

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 1st October, 2013**

Present: Mr. L. Jones, Chairman
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. A. Hamilton
Mr. M. Jones
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mrs. T. Morgan
Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
No members of the public present

1762. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Knox, Mr. H. Bates, Mr. B. Williams, Mr. J. John, Mr. D. Merriman and Councillor D. Cole.

1763. Election of Chair.

The Secretary informed Members that in the absence of the Chair and Vice a substitute Chair needed to be elected to preside over the meeting.

Resolved: That Mr. Leighton Jones be elected Chair for the meeting.

1764. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1765. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September, 2013.

Approved.

1766. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1753 (1745(i)) Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice advised Members that she had received notification that the new post box would be installed on 11th October.

Minute 1748 No feedback had been received from Swansea Council Parks

Section following the safety assessment they were going to carry out on the wall fronting the park. The Secretary would follow-up prior to the next meeting of the Community Council.

Minute 1754(vii) Following a discussion regarding Swansea Council's offer to extend the planting of wild flowers next summer Members suggested that in addition to the area of grass by Box Road/Pentre Road and near the green sub-station on Coalbrook Road; Allt-y-graban triangle, the grassed area at Castell-Ddu Road Waungron and grassed bank outside the Park could also be appropriate sites for seeding.

1767. Local Members Report.

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice reported on the following:

- i) A major meeting will take place on 21st October at County Hall regarding the second site location for Traveller/Gypsies. At this meeting Members of the Council will make a formal recommendation for a proposed site to Cabinet Members who will have the final say when they meet on 5th November. The meeting on 21st October would be broadcast live over the internet for residents to watch.
- ii) Early discussions were taking place regarding the possibility of reducing the number of local authorities in Wales from the current 22 to around 10 or 12.

1768. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None present.

1769. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

Mrs. S. Morgan informed Members that one application had been received from Ms. Madeline Richards of Seion Chapel, Pentre Road, Grovesend for the change of use to residential dwelling together with a new side extension.

Recommendation: Subject to highway impact assessment; no objections.

1770. Consideration of adoption of City & County of Swansea Charter.

Resolved: Following a discussion it was agreed to defer a decision whether to adopt the Charter until the November meeting of the Community Council when it was hoped more Members would be present.

1771. Remembrance Service.

In his absence, the Secretary read out a written report prepared by Mr. D. Merriman regarding previous Remembrance Services in Grovesend which advised that the old age group used to organise the service on behalf of the Community Council with the Council paying for any associated costs.

Members discussed where the service should be held whether at Mount Pleasant Chapel or the Welfare Hall and felt that the Welfare Hall was the most appropriate place as this is where the plaques were displayed and where historically previously services had been held.

Members agreed that the service should include input from all aspects of the community including the school, brownies and chapel.

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice suggested Mr. Charles Penny from the Royal British Legion be invited to lead the service who would also assist with the arrangements.

Resolved: The following was agreed:

- i) The Service should take place at the Miners Welfare Hall at 6.00pm on either Thursday, 7th or 14th November: Secretary to confirm availability with Mr. Penny and the Vicar of St. Catherine's, Gorseinon. Mr. W.B. Davies to confirm Hall availability with Trustees;
- ii) Mrs. S. Morgan to confirm with Mrs. Jean Evans of Mount Pleasant, the Chapels involvement for the Service;
- iii) Mrs. T. Morgan to confirm the involvement with the Headteacher of Pengelli Primary and the Brownies;
- iv) The Secretary would produce a flyer for circulation to promote the service.

1772. Christmas Service/Children's Party.

The Secretary asked Members to consider whether they wished to hold separate events this Christmas by way of a Carol Service and Children's Party, or whether to combine the events into one. He read to Members a

further written report from Mr. D. Merriman that explained the origins of the service and party and how Members of the Council used to be actively involved prior to the Ladies Section of the Miners Club organising the event. With the Miners Club now defunct, Mr. Merriman's report explained that the duty now fell back on to Members.

Members agreed to hold a joint Carol Service and Children's Party given the success of previous similar events.

Resolved: The following was agreed:

- i) The Service/Party should take place at the Miners Welfare Hall at 6.00pm on Monday, 9th December: Mr. W.B. Davies to confirm Hall availability and Christmas decorations with Trustees;
- ii) Mrs. S. Morgan to speak to Mrs. C. Knox to see if she would act as compere for the evening; confirm with Mrs. Jean Evans of Mount Pleasant the Chapels involvement for the Service and organise a goodie bag for the children;
- iii) Mrs. T. Morgan to confirm the involvement with the Headteacher of Pengelli Primary and the Brownies and ask Mr. Graham Evans if he would play the part of Father Christmas;
- iv) The Secretary would produce a flyer for circulation to promote the service.

1773. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following items:

- i) That he had received a late letter requesting financial assistance from The South Wales Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.

Members were reminded of their previous decision to only provide financial assistance to village organisations or those that had a direct impact on the village; however, Members shared several examples of how this organisation had assisted people from Grovesend/Waungron directly.

Resolved: Members agreed to provide £100 financial assistance.

1774. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.

- i) Members discussed the need to hold the November meeting of the

Community Council earlier than normal in order to finalise any last minute issues with the Remembrance Service.

Resolved: That the November meeting of the Community Council should be brought forward by one week and be held on Tuesday, 29th October.

Issues awaiting resolution

Issue	Key dates	Current Position	Action required by
Litter bins required.	Reported by Sec: 15/10/12 Followed-up: 21/5/13 Followed-up: 11/6/13 Followed-up: 16/8/13 Followed-up: 17/10/13	Agreement given for one bin to be located opposite park next to bus stop. No further bins will be provided due to financial constraints and lack of need.	Environment Dept., Swansea Council (Daryl Joyce/Nigel Alli)
Hedges overgrown in Waungron and weeds encroaching onto pavement.	Reported by Sec: 14/8/13 Followed-up: 25/8/13	No response to date	StreetScene, Highways Dept., Swansea Council (Ian Jones)
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally requested several years ago. • Followed-up: August, 2013 • Followed-up: October, 2013 	Advised that an assessment score of 85 needed to be considered for crossing. Last assessment for the area produced a score of just 6. Confirmation received that no crossing will be funded by Swansea.	Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green)