

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron  
Community Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Present:** Mr W D Merriman (Chairperson)  
Mr D Gwynn  
Mr W B Davies  
Mr B Moon  
Mr D Cole  
Mrs S Morgan  
Mr A Hamilton  
Mr M Jones  
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)

**2422. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Talaat, Mr L Jones, Councillor J Curtice and Councillor A Stevens. Mrs C Knox was absent.

**2423. Disclosures of personal interest**

None

**2424. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2019**

Approved

**2425. Matters arising from the minutes**

**2413 (2400) (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.

**2413 (2400) (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

**2413 (2400) (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.

**2413 (2400) (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. **Further Update:** Secretary has received an email from Welsh Water stating that they have determined that the issue is not to do with a Welsh Water sewer/drain and is the responsibility of Swansea Council. Secretary to forward the email to Mike Sweeney for comments. **Further Update:** Secretary informed Members that she had received an email from Mike who advised that he had passed on the information provide by Welsh Water onto the Area Highways Manager who had instructed a crew to visit the area to check the drainage system. He also confirmed that the report was currently under review and will be available shortly. **Action:** Secretary to find out who the Area Highways Manager is and request an update.

**2413 (2408) (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. **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.

**2414** A discussion took place regarding the Community Speed Watch Scheme which gave a mixed response on whether this was something that our Community Council should be involved in. Councillor Jan Curtice reiterated that the reason why the police will not police our village is because it is a 20-mph zone. **Action:** Mr W D Merriman, Mr D Cole and Mrs H Talaat (on behalf of Pengelli Primary School) have agreed to take part in this scheme and have been given an application form to complete. **Action:** Councillor Jan Curtice to contact the police to find out how many collisions there has been in Grovesend and Waungron over the last 3 years. **Further Update:** Secretary to assist the Members with the completion of the application forms.

## **2426. Local Members Report**

In the absence of both Councillor J Curtice and Councillor A Stevens the Secretary informed Members of the following: -

(i) In addition to the defibs that they have placed in the ward they are hoping that the notice board will be going up soon. There has been a delay with the

defib for Waungron because the phone box they were intending to place it in has been removed so they are looking for an alternate place for it to go.

(ii) They are currently working on organising dates for training and will advise accordingly.

(iii) Still awaiting an update on the lighting issue on Box Road.

(iv) Still awaiting the drainage report from Mike Sweeney.

#### **2427. Ten-minute Public Questions**

None

#### **2428. Planning Applications**

Application No. 2018/2720/FUL - Demolition of the existing buildings on site and redevelopment of site to provide 60 residential units comprising 6 detached dwellings, 21 pairs of semi-detached dwellings and 12 flats in 3 x two storey blocks with associated access, parking, landscaping, pumping station and ancillary works.

Following the last meeting a public meeting was held and was attended by approximately 70 residents within the village. The Secretary submitted the response to Swansea Council Planning Department on 23 January. In summary Grovesend and Waungron Community Council object to the development in its current form based on the concerns listed above and the issues raised by the Community Council. Further dialogue must take place between developers, Community Council and other relevant bodies before any decision is made in order to achieve a meaningful expansion of our village.

**Action:** Secretary to find out when the planning application will be discussed at Planning Committee.

**Decision:** Members agreed that Mrs C Knox will speak at the meeting and will meet with individuals prior to the Planning Committee meeting to agree what is to be said.

#### **2429. Secretary's report**

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) 360 (llwchwr) squadron RAFAC (Royal Air Force Air Cadets) sent an email requesting any help towards funding. This was noted by Members.

(ii) She had received a letter from Swansea Bay Age Cymru listing the services that they currently offer. This was noted by Members.

(iii) Tenovus Cancer Care emailed asking for support in order for them to continue to support cancer patients and their loved ones, within the community. This was noted by Members.

(iv) Confirmation of the precept has been agreed and payments of the 2019/20 precept will be made on 30/04/2019, 30/08/2019 and 31/12/2019. This will be paid at £2500.00 each time. Total of £7500.00.

(v) She informed Members that she had received a request from the Parks Department as to whether the Community Council wished to partake in the hanging basket scheme for the Summer ahead.

**Action:** Members agreed that the displays around the village look great and agreed to have the same as last year with an additional base unit (planter) to go at the other end of Grovesend (Coalbrook Road) at a cost of £1218.00.

Secretary to send payment and order form off but to ask to meet up with Alan Hughes to show where to place them this year.

(vi) She had received an email from Ceri Davies, Specialist Parks & Technical Manager asking whether the Community Council wanted to continue with the wildflower planting scheme in 2019. Members felt that over the past couple of years they had not been as vibrant and colourful as previous years and felt that it would look better if more daffodils were placed around the area.

**Resolved:** Members agreed not to support the scheme this year and would discuss planting daffodil bulbs instead. **Action:** Secretary to put on the agenda for discussion in July.

(vii) She had received a quotation from Michael Owens regarding the completion of works at the Miners Welfare Hall following the excavation of the trees. This included fencing, installing a pipe and landscaping the area. The total cost to complete this would be £2750.

**Decision:** Members agreed to pay £1300 towards to costs following their previous commitment of spending £2500.

**Action:** Mr Merriman would speak to the trustees to see if they were in a position to contribute to the rest.

(viii) A request from Pengelli football club had been received asking if the Community Council could donate anything towards the rising costs of pitch fees, training facilities, referees fees etc.

**Decision:** Members agreed to support the club by donating £500 once a copy of the accounts has been received.

#### **2430. Health and Safety**

Nothing to report

#### **2431. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair**

(i) It was mentioned that the bench by the gas box on Coalbrook Road had become rusted and was looking a little worse for wear.

**Decision:** Members agreed to have the bench repainted. Secretary to purchase some paint.

(ii) Mr M Jones asked if the Community Council will still be pledging £5000 for the Friends of the Park to assist them going forward with their grant funding in order to establish a new park for Grovesend and Waungron.

**Decision:** This was agreed by Members but would need a letter from Friends of the Park explaining what their requirements are and what they would need this for.

#### **2432. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 March 2019.