

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 6th January, 2015**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. J. John
Mr. D. Merriman
Mr. P.A. Hamilton
Mr. M. Jones
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

1910. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Morgan, Mr. L. Jones, Mrs. T. Morgan and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice. Mr. H. Bates was absent from the meeting.

1911. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1912. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December, 2014.

Approved.

1913. Matters arising from the minutes.

None.

1914. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) The Three Counties Hunt that took place recently in Grovesend was held without the prior knowledge of the Police or the Clerk to the Community Council. Councillor Cole recommended that those organising large scale events within the community should provide advance notice beforehand so individuals are aware.

Resolved: That Mrs. C. Knox would contact the Hunt to suggest that in future years, and out of courtesy, advance notice of their meeting would be welcome.

- (ii) Cllr Cole presented a sketch he had received from Mr. Jeff Green of the Traffic Section outlining a possible solution to the Box Road one-way problem. The sketch outlined the removal of some of the boulders along Box Road to allow vehicles to swing around when exiting from the car park and drive towards Grove Farm Road. Members were in agreement with the proposals presented with Cllr. Cole advising that he would speak with Mr. Green to see if this proposal could be

actioned as soon as possible.

- (iii) There had been a further case of fly tipping at the far end of Station Road. This area continues to be monitored by Swansea Council.
- (iv) Changes to the formation of the Planning Committee were about to take place at Swansea. Instead of two area committees, there will be one full planning committee created to cover the whole of the Swansea area. Those Councillors appointed to the new committee would receive in-depth training in planning regulations and would be able to deliver consistency across the City area.

1915. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None present.

1916. Planning Applications.

None received.

The Secretary advised Members that he had received notification from the Planning Department that the application submitted by Mr. N. Burder for boarding kennels and cattery had been approved subject to a number of conditions mainly in relation to drainage.

1917. Community Council Precept 2015/16.

A discussion took place regarding the level of precept required for the year ahead. Members were keen to undertake some projects within the village to enhance the area for the community. Mr. D. Merriman suggested the Community Council purchase a Christmas tree which could be permanently planted in the park area and lit-up each year via a connection to the changing rooms. Mr. A. Hamilton agreed to look into the cost of this and report back.

Mr. W.B. Davies suggested that the precept could be raised to cover the cost of keeping and maintaining the village hall. He estimated that it would cost each household approximately an additional £18 per year to maintain the hall and that the proposal should be presented to the village at a public meeting. Mr. Merriman advised that ongoing issues regarding the outstanding electricity bill had now been passed to the Ombudsman and was likely to take a further few months to be resolved satisfactorily. At the same time the Trustees were meeting with CISWO to discuss various options for the future of the building. Members agreed that the continuing electricity issue and uncertainty with CISWO needed to be resolved prior to the consideration of any public meetings to discuss a significant increase in the precept.

Resolved: Members agreed to retain the precept at the same level as it had been for the past few years of £5000.

1918. Secretary's Report.

None.

1919. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- (i) Mr. A. Hamilton reported to Members that recently there had been several break-ins and thefts within the village from garages and sheds;
- (ii) Mr. B. Williams advised Members that the pavements throughout Waungron continued to be encroached by weeds.

Resolved: That the Secretary would again report this as a problem;

- (iii) Mr. D. Merriman reported that the next meeting of the village history group would take place on 14th January, 2015 at 6.30 in the Brynlliw. This information would be published in Evening Post to attract more interest;

- (iv) Mr. D. Merriman presented a receipt of £73.80 for the Christmas selection boxed for the pupils of Pengelli School.

Resolved: To refund Mr. Merriman for the cost of the selection boxes.

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• May, 2014 funding rejected for 2014/15.• June, 2014 funding possible for 2015/16.	Welsh Government advised that funding via Safe Routes to School was likely to be made available during 2015/16.	Welsh Government; Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green).