

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th December 2018**

Present: Mr D Gwynn
Mr W B Davies
Mr B Moon
Mr D Cole
Mr M Jones
Mr A Hamilton
Mrs H Talaat
Mrs S Morgan
Mr L Jones
Councillor J Curtice
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)
Phil Card (Public Attendance – Part)
Andrew Gibbons (Public Attendance – Part)
Muriel Smith (Public Attendance – Part)
D Smith (Public Attendance – Part)
Christine Symonds (Public Attendance – Part)
Luke Holloway (Public Attendance – Part)
Menna Card (Public Attendance – Part)

2397. Apologies for absence

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

2398. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2399. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2018

Approved

2400. Matters arising from the minutes

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. Action: Councillor Jan Curtice to follow this up again as the caravan is still there. **Update:** Secretary informed Members that she had received a letter from the enforcement team informing her that an Officer had been allocated to look into the matter and aims to complete an individual investigation within 12 weeks.

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. **Update:** Alan Ferris, Senior Traffic Engineer, Swansea Council advised that each sign would cost around £250 and a further £200 to cover traffic management to allow for the erection of the signs and our fee for officer's time in designing the works and would have to be funded from

the Community Budget. Further Action: Secretary to find out why the costs are so expensive and to find out whether these costs could be funded elsewhere. **Update:** Ongoing

2387 (2374) (2362) Action: Councillor J Curtice to invite PCSO to attend a Community Council meeting. Update: Sergeant Phil Morris was hoping to attend tonight's meeting but was unable to. He is hoping to be able to attend the next meeting. **Update:** Councillor J Curtice will invite them again.

2387 (2374) (2367) The issue regarding flooding in Waungron is becoming more apparent especially as the Winter is coming. Action: Councillor Jan Curtice to schedule a meeting between Dave Merriman, Cery Knox, Jan Curtice and Mike Sweeney. Update: The meeting was held but there was no outcome as the report has still not been received. No work can be commissioned until they know what the outcome is. Mr D Cole suggested that if the infrastructure was cleaned out on a regular basis this could alleviate the issue. Mr A Hamilton suggested writing to Welsh Water due to the pipes being owned by them to ask for their advice. Action: Councillor Jan Curtice agreed to speak to Mike Sweeney again. Secretary to contact Welsh Water. **Update:** Ongoing. Secretary waiting for a report from Welsh Water to confirm that the problem is Swansea Council's concern.

2401. Land at Tyrisha Farm – PAC Consultation

The Secretary informed Members that she had received a letter from Geraint John Planning regarding the demolition of the existing building on site and construction of residential development comprising 60 residential units, associated access, parking, landscaping and ancillary works at Land at Tyrisha Farm, Grovesend and invited any comments concerning the pre-application consultation. She informed Members that comments from the public had already begun on Facebook concerning this. Members of the public were in attendance and the following concerns were raised: -

- 1 Access
- 2 Drainage
- 3 Sewage
- 4 Types of Houses/apartments

However, it was also commented that the school is an integral part of the village.

Action: It was agreed that the Secretary should ask for more time to submit our comments to the PAC consultation as the deadline of 21 December was short notice and to ask Geraint John Planning to attend a meeting to discuss the PAC in more detail.

2402. Local Members Report

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

- (i) She informed Members that the unveiling of the commemorative bench was very well appreciated
- (ii) They have made a commitment to place 4 defibrillators in the following

areas: - Grovesend, Pengelli football club, bottom of Frampton Road and Waungron. Training will also be given to anyone that wishes to attend.

(iii) She also informed Members that Swansea budget was a little bit better than previously first though but was still going to be a shortfall.

2403. Ten-minute Public Questions

Members of the public attended the meeting to thank the Community Council for the work that was carried out regarding the trees and that they were very grateful to all involved.

Members also attended to express their concerns regarding the development at the Land at Tyrisha Farm. This has been noted above.

2404. Planning Applications

None

2405. Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) She had received an invitation on behalf of the Lord Mayor of the City & County of Swansea, The High Sheriff of West Glamorgan and The Vicar of the Collegiate and Parish Church of St Mary to attend the City Carol Service on 20 December 2018. This was noted by Members.

(ii) The Treasurer of Mount Pleasant Chapel sent a thank you letter for the donation given by the Community Council and invited Members to the yearly Christmas Nativity Service to be held on 16 December 2018.

(iii) She had received quotes from Welsh Hearts and Cariat in relation to installing defibrillators in the area. However, this has now been funded via Councillor Jan Curtice.

(iv) The invoice from Wales Audit had been received following the Audit of Accounts for 2017/18.

Decision: To pay the invoice

(v) A request to give a donation to the Open Spaces Society regarding the threat of deregistration appeal had been received. This was noted by Members.

(vi) Tonia Antoniazzi MP sent a letter informing us of the opening hours of her office and requesting that we display a poster of the same.

2406. Estimated Budget Allocation 2019/20 and Precept

The Secretary provided Members with a copy of last years estimated budget allocation and three draft versions of the estimated budget allocations for 2019/20. A discussion was held as to which was the preferred allocated budget and the preferred precept for the financial year 2019/20. The Secretary provided Members with a copy of the precepts allocated to the all community councils within the Swansea area for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and reminded Members that the precept for 2018/19 was £6300. She informed Members that she had received a letter from Welsh Government notifying us that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137 (4) (a) of the Local

Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2019-20 is £8.12 which is an increase from last years figure of £7.86 per elector.

Decision: Members agreed to option 3 for the proposed budget allocation for 2019/20 and was proposed by B Moon and seconded by H Talaat.

Decision: To set the precept for 2019/20 at £7500. This was proposed by B Moon and seconded by H Talaat.

2407. Health and Safety

Nothing to report

2408. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

(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.

Action: Secretary to report this to Swansea Council.

(ii) Mrs H Talaat informed Members of an issue regarding the robbery in Lloyds Bank and that she had contacted the police to ask advice on whether the school should be put on lockdown as she had heard that they had escaped and were in Grovesend. She was told that as it was a confidential matter they could not advise. She has since reported this to Swansea Council as a concern and they are looking into this.

(iii) Mr M Jones informed Members that the turn out from the Xmas tree lighting event was very successful and attended by many. He advised that the tree was donated by Carol Hodgson from Bryn Lliw.

2409. Date of next meeting

The Secretary informed Members that the next meeting would be the day after New Year's so is proposing to hold it the following week. Members agreed so the next meeting will be held on 8 January 2019.