

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Present: Mr D Gwynn (Vice Chairperson)
Mr W B Davies
Mr B Moon
Mr D Cole
Mr A Hamilton
Mr M Jones
Mr L Jones
Mrs H Talaat
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)

2446. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W D Merriman, Mrs S Morgan, Mrs C Knox, Councillor A Stevens and Councillor J Curtice.

2447. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2448. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2019

Approved

2449. Matters arising from the minutes

2436 (2425) (2413) (2400) (2387) (2361) (2350) (2338) (2330) It was brought to the attention of the Council that a caravan had been placed on Plas Road. This was an enforcement issue. Update: Secretary informed Members that she had spoken to Ryan Thomas for an update and he confirmed that this is still ongoing. He advised that this is a difficult case as normally homeowners are allowed a caravan on their property if, for example it's like an overflow; however, if it is because they are renting out their home and living in the caravan it then becomes an enforcement issue. **Further Update:** Ongoing **2436 (2425) (2413) (2400) (2387) (2374) (2361) (2356)** (iii) Mr M Jones mentioned that there was a number of artic lorries going down Box Road and was becoming a concern as it goes to a single-track road. Further Update: Councillor Andrew Stevens suggested contacting the residents on Box Road to see how much of a concern it was and report back. **Further Update:** Contacted Councillor A Stevens to advise that because the artic lorries can go down Box Road this will not have a direct impact on the terraced houses (no 1 to 21). The only residents it is affecting is: - Long Oaks Box Road - the sat nav is sending all kinds of vehicles up the drive causing a nuisance. Dolgoed Farm - There wall has already been knocked down 3 times so far with vehicles trying to turn around. Grove Farm - Nuisance sending vehicles down Box Road - having to turn around in the farm.
2436 (2425) (2413) (2400) (2387) (2374) (2362) Action: Councillor J Curtice

to invite PCSO to attend a Community Council meeting. Update: Councillor J Curtice will invite them again. Further Update: Tom O'Neil will be taking over from Sergeant Phil Morris so she will invite him to attend the next meeting. **Update:** Secretary emailed Tom O'Neil to invite him to attend the next meeting.

2436 (2425) (2413) (2400) (2387) (2374) (2367) The issue regarding flooding in Waungron is becoming more apparent especially as the Winter is coming. Further Action: Secretary to write a letter to Rebecca Evans and copy Mike and Nigel in. **Update:** Secretary received a letter from Office of Rebecca Evans AM advising that she had received a response from Councillor Mark Thomas, Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure confirming the next steps namely assessing the recommendations in the report to see what options are feasible, and to ascertain the costs involved. **Further Update:** Secretary to write a letter to Mike Sweeney to see if a timescale can be put onto the works required and if no outcome then to contact Tonia Antoniazzi MP.

2436 (2425) (2413) (2408) (i) It was brought to the Council's attention that there is a man who is continually working on a number of cars which are parked on Plas Road and who may be repairing them as a business. This is an enforcement issue. **Further Update:** Secretary received a response from Alison McTaggart, Enforcement Officer who advised that a diary would have to be given to the complainant to complete when the work is witnessed going on as when they have visited the site, they have not seen any activity of any works going on. **Action:** Secretary to write back to Alison McTaggart to confirm that if the issue arises in the future then they are fully aware that we have reported it previously.

2436 (2425) (2414) A discussion took place regarding the Community Speed Watch Scheme. Action: Mr W D Merriman, Mr D Cole and Mrs H Talaat (on behalf of Pengelli Primary School) have agreed to take part in this scheme and have been given an application form to complete. **Action:** Councillor Jan Curtice to contact the police to find out how many collisions there has been in Grovesend and Waungron over the last 3 years. **Further Update:** Secretary issued the forms once again and told Members that the completed forms would need to be sent to Tom O'Neale as ID docs have to be checked against application prior to submission to SWP Vetting unit at SWP HQ. **Action:** Secretary to submit a Freedom of Information request to South Wales Police and Swansea Council to ask for the number of collisions.

2436 (2429) (vii) She had received a quotation from Michael Owens regarding the completion of works at the Miners Welfare Hall following the excavation of the trees. Decision: Members agreed to pay £1300 towards to costs following their previous commitment of spending £2500. Decision: Members agreed to put this on hold until an alternative suggestion is provided. **Update:** A further email was received to advise that the second phase of the project was taking place over the next couple of weeks. Members agreed to pay the remaining £1300 towards these costs.

