

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd April 2018

Present: Mr W D Merriman, Chairman
Mr W B Davies
Mr B Moon
Mr D Gwynn
Mr D Cole
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)

2306. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Hamilton, Mr L Jones, Mrs S Morgan, Mr M Jones, Mrs H Talaat, Councillor A Stevens and Councillor J Curtice.

2307. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2308. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2018

Approved

2309. Matters arising from the minutes

2295 (2285) (2274) Further Update: Councillor A Stevens sent an email to the Secretary to clarify the above. The email stated the following - There had been police presence, and we stated just that, it was Cllr Davies that said otherwise. Just because some members may not have seen them that does not mean that they were not there at all. I emailed PCSO Picton this morning and I have also copied her in on this email. I have asked if the next time they patrol Grovesend could they post a social media update if possible.

A police presence had been seen by a resident(s) living near High St, in addition to the follow up information we were given at our last Town Council meeting and we subsequently reported onto the community council.

Hope this is ok Megan, perhaps you can bring some clarity to this situation.

Decision: This was noted by Members.

Further Action: Secretary to send an email to PCSO Picton providing her with a list of all Community Councillors and asking if she could inform us of when they will next be in the village to monitor the speed of the vehicles travelling through.

Further Action: Secretary to email Councillor A Stevens to ask if he has any further updates.

2295 (2290) (i) Action: Application for defibrillator funding - Secretary to put together an appeal with Members input and resend to National Lottery Fund. **Further Action:** Secretary to chase up Cariad and forward the application to Mrs H Talaat for further input.

Further Action: To chase up a response

2295 (2291) (ii) Mr D Gwynn informed Members that there was a piece of road off Pentre Road at Waungron (in front of 112/114 Pentre Road) that is becoming difficult to drive over and is becoming a danger. The Council have in the past filled up a few holes with tar-mac but this has now deteriorated.

Further Action: To chase up the complaint

Further Action: Mr D Cole and Mr D Merriman to take photographs of the potholes that needs repairing.

2295 (2291) (iii) Mr D Gwynn expressed concern about the land between Pentre Road and the main Road in Grovesend that is owned by the Welsh Government and that there a quite a few overgrown trees. He has been approached by residents in Waungron to express their concern that the trees will blow down or the branches will break.

Further Action: Secretary to chase up the Estates Department.

2298. Local Members Report (iii) He informed Members that the BT phone box at the bottom of New Road had been smashed. **Action:** Mr D Merriman to report this to BT.

Further update: It was decided that instead of informing BT the Councillors would clear up the glass that was left around the phone box.

2310. Election of Chair

Decision: Due to no nominations received, Mr David Merriman was re-elected as Chair for the 2018/19 year ahead.

2311. Election of Vice-Chair

Decision: Due to no nominations received, Mr David Gwynn was re-elected Vice-Chair for the 2018/19 year ahead.

2312. Local Members Report

(i) In the absence of Councillor A Stevens and Councillor J Curtice the Secretary informed Members that the traffic calming bid had been submitted for Gorseinon through to Waungron and they were hoping to hear something back by the end of April/beginning of May.

(ii) She advised Members that both Councillor A Stevens and Councillor J Curtice would be attending the Easter fundraising event.

(iii) She mentioned that Gorseinon Community Council had been shortlisted for 2 categories namely Best Community Engagement for 'Food with Friends' and Best Youth Engagement for the skate park, at the Innovation Practice Annual Awards Ceremony 2018.

(iv) Mr D Cole attended a Friends of the Park meeting on 28 March to discuss the upcoming Easter event taking place on 7 April 2018. He said that the meeting was very enthusiastic with lots of ideas being presented. A risk assessment of the park was going to be carried out and members of the Friends of the Park would be stationed around the park on the day. He felt that the event was being very well organised and should be a very nice day.

2313. Ten-minute Public Questions

Mr W B Davies informed Members that he had been approached by a member of the public of their fears of vandalism if the memorial plaques were to be removed from the Miners Welfare Hall and put on display around the area by the park as previously discussed.

Action: To be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

2314. Planning Applications

2018/0670/FUL – 13 New Road, Grovesend

First floor rear extension

Resolved: No objection

The Secretary left the room whilst this application was discussed.

2018/0679/FUL – Long Oaks, Box Road

Detached garage

Resolved: No objection

2315. Health and Safety

Nothing to report

2316. Steps and handrail for access to park

Mr W B Davies mentioned issues regarding works around the village that had still not been completed. These included: -

- (i) Sharps still appearing on the gabion wall
- (ii) Dropped kerb still hasn't been done
- (iii) Bench is still missing
- (iv) Handrail still hasn't been replaced

Some of these areas will become a health and safety issue if they are not addressed.

Action: Mr D Cole to speak to Geoff Green regarding our concerns.

Action: To include the issues awaiting resolution as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

2317. Friends of the Park

Mr D Merriman asked for an update regarding what has been happening with Friends of the Park. Mr D Cole stated that lots of ideas have been discussed and that they will be starting the process to apply for grants in the near future.

Action: Mr D Merriman to get a map of the park and area map of Grovesend and Waungron.

2318. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

- (i) She had received a letter from Age Cymru Swansea Bay requesting financial support.

Decision: This was noted by Members.

(ii) She had received an invite to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM from One Voice Wales.

Decision: This was noted by the Members.

(iii) Further to an email received from Head of Democratic Services regarding City and County of Swansea appointing a Data Protection Officer they concluded that they are not in a position to act as the DPO for each Community Council and suggested further advice is sought from One Voice Wales.

Action: Secretary to contact One Voice Wales for further guidance.

(iv) She had received some information to be included in the next newsletter and will put together a draft ready for the next meeting. She asked whether the Council would be willing to pay for the printing of the newsletters. She had received a quote for £150.00 for a 1000 A4 double sided.

Decision: Members agreed to cover these costs but for a reduced amount of 600 copies.

Action: Secretary to provide a draft for the next meeting.

2319. Community Walk / Summer Fayre

The Secretary provided the Members with a plan for a Community Walk / Summer Fayre. Members were supportive of the event but advised to contact the trustees and the club to hold the event in the car park.

Action: Secretary to contact the club and the trustees to request permission for the event to be held in the car park.

2320. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

None

2321. Date of next meeting