

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on

Tuesday, 2nd October, 2012

Present:

Mr. J. John, Chairman

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. W.B. Davies

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. H. Bates

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

Councillor D. Cole

1 members of the public present

1638. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. Merriman, Mr. B. Williams, Mr. L. Jones and Councillor Mrs. Jan Curtice. Mrs. C. Knox was absent.

1639. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1640. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September, 2012.

Approved.

1641. Matters arising from the minutes.

1627 (1618) Mr. H. Bates informed Members that a tenant had been found and business had re-commenced for the "wet-side" of the Miners Club.

1632 Mr. J. John updated Members regarding the recent flooding problem at Grove Farm Road. It has subsequently been established that the storm-water holding tank was the responsibility of Welsh Water. The drain had since been flushed out and the flooding problem seems to have been resolved.

1642. Local Members Report – Councillor D. Cole.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

i) The amended planning application for 33 Station Road, Grovesend, is likely to be considered by the Planning Committee in the next few weeks;

ii) Fly-tipping is taking place near to the old sub-station at the bottom end of Station Road. Members felt that some boulders were needed to prevent vans and trailers entering the site and dumping rubbish.

Resolved: That the Secretary would contact Swansea Council to request the placement of several boulders.

iii) Ward surgeries had commenced with himself and Councillor Mrs. Jan Curtice. Only a small turnout had attended so far with the main issues being raised surrounding planning, dog fouling and recycling.

1643. Ten-minute Public Questions.

i) Mr. H. Bates informed Members that he had been approached on behalf of a resident to enquire whether the Community Council would be arranging anything for Armistice Day given that the Senior Citizens Group had now finished. Councillor D. Cole said he would raise the issue with Mr. Malcolm Curtice at Gorseinon Town Council to see if there was something he could do for the village. Mr. Curtice was also a Member of the Royal British Legion.

ii) Mr. H. Bates asked whether the Community Council still took part in the neighbourhood watch scheme and whether PACT meetings were still held in the village. Mrs. S. Morgan advised that there was not a lot of interest from residents to make the neighbourhood watch scheme work successfully and that the PACT meetings stopped taking place in the village over a year ago, with them moving to Penyrheol.

1644. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

None.

1645. Collaborative working with neighbouring Town/Community Councils.

The Secretary reported that a good response had been received from the enquiries he had made with the neighbouring Town/Community Councils regarding a possible working arrangement to support each other where there were similar issues.

Penllergaer had decided not to be part of the scheme at all, and Llchwyr only wished to be part of localised training activities. Grovesend/Waungron, Pontarddulais, Gorseinon and Pontlliw/Tircoed all thought the idea was worth pursuing and agreed to meet.

The Secretary advised that he would arrange the first meeting for the end of October at the Welfare Hall in Grovesend as it seemed central to all Councils. Suggested items for inclusion to the agenda came from Members including: Traffic concerns, speeding and local training opportunities.

1646. Application for financial assistance from Marie Curie.

An application for finance assistance from Marie Curie was discussed.

Resolved: To note the application.

1647. Application for financial assistance from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales.

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Resolved: To note the application.

1648. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported to Members on the following:

i) The invoice for the 2011/12 audit of accounts had been received at £144.

1649. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.

i) Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that he was concerned that the ditch at the bottom of the grassed area by the entrance to the Meadgate estate from Pentre Road had silted-up and was causing rainwater to spill onto the main road. With winter approaching concern was expressed that any surface water on the main road would turn to ice.

Resolved: That the Secretary would write to Ian Jones of the Highways Section at Swansea Council to request that the ditch be cleared out.

ii) Mr. W.B. Davies reported to Members that he had again witnessed vehicles exiting the wrong way from Box Road into Pentre Road. Mr. J. John advised that there was no excuse for this as already there were sufficient signs displayed to inform motorists of the one-way route. Members were concerned that it would only be a matter of time before there were to be an incident. It was thought that the problem generally stemmed from players and supporters of the football club.

Resolved: That the Secretary writes to Pengelli AFC to ask that they remind their users that Box Road is one-way and not to exit from Box Road onto Pentre Road.

iii) Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that the Traffic Section of Swansea Council should have undertaken a fresh traffic count survey during September, however, this had not happened. Mr. Davies was hopeful that the survey would show the increase in the volume and speed of traffic through the village and assist with the request for speeding cameras to be installed.

Resolved: That the Secretary would contact Mr. Jeff Green to enquire when the survey would be undertaken.

iv) Mr. H. Bates reported that there was only one litter bin in the whole of the village which was located directly outside of the Miners Club. It was suggested that Swansea Council be asked to provide a few more at various locations.

Resolved: That the Secretary asks Swansea Council if new litter bins could be placed at various points around the village.