

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on

Tuesday, 8th January, 2013

Present:

Mr. L. Jones, Chairman

Mr. M. Jones

Mr. W.B. Davies

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. B. Williams

Mrs. S. Morgan

Mr. W.D. Merriman

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice

Councillor D. Cole

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

No members of the public present

1677. Election of Chairperson for the meeting.

The Secretary asked for nominations to chair the meeting given the absence of both Mr. J. John and Mrs. C. Knox (Chair and Vice).

Resolved: Mr. L. Jones was elected as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

1678. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Knox, Mr. J. John, Mr. H. Bates. Mrs. T. Rees as absent.

1679. Disclosures of personal interest.

Mr. M. Jones declared an interest in Agenda item no. 8: Planning Applications.

1680. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December, 2012.

Approved.

1681. Matters arising from the minutes.

None.

1682. Local Members Report.

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

i) The additional footpaths nominated by Members previously for re-surfacing have all now been assessed for repair. Only Coalbrook Road and Tyrisha Avenue have been deemed as 'poor' with the other deemed as 'average'. Coalbrook will be resurfaced during the coming financial year as it is a main footpath, however, Tyrisha will be added to a future works list.

ii) Parking on Coalbrook Road remains a problem with more complaints being received. Councillor Cole mentioned that he had met with local Police/Community Officers who agreed to drop leaflets to houses on Coalbrook advising of the "do's and don'ts" of parking. The leaflet describes the difficulties for wheelchair users/buggies and pedestrians.

1683. Gypsy/Travellers site in Swansea.

Members discussed Mr. D. Merriman's letter and agreed how unsuitable such a site would be in Gorseinon.

Mr. Merriman informed Members how disappointed he was that two of the shortlisted sites were in the Gorseinon area with none shortlisted in the more affluent areas of Swansea.

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice informed Members Swansea Council were looking for two sites; one permanent and one temporary. The final decision would be made by Members of Swansea Council.

Councillor Mrs. Curtice explained that Gorseinon Town Council were holding a public meeting to allow residents the opportunity to express their views on the consultation exercise currently being undertaken by Swansea Council.

Members felt that the Community Council should also look to hold a public meeting in a similar vein to obtain the view of residents.

It was suggested that prior to any public meeting it would be worth meeting with officers at Swansea Council to understand the facts and reasoning for the selection of the five sites to be able to explain this to the public.

Resolved: i) That the Secretary would arrange a meeting with Emyr Jones at Swansea Council. To attend would be Mr. J. John, Chairman, Mrs. S. Morgan Planning Officer and himself as Secretary. Both of the local Members would be invited to attend if available; ii) A public meeting would be held during February.

1684. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None.

Mr. M. Jones declared an interest and left the room whilst the following item was discussed.

1685. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

Mrs. S. Morgan informed Members that one planning application had been received:

i) Dolgoed Farm, Box Road, Grovesend, Swansea, for the installation of solar panels on the roof of an agricultural barn.

Resolved: No objections.

1686. Application for financial assistance from Urdd Gobaith Cymru.

A letter requesting financial assistance from Urdd Gobiath Cymru was discussed.

Resolved: To note the application.

1687. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following matters:

i) An invoice had been received from Swansea Council for £110 as the Community Council's contribution towards the elections in May, 2012. Even though there were no formal Community Council elections, the Secretary explained that the invoice was for the administration for advertising the election and processing of nomination papers.

ii) A late letter requesting financial assistance was read out from Pontarddulais Community Car Scheme.

Resolved: That the matter be deferred for the Secretary to make enquiries with those involved with the scheme as to how many users from Grovesend benefited from the service.

1688. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.

i) Mr. B. Williams asked the Chairman whether the Secretary could obtain an up-to-date drain cleaning schedule. As a result of the recent heavy rain for the area there has been a substantial amount of flooding in the Waungron area.

Resolved: i) That the Secretary ask the Highways Section for an up-to-date drain cleaning schedule; ii) The Secretary asks an Officer from the Highways Section to visit the area to assess as to why there continues to be a problem of flooding.

ii) Mr. L. Jones informed Members that Mrs. S. Loydon, Headteacher of Pengelli Primary School, has accepted a period of secondment to the LEA to assist with school inspections. The secondment was expected to last for 12 months. In the absence of Mrs. Loydon, the current Deputy Headteacher will assume the position of acting Headteacher.