

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron  
Community Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013**

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

**1784. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones, Mrs. C. Knox, Mrs. S. Morgan and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

**1785. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

**1786. Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.**

Approved.

**1787. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Minute 1778 (1766 1753 1745(ii)) Replacement Post Box: Councillor D. Cole informed Members that the new pillar box had finally been installed.

Minute 1778 (1772) Christmas Service/Children's Party: Mr. D. Merriman kindly agreed to comper the evening in Mrs. Knox absence; Mr. H. Bates advised that the Trustees would ensure the hall was decorate prior to the evening; Mr. Graham Rees would assist as Father Christmas and the Secretary advised that he was aware that Mrs. S. Morgan had purchased sweets for the children.

## **1788. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- i) The hedges along Coalbrook Road have been cut back to make it safer for pedestrians to walk past. Councillor Cole will continue to press Swansea into removing the overgrowth on the pavement in Waungron;
- ii) Mr. W.B. Davies, Mr. D. Merriman, Cllr Mrs. J. Curtice and himself met recently with Mr. Jeff Green of the Transport Section at Swansea Council to discuss the issue of traffic travelling the wrong way along Box Road. It was agreed that Swansea will erect a No Entry sign and the two Ward Members would use their environmental monies to fund the painting of red tarmac on the road which will also contain a No Entry notification to drivers. It was agreed that Jeff Green would raise the issue of Swansea Council owned vehicles driving the wrong way.

Whilst at the meeting the issue of a pedestrian crossing was discussed, an understanding for the need of a crossing was shared by Mr. Green; however, he explained that with limited resources available Grovesend does not qualify for one.

- iii) A new bus shelter would be erected on the square by Station Road/Pentre Road/High Street. One objection had been raised by a neighbour; however, the project will proceed given the large number of people that support the idea.

## **1789. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None present.

## **1790. Planning Applications.**

None.

## **1791. Community Council Precept 2014/15.**

The Secretary informed Members that he had received correspondence from the Finance Department of Swansea Council enquiring as to the precept of the Community Council for the forthcoming 2014/15 financial year. He reminded Members that the precept had been maintained at £5000 for the past few years.

**Resolved:** To set the 2014/15 precept at £5000 for a further year.

## **1792. Application for financial assistance from Marie Curie Cancer Care.**

A letter of application for financial assistance from Marie Curie Cancer Care was discussed.

**Resolved:** To note the application.

## **1793. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported on the following items:

- i) A late letter requesting financial assistance from Mount Pleasant Chapel to take the children to the pantomime in Llanelli was discussed. The letter made reference to 9 Band of Hope children and 14 other Grovesend children attending the pantomime with the cost of tickets at £10 each and the need to hire a bus.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to provide £250 financial assistance to be used at the Chapel's discretion for the trip and the benefit of all children rather than a few.

- ii) A request had been received from Swansea Council Park's Section as whether the Community Council wishes to participate in the 2014 hanging basket scheme.

Members felt that the flowers placed at the entrance to Grovesend from Gorseinon during the summer period were well received by residents and added some colour to the area.

**Resolved:** To participate in the 2014 scheme, however, to request that a better flower through and for it to be moved closer to the Grovesend sign.

- iii) He reminded Members that previously they had provided suggestions to Swansea Council for the 2014 planting of wild flowers/poppies around the area. He had recently learnt that whilst Swansea was seeking out new locations for plantings there would be a charge involved. He asked Members whether they wished to proceed with the suggestions they had provided Swansea with previously.

**Resolved:** Members agreed in principle to continuing with the planting, however, it was suggested that a site meeting be set-up with Swansea to discuss the locations of the planting and actual cost

involved.

**1794. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.**

A request was made whether the Community Council could fund and install our own seats/benches at various locations around the village.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Secretary would ask Swansea Council whether this was an option or whether the purchase and installation had to take place via themselves.

**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><li>• Site meeting in December, 2013 with Ward Members and Jeff Green</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. Site meeting: Jeff Green advised that he understood the need for crossing, however, reaffirmed Swansea's position that there was no funding for a crossing.	Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green)