

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 5th January, 2016**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. W.D. Merriman
Mr. J. John
Mr. A. Hamilton
Mr. M. Jones
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mrs. T. Morgan
Councillor J. Curtice
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
3 members of the public present

2024. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones.

2025. Mr. Haydn Bates.

Mrs. C. Knox advised Members of the sad news that Mr. Haydn Bates had passed away shortly before Christmas and that his funeral was to be held on Monday, 11th January at 12.00noon in Llanelli Crematorium.

As a mark of respect Members held a moment of silence.

2026. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

2027. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December, 2015.

Approved.

2028. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 2017 (2008 1997 1986 1976 1966 1956 1944): Presentation by youth petitioners regarding the cost of school transportation to Pontarddulais Comprehensive. The Secretary advised Members that it had not been possible to agree a suitable date for him and the Chair to meet with the Leader of the Council, therefore, he had invited the Leader to attend the February meeting of the Community Council, to which he had accepted. The Chair and Secretary would meet the Leader in private to discuss the issues regarding Cllr Jennifer Raynor half an hour before the start of the full Community Council meeting. The February meeting would be brought forward by an hour for that evening commencing at 6.00pm. The Secretary asked Members to consider any issues that they wished to discuss with the Leader and let him know beforehand in case the Leader needed to make enquiries with certain departments or officers

to enable him to respond at the meeting.

Minute 2017 (2008 1997 1986 1976 1966 1956 1946 (1941 (iv))): Fencing around the park. Members reported that the fencing had finally been erected. Mr. A. Hamilton advised that he felt the fence was not the type that had been agreed. The fence that should have been erected was the bow topped rounded fence rather than the palisade top as this could be dangerous to children. It was agreed that when the invoice was received the Secretary should query this with the Council as a palisade fence is far cheaper than a bow topped one.

2029. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) The 20mph signs on Coalbrook Road that keep turning around had now been firmly secured in place;
- (ii) More fly-tipping had taken place at the bottom end of Station Road;
- (iii) The budget consultation for 2016/17 had recently been released for public comment. Cllr Cole encouraged people to read the document and respond as they felt appropriate;
- (iv) The cycle track from Grovesend through to Gorseinon had recently been cleaned-up which made it look a lot better.

2030. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Mrs. Bronwen Webb of Waungron was present at the meeting and advised Members that due to heavy rain of late Waungron had suffered severe flooding. The water level around her property had been a matter of inches short of entering the house. If it had not been for the efforts of the Fire Brigade and Swansea Council the house would have been flooded.

Residents of Waungron believe that this recurring issue stems from the pipe under the main road being too narrow to take the water away from the culvert. Cllr. Mrs. J. Curtice advised that she was continuing to liaise with the drainage section in an attempt to find a permanent resolution and to prevent any further flooding.

2031. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

None

2032. Community Council Precept 2016/17.

The Secretary informed Members that he had received correspondence from the Finance Department of Swansea Council enquiring as to the precept of the Community Council for the forthcoming 2016/17 financial year. He reminded Members that the precept had been maintained at £5000 for the past few years.

Resolved: To set the 2016/17 precept at £5000 for a further year.

2033. Wildflowers and Hanging Basket Scheme – Summer 2016.

The Secretary informed Members that he had received a request from the Parks Department as whether the Community Council wished to partake in the wildflower and hanging basket scheme for the summer ahead. Members agreed that the displays around the village last summer was great apart from the wildflowers at the junction of Coalbrook and Frampton Road which were very tall. The Secretary advised that the Parks Department had said in their communication that the flowers seeds were bought from external suppliers and the nature of them being wild and mixed meant they were unable to guarantee a particular variety or varieties.

Following a discussion Members agreed to repeat the display areas from last summer and add an extra two barrier troughs in the park and to extended the wildflower display to include Pentre hill towards Pontarddulais.

2034. Secretary’s Report.

None.

2023. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. J. John advised Members that he would be attending the quarterly regional meeting of One Voice Wales in Swansea on 18th January and would report back following that.

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.● May, 2015 Funding agreed by Welsh Government● July, 2015 Project delayed	Confirmation received via Cllrs D. Cole and J. Curtice that Welsh Government had agreed the funding via Safe Routes to School. Installation delayed due to prioritisation being given to the Kingsway.	Welsh Government; Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green).

<p>Installation of Zigzag lines outside Pengelli Primary School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr J. Curtice to raise with Traffic Section: February, 2015 ● Agreed to follow-up: April, 2015 ● May, 2015 ● July, 2015 ● Oct, 2015 	<p>Agreement reached for lines to be painted at same time as pedestrian crossing installation. Notice advertising the painting of lines to be displayed in November.</p>	<p>Cllr. J. Curtice to fund from environmental monies.</p>
<p>Alternations to Box Road/Park entrance junction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concern expressed of vehicles exiting Box Road the wrong way: Sept, 2014 ● Police advise they have conducted a monitoring exercise: October, 2014 ● Meeting between Comm Council, Traffic Section and Police to discuss concerns: November, 2014 ● Drawings received from Traffic Section with proposal to reconfigure the boulders and access area to the park: Jan '15 ● Cllrs. D. Cole & J. Curtice agreed to use some of their environmental monies: Feb '15 ● Mr. D. Merriman, Mr. B. Davies and Mr. A. Hamilton site visit to assess work and costs involved: Oct '15 ● Cllr D. Cole pursuing Jeff Green for action: Oct '15 ● Alternative drawings being produced by Traffic Section to be available early 2016. 	<p>Awaiting action by Swansea Council.</p>	<p>Swansea Council</p>
<p>Dropped kerb at Coalbrook Rd/Plas Rd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May, '15 Request made to Swansea for dropped kerb ● June, 2015 Advised that site survey assessment required, however, unlikely to qualify due to limited funding. ● August, 2015 Results of site survey assessment received 	<p>Confirmation that dropped kerb will be installed during the current financial year.</p>	<p>Swansea Council (Huw Daniel)</p>