

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron  
Community Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Present:** Mr B Williams, Chairman  
Mr W B Davies  
Mr M Jones  
Mr A Hamilton  
Mr W D Merriman  
Mr D Gwynne  
Councillor D. Cole  
Mr J I Burge (Secretary)  
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (New Secretary)

Mrs Helen Talaat (Public Attendance)

**2136. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Morgan, Mr L Jones and Councillor J Curtice.

Mr J John was absent.

**2137. Disclosures of personal interest**

Mr D Merriman declared an interest in item 9 (Application for financial assistance from Pengelli Sports and Social Club) and would leave the room prior to discussion.

**2138. Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

Approved

**2139. Matters arising from the minutes**

Minute 2122(ii): Overgrown trees through Waungron. Mr B Williams informed Members that the trees through Waungron had still not been cut back so were blocking out the streetlights.

**Resolved:** Councillor D Cole will progress through the owners/arborist and Western Power.

Minute 2122(iii): Waungron bus shelter overgrown. Mr B Williams informed Members that the overgrowth surrounding the bus shelter in Waungron had still not been cut back.

Minute 2128: Co-option of Community Councillors. Further to the minute stating that there were currently still two vacancies the secretary advised Members that following a letter received from City and County of Swansea in regards to next year's Local Government Elections for Grovesend and Waungron Community Council, to be held on 4 May 2017 the current vacancies are to remain vacant.

The secretary also advised the Members of key dates for local elections as follows: -

Delivery of nomination papers	up to 4 p.m. on 4 April
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	4 p.m. on 4 April
Publication of notice of poll	25 April
Polling day	4 May

**Resolved:** That the secretary would remind Members of key dates over the coming months.

Minute 2133: Christmas – Donation to Pengelli Primary School for selection boxes.

**Resolved:** Members agreed a donation of £150.00 for selection boxes for the children of Pengelli Primary School.

Minute 2134(iii): Model Code of Conduct - for every Community/Town and County Council to adopt a revised Code of Conduct. Both Mr W B Davies and Mr D Merriman expressed their concerns at the way the wording of the published Penyrheol Matters Autumn 2016 Swansea Labour leaflet was written and would like to raise discord with Councillor J Curtice as they felt that the way it read did not reflect the way that the community council and the school had worked towards the projects.

**Resolved:** To add as an agenda item for next month's meeting.

Minute 2135: Work undertaken to revert Box Road back to part two-way. Following the concerns that Mr A Hamilton had raised both Councillor D Cole and Mr J Burge had contacted the Traffic Section and Highways Department who explained that Gabion walling is on stop awaiting arrival of some "half boxes" to compensate for level differences and allow for a half row at one end of the wall. Any voids in the wall will be filled. Mr W B Davies explained that the cable ties were very sharp and sticking out and would be dangerous for a child. It was also mentioned that the seat had disappeared and the road markings were still down and needed to be removed. Mr A Hamilton informed the Members that a couple of people had raised their concerns that there wasn't any drop curbs at the new crossing on High Street and was difficult for disabled or people with prams to cross easily.

**Resolved:** Councillor D Cole will visit Howell Thomas, Highways Department to report back further concerns regarding the gabion baskets and will contact Jeff Green, Transportation Department to discuss the crossing.

## **2140. Local Members Report**

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) He advised that the bicycle path between Grovesend and Gorseinon had been cleared of all leaves and detritus and that the areas with

- damaged roots had been identified and reported to the Council.
- (ii) He mentioned that the work on the gully and drains at Bantwen had been completed.
  - (iii) The non return valves outside of 116 Pentre Road had also been completed.
  - (iv) He informed the members that he was Chair of the Tree Preservation Order Scrutiny and one outcome is to prepare an emerging tree policy with Swansea City Council.
  - (v) He also brought to the attention of a leaflet containing misleading information that had been given to some members of the community regarding Tyrisha Farm and the proposal of a housing development site. This was discussed between the Members.

#### **2141. Ten-minute Public Questions**

Mrs H Talaat gave out a centenary mug to all members and informed them of an Estyn Inspection in the school on 9 January 2017. Members thanked her for the mugs and wished Pengelli Primary School all the best for the forthcoming inspection.

#### **2142. Planning Applications**

The Secretary informed Members that a planning application had been received from the following: -

Mr S Martino, 1 Clos Brynlliw, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 8DF for a proposed rear single storey kitchen extension.

**Resolved:** No objection

Mr D Emms, 206 Pentre Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 8DD to knock down part of existing single story building at the back of the house, build a new, wider double story extension to the same width as the house.

**Resolved:** No objection

Mr Williams, 152 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GP for extensions and alterations

**Resolved:** No objection

#### **2143. Relocation of War Memorial plaques**

Mr W B Davies proposed to relocate the war memorial plaques from the welfare hall to somewhere more appropriate where people could visit. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to relocate them near to the park where the recent works had been carried out.

**Resolved:** Mr A Hamilton to ask masonry for advice and get some quotes on the costs involved.

#### **2144. Application for financial assistance from Pengelli Sports and Social Club**

At this point Mr D Merriman left the room as he had previously declared an

interest in this item. The Secretary read out an email received from the trustees of the Miners Welfare Hall for a financial contribution towards decorating the hall.

The Secretary also pointed out that she had also received an email from Bryn Lliw Bar and Restaurant requesting any financial help towards a children's Christmas party.

**Resolved:** Following a discussion it was agreed to support both with a £100.00 donation each as they were requesting help for different things.

#### **2145. Community Council Precept 2017/18**

The Secretary informed Members that he had received correspondence from the Finance Department of Swansea Council enquiring as to the precept of the Community Council for the forthcoming 2017/18 financial year. He reminded Members that the precept had been maintained at £5000 for the past few years and also mentioned that following the recent audit the feedback given was that the estimated budget needed to more detailed on what is expected to spend. Therefore the Members agreed the following estimated spend for 2017/18:-

S137 donations - £600

Grass cutting contract - £650

Wild Flower Seeds (2018 – payment in advance) - £250

Hanging Basket Scheme (2018 – payment in advance) - £1500

Miners Welfare Trustees Heating & Lighting - £250

OVW Subscriptions - £50

Open Spaces Society Subscriptions - £50

Secretary's salary/expenses - £1400

Audit Fees - £250

Public Liability Insurance renewal - £250

Contribution to village enhancements including new bench - £1000

**Total estimated expenditure - £6350**

**Resolved:** To set the 2017/18 precept at £6000

#### **2146. Secretary's Report**

Nothing further to report

#### **2147. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair**

(i) Mr W B Davies mentioned that he had had a conversation with Ian Anderson from the Chapel and was wondering if they could received any financial assistance towards the yearly pantomime.

**Resolved:** He would need to put his request in writing for a decision to be made.

(ii) Mr A Hamilton informed the Members that he had disposed of the Christmas tree that was planted last year and suggested that they put a replacement tree for this year and then plant a smaller one in the New Year to

allow it to grow.

**Resolved:** All agreed

(iii) Mr D Gwynn informed the Members that Lloyds Bank in Pontardulais was to close on 9 March 2017 and was asking if it was of any merit for the Community Council to join the campaign to keep Lloyds Bank. Members discussed this and agreed to support the campaign as there were no other banks in Pontardulais.

**Resolved:** The Secretary would contact Byron Davies to support the campaign and write a letter to Lloyds Bank.

(iv) Mr B Williams mentioned that there was still a problem with the drainage on Castell Ddu Road, Waungron.

**Resolved:** Councillor D Cole will speak to Mike Sweeney.