

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th April 2017

Present: Mr W D Merriman, Vice Chairman
Mr W B Davies
Mr L Jones
Mrs S Morgan
Mr J John
Mr D Gwynn
Councillor D Cole
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (Secretary)

Mr Andrew Stevens (Public Attendance)
Mrs Rebecca Stevens (Public Attendance)
Mr Barry Moon (Public Attendance)
Susanne Darra (Public Attendance)
Mr Peter Williams (Public Attendance)

2179. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Williams, Mr A Hamilton, Mr M Jones and Councillor J Curtice.

2180. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2181. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2017

Approved

2182. Matters arising from the minutes

2172 (2163(i)) Mr B Moon asked if there was a telephone number for any issues with lighting as there was 3 lampposts currently out of use on Coalbrook Road. Mr L Jones also mentioned that there was also 2 opposite Priory Stables that had been taken away because they were rusted. This was a Health and Safety issue. **Resolved:** Councillor D Cole to investigate as no response received to date.

Resolved: Councillor D Cole to chase up a response and get the numbers of the lampposts from Mr B Moon.

2173 (viii) She had received the latest crime figures for the months December 16 to February 17.

Further concerns were raised regarding the issue of mopeds/motorbikes driving around the village in the early hours looking into cars. This has been reported to the police.

2183. Local Members Report

Councillor D Cole reported on the following: -

- (i) Minute 2151 (2139) (2122(ii)) Overgrown trees through Waungron. He had received feedback from Mr Locke that he was happy with the work that had been carried out by Western Power and the arborist.
- (ii) He advised that the speed indicators sign prior to Waungron on Pentre Road is now working effectively.
- (iii) He reported that there were currently some job vacancies available as Local Area Coordinators in the Uplands/Brynmill area that would involve working with vulnerable adults.
- (iv) He provided an update on the bike path extension from SUSTRANS and advised that Kingsbridge would be completed first followed by Pontarddulais. The rutted area already identified had not been done at present.
Resolved: Councillor D Cole to chase up.
- (v) He mentioned that he had met with the current occupiers of 152 Coalbrook Road (attending the meeting) to hear of their plans / opportunities for their premises. This will be covered in ten-minute public questions.

In Councillor J Curtice's absence Mr M Merriman reported on the following: -

- (vi) City Deal bringing 1.3 billion signed, this is great news for the City Bay Region.
- (vii) Outline planning will be submitted shortly for St. David's site.
- (viii) 3G pitch imminent for Penyrheol School/Leisure Centre.
- (ix) Community meal 6th April at St Catherine's Church - all welcome.
- (x) Communication ongoing with police, highways and Rebecca Evans regarding speeding issues in Grovesend/Waungron.
- (xi) Still looking promising for the Swansea Lagoon.
- (xii) Dropped kerbs to be installed at Box Road new layout.

2184. Ten-minute Public Questions

Mr Peter Williams and Susanne Darra of 152 Coalbrook Road thanked everyone for welcoming them at the meeting and explained the purpose for them attending. They explained that they previously lived in Kingsbridge but wanted to retire to somewhere with a bit of land with it and found this property in Grovesend. Since moving here they have explored various options of what they could do with the space. Their latest idea is to have a cul-de-sac of bungalows and are currently having discussions with the planning department. Members advised the couple of the potential problems that could go against their idea including issues with sewerage, storm water, green belt and the access into the entrance as it is currently on the bend into Grovesend. They advised Peter and Susanne to contact Mr Andrew Ferguson in the Planning Department of City and County of Swansea and wished them well with whatever they decide to do.

2185. Planning Applications

None

2186. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) She had received the application from Cariad for the provision of 3 defibrillators to be placed in Grovesend and Waungron. Funding towards these will come from the Big Lottery Fund if the application is approved.

Resolved: Secretary to complete the application on behalf of the Community Council.

(ii) She had received letters from Martin Jones, Chief Superintendent; Mark Thomas, Group Leader Traffic and Highway Network Management and Rebecca Evans AM in response to the issues relating to speeding issues report. Members felt that the response received from Mark Thomas was not helpful and did not provide accurate information.

Resolved: Secretary to write to Mark Thomas expressing our feedback and to Byron Davies expressing our concerns regarding the letter received from the Highways Department.

(iii) She relayed back to Members an email she had received from Mr J Burge expressing his thanks for the card and cheque and that he was most grateful.

(iv) She relayed back to Members an email she had received from Mr B Williams' wife confirming that he wasn't likely to stand as a candidate for the next year and that he is still recovering from his operation.

Resolved: Secretary to write to Mr B Williams to thank him for his many years of service and to wish him a speedy recovery.

(v) She had received an invite for the Chair to attend the Gorseinon Town Mayors Annual Community Awards Dinner 2017 on 28 April.

Resolved: Due to the Chair not been well to attend it was agreed that the Secretary would attend on behalf of Grovesend and Waungron Community Council.

(vi) She had received a letter from Jim Dunckley addressed to the Chair regarding the No 16 Bus Service. However, this was not addressed to the Council at this present time due to the elections.

(vii) She presented to the Members the plans of where the wildflowers were going to be planted this year.

(viii) She informed Members of when the precept payments will be made for this financial year 2017/2018. These are as follows: -

On or before 28/04/17 £2000.00

On or before 31/08/17 £2000.00

On or before 29/12/17 £2000.00

(ix) She had received an email for financial support from West Street Gymnastics Centre to help with costs of travelling, training, entry, etc. for all the volunteers who will be going to the British Finals in May 2017. This was noted by the Members.

(x) She had received an invoice for the sum on £198.30 from the Wales Audit Office for payment in relation to the audit of accounts for 2015/16.

Resolved: To pay the invoice

(xi) She had received an invoice for the sum of £45.00 for the renewal invitation for Open Spaces Society.

Resolved: Members agreed to support this for a further year. To pay the invoice.

(xii) She had received the notice of the annual audit of account for the year ending 31 March 2017 and informed Members that the audit date that has been selected is 13 June 2017. All documents including the annual return needs to be submitted by this date. Members agreed to employ Mr Roger Wilde to become the internal auditor.

Resolved: Secretary to formally write to Mr Roger Wilde regarding his role and expectation of becoming the internal auditor for Grovesend and Waungron Community Council.

2187. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair

None