

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd February 2017

Present: Mr W D Merriman, Vice Chairman
Mr W B Davies
Mr M Jones
Mr A Hamilton
Mr L Jones
Mrs S Morgan
Councillor D. Cole
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (Secretary)

Mrs Helen Talaat (Public Attendance)
Mr Barry Moon (Public Attendance)

2158. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Williams, Mr J John, Mr D Gwynn and Councillor J Curtice.

2159. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2160. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2017

Approved

2161. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 2151 (2143): Relocation of War Memorial plaques. Mr A Hamilton to ask masonry for advices and get some quotes on the costs involved. Questions were raised whether permission to build a stone wall in front of the gabion baskets on Box Road would be required from the Council.

Resolved: Mr A Hamilton contacted a couple of masonries for quotes but was only able to get one successful quote from one masonry that could cover the spec including removing two white marble war memorials from the Top Club and fixing onto a new stone wall in Grovesend once built. To clean each memorial before re-fixing memorial and to renew the black enamel letters on each memorial. Total cost would be £960.00

Members felt that this was a very good price that covers all that would be required. It was suggested that it would also need to be vandal proof.

Minute 2152 (2135): Work undertaken to revert Box Road back to part two-way. 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 weren'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 met with Howard Thomas who advised: -

1. Top soiling required on top of gabions. I was at the site yesterday, and the daffodils have started to sprout so as not to disturb them, we shall postpone the top soiling until after they have bloomed. I discussed with Jeff and we intend to pass the matter on to Parks, as we feel that they will deal with the matter more sympathetically.
2. Drop crossing. We've been asked to provide a lowered kerb by a member of the public whose husband uses a powered wheelchair. Coincidentally, she saw us measuring up on site yesterday, and was happy that we were responding to the problem. I will sort out the drawing for this today and it will be entered into the programme of works.
3. Sharp edges on the gabions; I personally intend to take a lump hammer and some pliers to site with a view to rectifying the issue as much as possible. It will be in the next few weeks.
4. The issue of lit one way signage and the road markings have been completed.

2162. Local Members Report

In Councillor J Curtice absence Mr W D Merriman reported on the following feedback received from her prior to the meeting

- (i) City Deal bringing in 1.3 Billion pounds hoping to be signed by end of February
- (ii) Swansea Bay Lagoon signs are positive another 1.3 billion for Swansea
- (iii) Spoken to Police and Highways on Parking issues throughout Grovesend and Waungron
- (iv) Street surgeries carried out in Grovesend no issues were raised
- (v) Fly tipping issues throughout the ward of Penyrheol reported
- (vi) Potholes reported and filled within 24 hours

Councillor D Cole reported on the following:

- (vii) City Deal bringing in a 1.3 billion pounds agenda over 15-year period that involves better networking in the area and will cover the following local authorities: - Carmarthen, Neath Port Talbot, Swansea and Pembrokeshire and the following health authorities: - Hywel Dda and Bro Morgannwg. Its plan is to invest in the following areas: - Digital Technologies, Wellbeing research and Advance Manufacturing. It still needs to go through the full council for a decision. This is heavily front loaded. It is hoped to create 9500 jobs potentially. This does not include the Tidal Lagoon which is a completely separate project worth 1.3 billion pounds.
- (viii) Local Development Plan – An update was given on the current status. Strategic (larger sites) were the most controversial requiring massive investment in infrastructure. The development site in Grovesend to provide 45 houses has not had any further developments to date.
- (ix) He provided information on the Swansea Open Space Strategy

- (x) Planning Scrutiny issues discussed were: -
1. Call in thresholds
 2. A marginalised group outside the Planning Committee who felt disenfranchised.
 3. Section 106 agreements and training afforded to other members.
 4. Discretion of Chairman Prescriptive system

2163. Ten-minute Public Questions

(i) Mr B Moon asked if there was a telephone number for any issues with lighting as there was 3 lampposts currently out of use on Coalbrook Road. Mr L Jones also mentioned that there was also 2 opposite Priory Stables that had been taken away because they were rusted. This was a Health and Safety issue.

Resolved: Councillor D Cole to investigate.

(ii) Mr B Moon gave his opinion on the Tidal Lagoon and the plans for St David's Square in Swansea following the artist's impression. He also mentioned his feelings on plans to build a new school in Gorseinon and informed the members that there was going to be a public hearing on 14/15 February.

(iii) Mrs H Talaat informed the members that following half term Pengelli Primary School was going to be trialling a parent and toddler group twice a week which would be open to anyone in the village and also mentioned that they were looking to set up a 'Knitting Nanas' club. Further details would follow.

2164. Planning Applications

Mrs S Morgan informed Members that a planning application had been received from the following: -

Mr Martin Howells, 125 Pentre Road, Waungron, Pontarddulais, Swansea, SA4 8DR for a proposed single storey lounge extension.

Resolved: No objection

2165. Recycling Data

Councillor D Cole provided the Members with an update on recycling and landfill and a discussion took place regarding fly-tipping and how it is happening around the area more than usual since the three-bag limit was introduced and the changes to the recycling waste at the Garngoch depot. The Authority is currently exceeding its targets overall.

2166. Speeding Issues

Mr W B Davies advised the group that he had discussed the speeding issues in Grovesend with Sgt Nathan Gough, South Wales Police. He advised that we collate individual responses explaining the issues relating to speeding and send it to our local councillor with a copy to Stuart Davies, Head of Highways and Transportation, City and County of Swansea.

Resolved: All to forward their views and comments to the Secretary who will draft a report to be agreed at the next meeting before sending off.

2167. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported on the following items: -

- (i) She has received the Annual Contract for 2017/18 from the Parks Department for the annual maintenance including grass cutting for Box Road/Grove Farm Road at a cost of £595.00 which is a slight increase on the previous year.

Resolved: All in favour to renew the contract for a further year.

- (ii) She brought the training opportunities available to the members from One Voice Wales.
- (iii) She had received letters from Welsh Hearts; Teenage Cancer Trust and Tenovus Cancer Care requesting any help to support their charities. These were noted by the Members.
- (iv) She had received an email from Welsh Government requesting that we complete a survey on service and asset management. This was noted but agreed that it was not necessary to complete.
- (v) She had received an email from City and County of Swansea asking for views on the Wellbeing Assessment consultation.
- (vi) She had received an email from the Parks Department asking whether the Community Council wanted to continue with the wildflower planting scheme in 2017. It is likely that the fees will be no more than 5% on last year's costs.

Resolved: Members agree to support the scheme for a further year but requested that we don't have tall flowers along Box Road. The Secretary emailed Ceri Davies who has forwarded our request.

- (vii) She had received the One Voice Wales Membership renewal subscription fees for the year ahead at £139.

Resolved: Members agreed to renew the subscription for a further 12-month period.

- (viii) She had received an email from Alan Webster, Strategic Planning and Natural Environment Section, City and County of Swansea with some information on Ash die back disease which was shared with Members.

- (ix) She had received the invoice for the Grounds Maintenance Contract for weeks 17-28 from City and County of Swansea at a cost of £228.70.

Resolved: To pay the invoice.

2168. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair

- (i) Mr W B Davies requested that we re-introduce the issues awaiting resolution document.

Resolved: Secretary to include it at the next meeting.

- (ii) Mr A Hamilton expressed concern that Mr J Burge still had not received a leaving gift for all his hard work over the years as Secretary to the Community Council.

Resolved: The Secretary to speak to Mr B Williams regarding this.

(iii) Mrs S Morgan asked to view the previous plans to demolish Pengelli Cottage.

Resolved: The Secretary to provide these plans.