

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on

Tuesday, 7th May, 2013

Present:

Mr. B. Williams, Chairman

Mr. W.B. Davies

Mr. J. John

Mr. L. Jones

Mr. M. Jones

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

No members of the public present

1722. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. Merriman, Mr. H. Bates, Mrs. C. Knox, Mrs. S. Morgan, Councillor D. Cole and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

The Secretary informed Members that Mrs. T. Rees had informed him that due to health issues she had tendered her resignation with immediate effect. He would send a letter of thanks for her involvement with the Community Council over the past few years.

1723. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1724. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April, 2013.

Approved.

1725. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1721(i) The Secretary informed Members that he had requested Swansea Council Highways Department replace both the Waungron and black/white chevron sign from the junction at Allt-y-graban Road. He had sent two emails, however, had not received a response to either.

It was suggested that the Secretary contacts One Voice Wales and the Officer responsible for the Charter at Swansea Council to demonstrate the continued lack of response to communications.

Minute 1721(ii) The Secretary informed Members that he had made enquiries and that the responsibility for Rhydgoch Cemetery was that of Swansea Council. He had spoken to the Cemetery Manager at Swansea regarding the poor state of the toilets who had assured him that he would inform the Cemetery Supervisor responsible at Rhydgoch for it to be cleaned up.

Mr. W.B. Davies reported that he had been at the cemetery again recently and the toilets were still in a poor state. It was agreed to continue to monitor the problem and report back any further issues.

1726. Local Members Report.

The Secretary informed Members that Councillor D. Cole and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice would be alternating in attendance at the monthly meetings in future in order to share the workload. Councillor Mrs. J. was due to attend this evening, however, provided her apologies at the last minute.

1727. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None present.

1728. Planning Applications.

None.

1729. Approval of the Community Council accounts for 2012/13.

Approved.

1730. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following items:

i) He had received a late letter from the West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse requesting financial assistance which was read out to Members.

Resolved: To note the application.

ii) He asked Members whether there was any expression of interests in attending the training courses being delivered by One Voice Wales in relation to the Allotments/Community Gardens initiative that he had circulated via email a few days previous. Mr. J. John said he would like to attend the event in Ammanford at a cost of £10.

The events provide an overview of the different models available and hear examples from other Community/Town Councils who have already benefited from the creation of such schemes.

Resolved: That the Secretary would book a place for Mr. John with OVW to attend the event on 14th May.

1731. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.

i) Mr. W.B. Davies reported to Members that there was a problem with dogs running off leads around the park, fouling and dog bins not being emptied often enough. He had reported this to Swansea Council who had made arrangements to meet with him at the park in the next few days.

Resolved: It was agreed that Mr. Davies would report back to Members following his meeting.

ii) Mr. J. John informed Members that he had been made aware recently that Loughor Town Council make presentations of plates or plaques to those in their ward who give

good service to the community. He suggested that the Community Council consider doing something similar.