

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on

Tuesday, 7th February, 2012

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

Councillor D.I.E. Jones

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

8 members of the public present

1547. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Councillor D.I.E. Jones back following his recent period of ill-health.

The Chairman informed those present that the January meeting had to be cancelled without notice due to insufficient numbers being present to enable the meeting to proceed as quorate. He reminded Members of the need to provide apologies in advance of meetings.

1548. Apologies.

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

1549. Disclosure's of personal interest.

None.

1550. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December, 2011.

Approved.

1551. Matters arising from the minutes.

1546(iii) The Secretary informed Members that he had received a response from Swansea Council to the request for a dog fouling bin near the welfare club on Plas Road that stated that the request would be put on a lengthy waiting list where there were currently many

requests of a similar nature.

On the back of a poor response from Swansea Council, the Secretary informed Members that he has once again written to enquire what the estimated waiting time will be, cost to purchase a new bin and the quantity of bins that were placed around Swansea over the past three years. On receipt of a response the Secretary would report back further.

1552. Local Members Report – Councillor D.I.E. Jones.

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

i) Recently there had been a number of rumours circulating regarding the refusal of planning consent for the extension to the house in Station Road. Councillor Jones informed Members that he had spoken to the Head of Planning at Swansea who had confirmed that the position remained exactly the same in that the building is currently in breach of planning permission with a requirement that the building is returned to its original height.

ii) A planning application for a new house on Station Road had been approved that week at Planning Committee.

1553. Ten-minute Public Questions.

i) Two residents of Clos Pengelli were present to update Members regarding the possibility of utilising a parcel of land as a car park. The Directors of Llys Y Twysog Nursing Home had now confirmed that no planning application had ever been submitted to Swansea Council for a car park.

There was a request of Members to support any potential planning application at the site. Members confirmed that with the little knowledge they had of the proposal they were able to provide support in principal, however, would reserve this position pending the receipt of a full and formal application.

ii) Mr. D. Merriman was present on behalf of the Welfare Association to update Members regarding the suggestion of a lunch/dinner for the old age within the village. Mr. Merriman confirmed that the idea was proceeding forward with the Trustees supporting the idea of a dinner around Easter time in the Welfare Hall. The Stewardess of the Miners Club had also agreed to manage the catering for the event and informed Mr. Merriman that this could be achieved for £5 per head.

iii) Mr. Merriman also informed Members that consideration was currently being given to the lounge of the Miners Club being utilised as a coffee shop and small shop selling items such as milk and bread during the day when it was not in use.

Research had been carried out locally and there was evidence that other pubs/clubs had tried something similar successfully.

Members felt this was an excellent idea and something that would keep the club alive for the community to use, especially as there was currently no similar service offered elsewhere in Grovesend.

iv) Mr. D. Cole informed Members that he had received news that the forthcoming local elections in May were going to be held in the Welfare Hall of the Club for the first time rather than at Pengelli Primary where they have been held for many years.

1554. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan, Planning Officer.

None.

Members were updated regarding the application submitted by Mr. D. Egan for a Non-ferrous Recycling Plant at the former Coal Yard at Allt-Y-Graban.

Members were informed that a site visit by Swansea Councillors from the Area 2 Planning Committee took place recently. The Committee will make a final determination at their next full meeting. The current recommendation by Planning Officers was to approve the application.

1555. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported to Members on the following:

A late letter requesting financial assistance had been received from the MacMillan Cancer Support.

Resolved: To note the application.

A letter had been received from the Electoral Services Team at Swansea Council informing Members that should the forthcoming Community Council elections be contested and necessitate a formal ballot, then the Community Council's contribution towards this was estimated at £1000.

A letter had been received from One Voice Wales informing Members of a new project entitled "Strong Roots". The project was aimed at Community and Town Councils better understanding the concept of sustainable development in their communities. A training event on the issue is being held in Dolgellau on 13th March, 2012. There would be a nominal charge of £10 per participant.

Resolved: To note the event.

1556. Any Other Business.

Mr. J. John asked Members if someone could attend in his place at the next One Voice Wales meeting which is scheduled to take place the following week at the Guildhall in Swansea.

Resolved: That Mr. B. Williams would attend in Mr. John's place subject to his availability.