs involved are between £120 and £150 to set-up, depending on the number of web pages required and an annual maintenance cost of £50.

Resolved: To sign-up to the Gower Website for a trial period.

ii) Swansea Council was developing a Charter to encourage a greater partnership approach between Swansea and all Community Councils in the area to bring about a closer working relationship for the benefit of local communities. The Charter sets out standards where all committed partners agree to a set of principals. Such principals would include response times to communications, engagement in consultation and attendance at forum meetings.

Members felt that such a Charter can only be of benefit to working more closely together.

iii) A letter had been received from the Senior Rights of Way Officer at Swansea Council suggesting a site meeting following the Community Councils rejection of the proposal to alter a Right of Way near to Llandeilo Fach and marsh area.

Mr. B. Williams met with the Officer and informed Members that the proposed footpath did seem a better option and is more suitable for walkers without the loss of any enjoyment. The owner of the land is providing the route free of charge as a Right of Way in exchange for extinguishing the current Right of Way.

Resolved: Members agreed to the proposal following the site visit between the Senior Officer and Mr. B. Williams.

#### **1444. Election of Chairperson for 2011/12.**

Resolved: Following a discussion it was unanimously agreed to re-elect

Mr. L. Jones as Chairman for the 2011/12 year.

#### **1445. Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2011/12.**

Resolved: Following a discussion it was unanimously agreed to re-elect

Mr. J. John as Vice-Chairman for the 2011/12 year.

#### **1446. Any Other Business.**

i) Mr. M. Jones mentioned that he had been approached by a member of the public to ask why the School was being used as a Polling Station requiring the children to have a day off school when there was the Welfare Hall available to be used.

Resolved: The Secretary would make enquiries with the Elections Office at Swansea Council.

ii) The Secretary said that he had been asked by Mrs. S. Morgan to raise in her absence whether a letter could be sent to the Highways Section at Swansea Council requesting that directional arrows be painted on the approach road to ASDA as drivers were currently using the wrong lanes.

Resolved: That the Secretary would write to Swansea and also enclose a copy of his letter to Gorseinon Town Council for information as ASDA is in their ward.

iii) Mr. L. Jones informed Members that he had recently represented the Community Council at the funeral service in Mount Pleasant of Mrs. Ann Borthwick. Mr. J. John reported that he had attended the crematorium. Both places of which were completely full. Ann was passionate about Mount Pleasant Church and worked tirelessly over many years to ensure its success. Members agreed that she would be sorely missed.

iv) Mr. L. Jones gave his apologies for the April meeting.

