

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

**Tuesday, 4th June, 2013**

### **Present:**

Mr. B. Williams, Chairman

Mr. W.B. Davies

Mr. J. John

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. H. Bates

Mr. A. Hamilton

Councillor D. Cole

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

No members of the public present

### **1732. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. Merriman and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice. Mrs. C. Knox and Mr. L. Jones were both absent.

### **1733. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

### **1734. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May, 2013.**

Approved subject to the amendment of the typing error in minute 1731(ii) which should have read "plaques".

### **1735. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Minute 1725 (1721(i)) The Secretary informed Members that he had contacted the Officer responsible for the Charter at Swansea Council, Huw Evans, regarding the continued silence to the request of replacing the chevron and Waungron signs at the junction of Allt-y-graban Road. Mr. Evans had formally initiated a stage 1 complaint on behalf of the Community Council which would be investigated.

Mr. W.B. Davies said he was concerned with the lack of follow-up action by the Community Council of outstanding issues. It was agreed that the Secretary would create a list of action points/issues that were outstanding at the end of each set of minutes where they would remain until a satisfactory resolution had been achieved.

1731(j) Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that he had met with an officer from Swansea Council regarding the problem of dogs running off leads around the park, fouling and dog bins not being emptied often enough. The officer informed Mr. Davies that it was the

responsibility of dog owners to control their dog whether on or off their lead. It was agreed that signs stating "no dogs allowed" will be placed in the play area of the park shortly.

### **1736. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

i) It had been agreed that each Member of Swansea Council would be given £13,000 environmental money to spend over the duration of their term of office. This amount could be amalgamated with other local ward Members, or neighbouring wards, as long as it benefited residents.

Councillor Cole said the allocation to himself and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice covered both the Penyrheol and Grovesend area which represent the area of their ward. Councillor Cole said he welcomed ideas as how best to spend the amount available;

ii) The pavement resurfacing works for Coalbrook Road and High Street should commence within the next few months;

iii) Gorseinon Town Council were due to discuss the Allotment Scheme initiative at their meeting the following evening. A suggestion likely to be considered will be for Gorseinon to organise an event for the whole area themselves rather than attending the Ammanford training sessions. Following the meeting in Gorseinon, further information would be fed-back.

### **1737. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None present.

### **1738. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.**

Mrs. S. Morgan reported that she had received two applications this month from:

i) Mr. C. Bradley, 18 High Street, Grovesend, for a rear single storey extension.

Recommendation: No objections.

ii) Mrs. J. Marmont, 4 Plas House, Grovesend, for a rear porch extension with loft conversion.

Recommendation: No action required as Mrs. Marmont has informed the Mrs. Morgan of her intention to withdraw the application due to cost. Should this not be the case, Members agreed to reserve the right to respond at a later date.

### **1739. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported on the following items:

i) He had spoken to the Elections Office at Swansea Council regarding the vacancy recently created by the resignation of Thelma Rees and was advised that an advert needed to be displayed on the Community Council notice board for 14 days advising the public of the vacancy. Providing no more than 10 people made a formal request to hold an election then the Community Council were at liberty to co-opt an individual of their choice until the next formal elections.

ii) He had received a letter from One Voice Wales asking for a further £20 towards the

annual membership fees for 2013/14 due to an error with their system.

Resolved: Members agreed to the additional £20 payment to OVW.

iii) He had received the annual public liability insurance reminder from Zurich. The Secretary explained that following the charge remaining the same for the past few years it had risen to £243.80 for the 2013/14 year. He had received several quotes elsewhere which were far in excess of the Zurich quote.

Resolved: Members agreed to renew the insurance for 2013/14 with Zurich.

#### **1740. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.**

i) Mr. W.B. Davies asked Mr. H. Bates as to the current position of repair of the upstairs Committee Room of the Miners Club. Mr. Bates explained that a leak had reappeared from the roof above which needed to be corrected prior to redecoration. A builder had been identified and work should commence shortly.

ii) Mr. B. Williams informed Members that despite contacting Swansea Council several times there were a number of lampposts in Waungron, just passed the motorway bridge, that had not been working for sometime. Councillor D. Cole informed Mr. Williams that he would contact Councillor Philip Downing, Pontarddulais Ward, and ask if he would take the issue up directly with the Highways Department given that this was in his ward.

#### **Issues awaiting resolution**

Issue	Key dates	Current Position	Action required by
Waungron sign needs fixing in place and new chevron sign needed.	Reported by Sec: 21/4/13  Followed-up: 7/5/13  Followed-up: 21/5/13	New sign on order, should be delivered/installed by end of June.  Formal complaint recorded by Huw Evans (Swansea Council)	Highways Dept, Swansea Council (Andy Kirby)
No dogs allowed signs needed in park area.	Reported/requested by Mr. W.B. Davies: May '13	New signs to be erected shortly.	Dog Warden/Parks Dept, Swansea Council.
Litter bins required.	Reported by Sec: 15/10/12  Followed-up: 21/5/13  Followed-up: 11/6/13	Budget shortfall, on lengthy waiting list amongst other Comm Council's.	Environment Dept., Swansea Council (Daryl Joyce)