

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron  
Community Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014**

**Present:** Mrs. C. Knox, Chair  
Mr. B. Williams  
Mr. W.B. Davies  
Mr. J. John  
Mr. D. Merriman  
Mr. L. Jones  
Mr. P.A. Hamilton  
Councillor D. Cole  
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

**1900. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Morgan, Mr. H. Bates, Mrs. T. Morgan, Mr. M. Jones and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

**1901. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

**1902. Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014.**

Approved.

**1903. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Minute 1892 (1880 1871) Daffodil Bulbs: Mrs. C. Knox advised Members that all daffodils had now been planted and thanked those involved for their help.

Minute 1892 (1880 1873) Hedges through Waungron: The Secretary reported that he had made further enquires with Swansea Council regarding the cutting height of the hedges and no further information was available other than confirmation that the cutting height was one-meter, either vertical or horizontal, is made to hedges that are directly adjacent to the road. The operator has discretion to make additional passes or cut higher than the one-meter when and where he feels there is a danger to road users.

Minute 1894 Vandalised telephone box in Waungron: Mr. B. Williams informed Members that the telephone box had been repaired by BT engineers in the past few days.

Minute 1895 Youth Club: The Secretary provided Members with an update following a conversation he had with Mrs. T. Morgan earlier that day. Mrs. Morgan had not been able to visit the youth club in Gorseinon and will make the arrangements shortly. Mr. D. Merriman advised that he had checked the insurance arrangements for use of the welfare hall and had received

confirmation that the general public liability insurance the Trustees had in place was sufficient.

Minute 1897 Wild Flower Planting: Members had a further discussion regarding the planting of wild flowers around the village for 2015 and agreed to include the Box Road/Pentre Road grassed area as part of the planting sites. Following a conversation about the hanging basket scheme, Members agreed to move the flower planter from the Frampton Road/Coalbrook Road site to the square by High Street/Station Road and put wild flowers at the site in its place.

#### **1904. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) The NEAT Team had been in the area recently and had cleared some of the pavements on Coalbrook Road;
- (ii) Further fly tipping had taken place at the end of Station Road;
- (iii) Off road biking on the former Valeo site continues to be a problem. Local Police continue to monitor the situation;
- (iv) The drainage team from Swansea Council had been to the Waungron recently to assess the area and had located a problem with the drainage. Mr. B. Williams reported that it was his belief that one of the watercourses that runs through Waungron had been purposefully altered which was causing flooding problems;
- (v) He had recently completed an audit on the numbers and locations of all the grit bins in the Grovesend/Waungron and Penyrheol area;
- (vi) Swansea Council were progressing to the next consultation stage of the LDP. Only one application remained in the Grovesend area: PY012 at Tyrisha Farm for 45 houses.

#### **1905. Planning Applications.**

The Secretary advised Members that in her absence he had received one planning application from Mrs. S. Morgan, from Mr. A. Williams, Castell Ddu Farm, Waungron for retrospective planning permission for Agricultural Sheds.

**Resolved:** No objection.

#### **1906. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None present.

#### **1907. Application for financial assistance from Marie Curie Cancer Care.**

Members discussed a letter requesting financial assistance from Marie Curie which had been circulated with the agenda packs. Following a discussion it was agreed to note the application.

### **1908. Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported that he had received a late letter requesting financial assistance from Pengelli AFC. He informed Members that a balance sheet had been provided with the letter which detailed an annual expenditure of £4367.74 and income of £4662.50 and a banked reserve of £793.90.

Members were pleased to have finally received a balance sheet and were reminded that a recent application from the junior section of the club was deferred pending this information. Members were also informed that currently the club had four playing teams (senior, reserves, women's and under 16s).

**Resolved:** Members agreed to make a financial contribution of £300 to benefit all four teams.

### **1909. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.**

- (i) Mr. W.B. Davies advised Members that he had recently spoken to the Parks Department at Swansea Council regarding benches and picnic tables at the Park. As part of a joint venture the Parks Department agreed that if the Community Council bought the benches or picnic tables they would be willing to install them free of charge.

Prices quoted by Swansea from the suppliers they used were: £250 for a recycled moulded park bench and £345 for a recycled picnic table.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to purchase two benches and two picnic tables with the intention of reviewing their success next year and the possibility of purchasing more items. It was also agreed to relocate the litter bin from the main road to the site of the benches.

- (ii) Mr. B. Williams informed Members that he had received a further complaint regarding the smell emanating from Ty Siriol Pig Farm, Waungron. Mr. Williams had advised those complaining that a licence to operate from the site was in place and that complaints should be directed towards trading standards.
- (iii) Mrs. C. Knox expressed her disappointment at the poor turnout at the recent remembrance service. There were no children from the school present, no bugler and no music. It was recommended that next years' service be held in the Church.

### **Issues awaiting resolution**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Key dates</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action required by</b>
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Originally requested several years ago.</li><li>• Followed-up: August, 2013</li><li>• Followed-up: October, 2013</li><li>• Site meeting in December, 2013 with Ward Members and Jeff Green</li><li>• January, 2014 local Cllrs meeting with Jeff Green</li><li>• May, 2014 funding rejected for 2014/15.</li><li>• June, 2014 funding possible for 2015/16.</li></ul>	Welsh Government advised that funding via Safe Routes to School was likely to be made available during 2015/16.	Welsh Government; Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green).