

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**  
**Community Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

**Present:** Mrs. C. Knox, Chair  
Mr. W.B. Davies  
Mr. A. Hamilton  
Mr. M. Jones  
Mrs. S. Morgan  
Mr. J. John  
Mr. W.D. Merriman  
Mr. B. Williams  
Councillor D. Cole  
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)  
No members of the public present

**1775. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Bates, Mr. L. Jones, Mrs. T. Morgan and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

**1776. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

**1777. Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.**

Approved.

**1778. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Minute 1766 (1753 1745(i)) Replacement Post Box: Councillor D. Cole advised Members that despite receiving several promises from Royal Mail regarding the installation of a new pillar box, nothing had yet materialised. Mr. B. Williams informed Members that he had seen officials assessing the site in the past few days, so there remained hope.

Minute 1770 Swansea Council Charter: Mr. J. John advised Members that the majority of Town/Community Councils in Swansea had already adopted the Charter and One Voice Wales was promoting the agreement as a tool for developing relations and good practice.

**Resolved:** Following a discussion where members weighed-up the advantages and disadvantages it was agreed the Community Council should adopt the Charter.

Minute 1771 Remembrance Service: The Secretary informed Members that he had made arrangements with the Vicar of St. Catherine's and Mr. Charles Penny of the Royal British Legion for the Service to be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs. T. Morgan confirmed the involvement of the Brownies and school. It was agreed that Mrs. C. Knox and Mr. W. Merriman would read aloud the plaques during the service on behalf of the Community Council. The Secretary would contact the Vicar of St. Catherine's to confirm the arrangements for any hymns to be sung and requirement for an organ/music.

Minute 1772 Christmas Service/Children's Party: Due to difficulties with attendance of several key people, the date was changed to Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Mr. W.B. Davies confirmed the hall was available; Mr. D. Merriman confirmed that the Trustees would arrange to decorate the hall; Ms. C. Knox confirmed that she and her daughter would put together a programme for the evening and comper the event.

The Secretary produced flyers to promote both events and for distribution around the village:

- Mr. W.B. Davies – Plas Road/Tyrisha Road/Tyrisha Avenue/Tyrisha Court
- Mr. J. John – Meadgate Estate
- Mr. D. Merriman – Plas Newydd/Clos Gors Fawr
- Mr. B. Williams/Ms. C. Knox – Waungron
- Mrs. T. Morgan – High Street
- Mr. H. Bates – Coalbrook Road
- Mr. M. Jones – Station Road/New Road
- Mr. A. Hamilton – Box Road
- Mrs. S. Morgan – Brynlliw Road/Clos Pengelli/Care Home

Issues awaiting resolution:

- i) The Secretary advised Members that he had spoken with Swansea Council once again regarding the need for litter bins and was told that only one additional bin would be allocated to the village, which had recently been installed near the park.
- ii) Mrs. C. Knox advised that the hedges through Waungron had recently been cut, and Mr. A. Hamilton confirmed that Box Road hedges had been cut.

- iii) The Secretary advised that he had received an email from Swansea Council stating that Grovesend would not be having a pedestrian crossing as the village did not meet the criteria due to the assessed score being too low.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Cabinet Member for Finance to request a meeting with representatives of the Community Council to discuss this further and outline the need for a crossing.

### **1779. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- i) The remedial works to Mr. Cameron's house in Station Road have been completed. The height of the house has now been corrected accordingly;
- ii) The overgrown hedges on Coalbrook Road have been cut back following a request by the local PCSO;
- iii) Parking has improved slightly on Plas Road thanks to the local PCSO visiting the area regularly;
- iv) The bench at the junction of Frampton Road/Coalbrook Road is severely damaged and in need of replacing. Cllr Cole would pursue a replacement with Swansea Council directly;
- v) Swansea Council is facing severe financial difficulties with a predicted £45m shortfall. A consultation is underway with the public to assess what services they would wish to protect;
- vi) Surgeries held by Councillors Cole and Curtice were not being well attended, therefore, they would be reduced to either bimonthly or quarterly;
- vii) A counterproposal is to be put to Members of the Cabinet regarding the second Gypsy/Travellers site. If adopted, this new proposal would consider all available land throughout Swansea rather than just Council owned land;
- viii) Concern was still being expressed with some vehicles exiting Box Road the wrong way. It was felt the problem appears to be from those using the playing field and residents of Box Road. Mr. D. Merriman suggested that he would be prepared to meet with someone from the Highways Department on a match day to assess and discuss the problem.

### **1780. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None present.

### **1781. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.**

None.

### **1782. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported on the following items:

- i) That he had received a late letter requesting financial assistance from Grovesend Brownies and Rainbow's towards the cost of purchasing play parachutes and a trip to the Penyrheol Pantomime. The total cost being £400.

Members discussed the application and noted that no request for financial assistance had been made for a few years.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to cover the full cost of both the play equipment and trip to the pantomime and provide £400 financial assistance.

- ii) A letter had been received from Swansea Council offering to provide a winter grit bin providing someone would volunteer to be a Snow Warden and allocate the salt as deems fit for use on the highway.

**Resolved:** To note the letter.

### **1783. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.**

- i) Mr. B. Williams reported that several drains were blocked in Waungron due to falling leaves.

**Resolved:** The Secretary would report the issue to Swansea Council

- ii) Mr. A. Hamilton advised Members that he was concerned with the amount of rainwater running off the bottom of the park onto Box Road. With winter ahead the rainwater will freeze and be a danger.

**Resolved:** That the Secretary would write to the Parks Department in an attempt to resolve the drainage problem.

## Issues awaiting resolution

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Key dates</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action required by</b>
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Originally requested several years ago.</li><li>• Followed-up: August, 2013</li><li>• Followed-up: October, 2013</li></ul>	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)