2441. Policy for funding requests - A discussion took place as to what Members wanted to include in the policy. **Action:** Secretary to draft a policy for approval at the next meeting.

2442 (i) She had received an email from the Parks services confirming that cutting back the branches had been completed in Waungron on the B4296. They did state that there were some dead elm trees that still require felling but require Western Power to switch off their lines. **Action:** Secretary to find out when this work will be completed. **Update:** Ongoing

2442 (v) She provided Members with a copy of the finalised Annual Report in respect of 2019/2020. Determination 40 states that 'All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses. **Action:** Secretary to get some guidance on what to do if Members do not wish to accept this payment.

Update: She informed Members that the money would be provided to every Member at the end of the financial year and that the only way they would not receive this payment is if they email the Secretary to inform her that they do not wish to receive this payment. The Secretary also advised Members that the payment would be taxable.

2442 (x) She informed Members that the lights on Box Road were still out and the Council have been unable to contact the landowners about cutting back the overgrown trees so that Western Power are able to carry out the works required. **Action:** Secretary to continue to chase this up. **Update:** Ongoing

2444 (iii) Mrs S Jones informed Members that motorbikes were constantly using the cycle track between Grovesend and Gorseinon and were becoming a concern. **Action:** Secretary to report this issue to the police. **Update:** Secretary received a response from PC Allen advising that he would forward our concerns directly to the Deputy Sergeant; however, there is issues with resources. He has requested that we respond with specific details including dates, times, etc. She also received a reply from PCSO Leah Rainey who advised that if a person is caught, they could serve them with a Section 59.

2450. Local Members Report

In Councillor J Curtice and Councillor A Stevens absence the Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) Update on a small gate being installed at the side of the double gates to allow members of the public to access the park on Box Road rather than walking all the way round. This is currently on hold due to illness in the Department.

(ii) The handrail has been installed by the steps on the right-hand side for safety reasons. This will be painted in black to match the other equipment already in place.

2451. Ten-minute Public Questions

None

2452. Planning Applications

Application No. 2019/0621/NMA

152 Coalbrook Road Grovesend Swansea SA4 4GP

Non-material amendment to planning permission 2016/3450/FUL granted 17th July 2017 to remove the rear balcony, convert existing garage, increase width of proposed side garage, increase length of two storey extension and change window frame colours

Recommendation: No Objection

2453. Ward Litter Pick

Councillor Dai Cole will liaise with Pengelli Primary School to organise and plan a day of litter picking.

2454. Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) She had received a letter from Miss Summer Painter, Station Road, Grovesend requesting financial support to represent Wales as a gymnast in Perth, Scotland on 5/6 April and at the Albershausen Cup in Germany from 25-28 April 2019.

Resolved: Members agreed to support this opportunity by granting £100 towards the trip. Secretary to write a letter back to Summer Painter and to wish her well on her forthcoming trip.

(ii) She had received a letter from Simon Green, Chair of Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People requesting any help with fundraising. This was noted by Members.

(iii) She had received a formal invitation from Seafarers UK to support their campaign to raise awareness of the UK's ongoing dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers. This was noted by Members.

(iv) 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. Secretary to pay the invoice.

2455. Health and Safety

Nothing to report

2456. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

(i) Mr M Jones informed Members that Friends of the Park were organising an Easter Egg Hunt on 13 April 2019 at Golden Grove park and would include raffles and stall games.

(ii) Mr M Jones provided Members with a copy of initial plan of what Grovesend Play Area could look like. This would cost in total £74991.90 to build.

(iii) It was brought our attention that the RDP does not include Grovesend.

(iv) Mr B Moon mentioned that the road outside number 59 Coalbrook Road

was in a bad state and needed to be repaired. **Action:** Secretary to contact Highways Department.

(v) Mr D Gwynn stated that the pavements throughout Waungron were a Health and Safety issue due to the overgrown hedges on both sides of the road.

Action: Secretary to contact Swansea Council.

(vi) He informed Members that the post box had been stolen from Waungron.

2457. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2019. The AGM will take place at 7:00 p.m. followed by the monthly meeting. She reminded Members that at the AGM meeting we will consider re-electing of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions.