

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

**Tuesday, 5th February, 2013**

### **Present:**

Mr. J.H. John, Chairman

Mr. M. Jones

Mr. W.B. Davies

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. B. Williams

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. W.D. Merriman

Mrs. C. Knox

Mr. H. Bates

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice

Councillor D. Cole

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

2 members of the public present

### **1689. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones and Mrs. T. Rees.

### **1690. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

### **1691. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2013.**

Approved subject to an amendment provided by Councillor D Cole to minute 1682 (i) that it was the footpath in Tyrisha Avenue that had been classified as 'poor' and in need of resurfacing and not the road itself.

### **1692. Matters arising from the minutes.**

1687 (ii) The Secretary informed Members that he had spoken to the Treasure of Pontarddulais Community Car Scheme to enquire as to the users of the service as discussed at the last meeting. The Treasurer had provided the Secretary with several names of residents within the village that benefited through the scheme on; most on a weekly basis.

Resolved: Members agreed to provide £100 of financial assistance.

### **1693. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D. Cole and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice update Members on the following items:

i) There had been two burglaries recently in the area. To date the Police had not identified the culprits.

ii) There is to be a finance meeting at the Civic Centre on 14th February to discuss the 2013/14 budget. Early indications suggest that there likely to be substantial cuts in some areas of upwards of 30%.

iii) The Welsh Government has recently announced that they are putting in an extra £22m into local authorities to assist with the forthcoming welfare reforms over the next 12 months.

iv) Both Councillors were receiving a large number of telephone calls regarding the gypsy/travellers consultation exercise that Swansea Council were currently undertaking.

Mr. J. John informed Members that he, Mrs. S. Morgan and Mr. J. Burge, in addition with the Chair and Clerk of Gorseinon Town Council and Councillors D. Cole and J. Curtice had met recently with a senior planning officer at Swansea Council to discuss the short-listing and selection criteria identifying the proposed traveller site in Swansea.

Members were informed that Gorseinon Town Council had already arranged a public meeting to discuss the consultation process where the public would be given a presentation. It was felt that the residents of Grovesend would benefit greatly from this presentation if the Community Council joined forces with Gorseinon to hold one joint public meeting rather than two separate ones. The meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 26th February, in the Institute at Gorseinon commencing at 7:00pm. The Secretary asked for as many Members as possible to attend given that this was a Community Council meeting.

Councillors Cole and Curtice explained that whilst they could not be actively involved in the process, nor express any opinion at this stage, they were able to advertise the public meeting as part of their newsletters that they would be circulating in the next few days.

Mrs. C. Hinton explained to Members the background to why Swansea has had to undertake this exercise and how they arrived at the five short-listed sites.

Notwithstanding the public meeting, Members expressed their concern that neither the short-listed areas for Gorseinon were suitable as they had been designated for woodland, a nature area, small infill for housing and a serious potential threat to the successful business of Toyoda who was now a major employer for the area.

### **1694. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

Discussed as part of minute 1693 (iv) above.

### **1695. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.**

None.

### **1696. Appointment of Community Council Governor.**

The Secretary informed Members that he had received a letter from Swansea Council to say that Mr. Leighton Jones term of office as the Community Council appointed Governor

representative at Pengelli Primary School was due to end in March.

The Secretary had spoken to Mr. Jones prior to the meeting in the knowledge that he was unable to attend to enquire whether he wished to continue in this role. Mr. Jones said that he would be prepared to serve a further term unless another Member wished to take up the seat.

Resolved: That Mr. L. Jones be appointed as the Community Council governor represented for a further four year term.

**1697. Secretary's Report.**

None.

**1698. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.**

Mr. J. John informed Members that he had recently attended the One Voice Wales forum meeting at Swansea. It had been reported that the Boundary Commission review into parliamentary seats in Wales had been postponed until 2018 at the earliest. It therefore meant that the Penyrheol ward would not be subsumed into the Llanelli region for the next general election.