

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 4th February, 2014**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. M. Jones
Mr. J. John
Mr. W.D. Merriman
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mr. P.A. Hamilton
Mrs. T. Morgan
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
No members of the public present

1805. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Bates and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice. Mr. L. Jones was absent.

1806. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1807. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January, 2014.

Approved subject to an amendment to Minute 1803(i) that a thank you card had been received from the brownies not guides.

1808. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1798 (1794) New Seats/Benches: Mr. A. Hamilton advised that the company where he originally purchased the seats from had since ceased trading and the closest match he could find cost £700 per seat. He was explained that he was currently seeking to purchase an alternative seat/bench for a much lower cost.

Minute 1802 Community Council Website: The Secretary reported that initial work on the creation of the new website was underway. The company required photographs of all Councillors for the site.

1809. Local Members Report.

Councillor Cole reported on the following:

- i) He had a meeting recently with Mr. Jeff Green of the Transportation Section. The issue of signage on Box Road should be resolved and in place within the next month or so;
- ii) The pupils of Pengelli Primary School were currently writing letters to Mr. Green asking for a pedestrian crossing. Mr. W.B. Davies suggested that consideration should be given to a petition if no progress was made about a crossing soon;
- iii) Changes were being made to the process of registering for the electoral role meaning that individuals could no longer register for other people in the same house; each elector had to register themselves personally;
- iv) Both he and Mr. D. Merriman met with the Parks Department recently to discuss the planting of wild flowers around the village and assess appropriate locations. The Secretary advised that he had received the quotation for the flower seeds of £94.63 of which Members agreed to;
- v) The new bus shelter by Station Road/High Street had been installed;
- vi) Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice and himself were meeting with the Police in the following few days to discuss local policing issues. Either he or Cllr Curtice would report back at the next meeting;
- vii) A new commemorative war memorial plaque will be unveiled at St. Catherine's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday, 22nd June, 2014. Everyone welcome;
- viii) Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice and Mr. B. Williams were having a site meeting with Ian Jones of the Council Highways Department on 6th February to discuss drainage issues at Waungron.

1810. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None present.

1811. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan, Planning Officer

Mrs. S. Morgan informed Members that one application had been received from Toyoda Gosei for a new factory extension.

Recommendation: No objections.

1812. Secretary's Report.

None.

1813. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.

- i) Mr. J. John informed Members that he had attended the recent OVW meeting at Swansea where there had been a presentation on the Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection. Further discussions also took place regarding devolving local services such as cemeteries, parks and public toilets. It had also been reported at the meeting by a Town Councillor for Gorseinon that ASDA had received planning permission for a petrol station, however, for 12 hours per day operation not 24 as requested;
- ii) Mr. W.B. Davies mentioned that a member of the public had approached him to enquire whether the Community Council could assist with the traffic problem at the lights at the bottom end of Gorseinon. The Secretary explained that he had written to Gorseinon Town Council in the past about this very issue, who in turn, contacted Swansea Council Highways Department, however, they refused to alter the light sequence, or replace the lights altogether for a roundabout as the lights were deemed to be the safest option for pedestrians;
- iii) Mr. D. Merriman reported that Mrs. Sarah Loydon, Headteacher at Pengelli Primary School, had resigned her post and would be moving to a school in Cardiff. Helen Talaat, Deputy Headteacher, would continue to be the acting Headteacher for the time being until a permanent appointment was made.

Issues awaiting resolution

Issue	Key dates	Current Position	Action required by
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Originally requested several years ago.• Followed-up: August, 2013• Followed-up: October, 2013• Site meeting in December, 2013 with Ward Members and Jeff Green• January, 2014 local Cllrs meeting with Jeff Green		Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green)