

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

**Tuesday, 4th September, 2012**

### **Present:**

Mr. J. John, Chairman

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. W.B. Davies

Mr. B. Williams

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. D. Merriman

Mr. L. Jones

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

Councillor J. Curtice

5 members of the public present

### **1624. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Bates, Mrs. C. Knox and Councillor D. Cole.

### **1625. Disclosures of personal interest.**

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice for Planning Applications.

### **1626. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July, 2012.**

Approved.

### **1627. Matters arising from the minutes.**

1616 (1600 (ii)) Mr. W.B. Davies updated Members regarding the land at Pentre Road/Box Road. It appears that there is no record of registration with Swansea Council or the Land Registry. Mr. D. Merriman felt sure it was common land owned by the Duke of Beaufort. Mr. W.B. Davies explained that further investigations were required and that he would continue to update Members.

1618 Mr. D. Merriman, as a Trustee, updated Members as to the latest position of the Miners Club. Unfortunately the club itself had now formally entered into liquidation. There was still some hope that a suitable tenant would be found following an advert that was due to appear in the Evening Post in the next week or so, and that the Club could re-

open.

Three people had shown interest in becoming the new tenant, however, nothing firm to date had materialised.

Mr. Merriman explained that the Club used to make a payment to the Trustees by way of rent, which was then used to fund the welfare hall. Currently there was only enough money available to keep the welfare hall open until the end of October.

CISWO (Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation) have already confirmed that should the welfare hall close, then they are likely to sell off the club and land for houses.

### **1628. Local Members Report – Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.**

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice reported on the following:

i) Swansea Council had confirmed that due to limited funds the priority for bus shelters was being focused on a replacement scheme rather than on any brand new shelters. Swansea advised that a new shelter would cost in the region of £4000.

ii) New signage displaying Grovesend/Waungron at Pentre Road was estimated to cost £1000.

iii) All currently identified gypsy/traveller sites throughout the City & County were to be reviewed. No further information was available at the moment.

iv) Additional dog litter bins should be placed around the village shortly.

v) Surgeries for the public to meet with Councillors Curtice and Cole are to be held on the third Saturday of every month (bar August) in the Welfare Hall between 11-12am.

### **1629. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

Mrs. Cherry Hinton was present and spoke on behalf of Mr. Paul Cameron regarding a contested planning application for a detached house in Station Road.

Mrs. Hinton asked Members to support an amended planning application that had been submitted to Swansea Council following the Planning Inspectorate's refusal of the current detached house and suggestion by Swansea Council that it be demolished. The amended plans include a reduction in the height of the roof and garage, however, retaining the width of the property.

### **1630. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.**

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice declared an interest in the following item and made no comment or observation during the discussion.

Mrs. S. Morgan reported on the following planning applications:

i) Application for 10 additional car parking spaces; Llys-y-Tywysog Nursing Home, Clos Pengelli, Grovesend.

Recommendation: No objections, however, Members note that the application is on common land and therefore, special permission would be required prior to approval.

ii) Application for alterations to dwelling and garage; 33 Station Road, Grovesend.

Recommendation: No objection.

**1631. City & County of Swansea Community/Town Council Forum Meeting Feedback – Mr. J. John.**

Mr. John reported that he had not attended any meetings recently.

**1632. Grove Farm Road flooding issues – Mr. J. John.**

Mr. John informed Members that he had received a complaint from a resident in Grove Farm Road that his garage had been flooded several times following heavy rain. Swansea Council have been made aware and recently held a site visit. The storm-water holding tank, which is buried beneath the road, has been drained which has eased the problem temporarily. Further work is required to the outlet valve so the tank is capable of draining itself as designed.

**1633. Application for financial assistance from NSPCC.**

An application for finance assistance from NSPCC was discussed.

Resolved: To note the application.

**1634. Application for financial assistance from Loughor Inshore Rescue.**

An application for finance assistance from Loughor Inshore Rescue was discussed.

Resolved: To provide £100 financial assistance.

**1635. Application for financial assistance from Shelter Cymru.**

An application for finance assistance from Shelter Cymru was discussed.

Resolved: To note the application.

**1636. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported to Members on the following:

i) A letter had been received from RWE Npower Renewables providing information of their intention to submit a planning application to Swansea Council for a proposed wind farm at Mynydd y Gwair. As part of the consultation process all households within a 5km radius of the proposal would receive a letter explaining the proposals shortly.

ii) Swansea Council is holding a series of road-shows over the next month to discuss the formulation of the Local Development Plan (LDP). The nearest venue to Grovesend is Vestry Hope Chapel, Pontarddulais on Tuesday, 11th September between 4.00-7.00pm. The road-shows are open to everyone.

iii) A letter of thanks had been received from Pengelli Primary School PTA for the Community Council funding of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee party. The letter explained that a great day was had by all with around 100 children from the village attending.

iv) Notification had been received from the Community Council Auditors to say that the 2011/12 accounts had been approved with no concerns or recommendations.

v) A late letter of request for financial assistance had been received from Pengelli AFC

which the Secretary read out.

Resolved: To prove £100 financial assistance.

vi) A copy of the proposed Community Council Newsletter was circulated for comment. Members agreed the content with some slight amendments to personal contact details.

Distribution of the newsletter was agreed as follows:

Coalbrook Road – Mr. H. Bates

High Street – Cllr Mrs. J. Curtice

Plas Newydd/Clos Gors Fawr – Mr. D. Merriman

Plas Road/Tyrisha Road/Tyrisha Ave/Tyrisha Court/New Road –

Mr. B. Davies

Station Road/Box Road – Mr. A. Hamilton

Meadgate Estate – Mr. J. John

Top of Pentre Road/Nursing Home/Ballantyn Homes – Mr. L. Jones

Lower Pentre Road/Waungron – Mr. B. Williams

v) A copy of the latest One Voice Wales training programme was circulated to all Members.

**1637. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.**

None.