

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 9th January 2018

Present: Mr W D Merriman, Chairman
Mr W B Davies
Mr D Gwynn
Mr A Hamilton
Mr B Moon
Mr D Cole
Mrs S Morgan
Mrs H Talaat
Mr M Jones
Mrs C Knox
Councillor A Stevens
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)

2270. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr L Jones and Councillor J Curtice.

2271. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2272. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2017

Approved

2273. Matters arising from the minutes

2269 (iv) Mr D Merriman mentioned about the overgrown trees and brambles around the park area and confirmed that the City and County of Swansea have not done anything about this and not likely to in the future. **Action:** Mr A Hamilton to provide a quote for the overgrown trees and brambles to be cut back.

Resolved: Mr A Hamilton advised that the costs to complete the work would be £450. All Members approved this quote and agreed for the works to be completed as soon as reasonably possible.

2274. Local Members Report

Councillor A Stevens reported on the following: -

Grovesend - Currently in discussions with Jeff Green regarding the speeding issues through the village. Jeff is working on a bid to Welsh Government for safer routes to schools and considering Gorseinon and Penyrheol. Works that have been considered to date through Grovesend could possibly be included within the bid. Looking to set a meeting for approx. 3rd week in Jan.

Set up a meeting for Jan 22nd with Howard Thomas to discuss a possible future scheme to address concerns with the Gabion basket wall.

We have put in a request with the relevant departments that should any housing allocation in Grovesend come to fruition with the upcoming LDP then they are made aware of the condition of Golden Grove play area and funding via a possible S106 contribution should be negotiated as a high priority for the area. I would like to say on behalf of Jan and myself how well the Christmas tree switch on was attended by members of the public. It was great to see that £120 had been raised and had gone back into Friends of the Parks budget.

Action: Councillor A Stevens to ask the police if they could park up in the village to monitor the speed.

Action: Secretary to look for the original plans to build the wall and the estimates provided from Ceri Hall Construction and Ark Fencing.

Penyrheol - The pavement on Brynafon Rd opposite the Post Office has been resurfaced and railings installed, ongoing discussions to install further railings to stop parking out front, works hoping to begin within the next month or two. Penyrheol Park finally opened and looking great! Pupils of Penyrheol Primary attended the opening ceremony and gave a fantastic presentation and I officially opened the play area as Mayor of Gorseinon.

Additional works to the area in front and installation of the Zip Line and Benches to be completed in Spring, or when the weather dries up.

Pre-Applications - Discussions with the Head of Planning Swansea as to why ward members are not notified of pre-applications and that we should have more involvement with negotiating some aspects of Section 106 agreements. Arranging a meeting to discuss a Welsh Government pilot scheme that was previously proposed but has not yet progressed. I will give more information as soon as I have it.

LDP Update - The first meeting of the Examination was a pre-hearing meeting which was held on Wed 13th December at 11am. The purpose of this meeting was to explain and discuss procedural and admin matters relating to the management of the examination, the plan and the representations would not have been discussed at the pre-hearing meeting.

The formal hearing session of the examination will consider the content of the plan and deal with the representations on the Deposit LDP that have been made during the public consultation process. These will commence on Tuesday 6th February at 10am and will be held at the Civic Centre. These will last for two months during February and March 2018.

The specific dates for the full hearing schedule are available to view in the hearings programme document ED003 available here

<http://www.swansea.gov.uk/article/30234/LDP-Examination---Examination-documents>

All documents submitted to Welsh Government can be viewed here

<http://www.swansea.gov.uk/article/30232/Core-documents---Submitted-LDP-Docs-LDP>

Documents relating to the hearings are available here

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2275. Ten-minute Public Questions

None

2276. Planning Applications

The Secretary informed Members that she had received a letter from the Appeals team regarding the land part of 152 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend and their proposed development to build 19 bungalows advising that an Appeal has been made to the Welsh Ministers. The deadline to send any further comments is 31 January 2018.

Action: Members to submit any further comments to the Secretary as soon as possible.

2017/2589/FUL – 26 Station Road, Grovesend, Swansea – Single story rear extension

Resolved: No Objection

2017/1910/FUL – 151 Pentre Road, Grovesend, Swansea – 1.8 metre high fence along front boundary

Resolved: No Objection

2277. Review of Community and Town Council Sector Wales

Mr D Cole attended one of the seven consultation events regarding the Community and Town Council Review Panel. At each event the following questions were considered: -

What should Community and Town Councils be responsible for?

How should they operate?

What's standing in their way to deliver for the local community?

How do councils ensure they best represent their local community?

Results of the feedback from these events will be collected to produce a draft composite response from the sector to the panel. This will be distributed to all member Councils at the end of January/beginning of February at the very latest for your Council's information and attention.

One Voice Wales will be liaising with Welsh Government to establish a formal engagement process with the Review Panel for early spring.

Mr D Cole felt that the mantra was work together stay independent and that the preservation of Communities is essential.

2278. Health and Safety

Nothing to report

2279. Finance and Community Council Precept 2018/19

The Secretary provided Members with an updated estimated budget allocation for 2018/19.

Resolved: Members agreed the estimated budget for 2018/19.

The Secretary informed Members that she had received a letter from the Finance Department, City and County of Swansea, enquiring as to the precept of the Community Council for the forthcoming 2018/19 financial year. She reminded Members that a precept was set at £6000 the previous year and a discussion was held.

Resolved: To set the precept for 2018/19 at £6300. This was proposed by Mr D Gwynn and seconded by Mrs C Knox.

2280. Secretary's Report

The Secretary advised Members of the following: -

(i) She had received a request from Urdd National Eisteddfod 2018 for a financial contribution to assist in the success of this year's event.

Resolved: This was noted by the Members.

(ii) She informed Members that the next Community / Town Councils Forum would be held on 29 January 2018.

Action: Members to let the Secretary know if anyone is able to attend.

(iii) She informed Members that the next Swansea Area Committee with One Voice Wales will be held on 22 January 2018.

Action: Members to let the Secretary know if anyone is able to attend.

(iv) Abergelli Power Stations is recently undertaking consultations on its proposal for a gas-fired power station and will be hosting local exhibitions to update people living in close proximity to the project. They have sent numerous letters and information to inform as many people as possible.

Action: Noted by Members and Secretary to put a poster up on the notice board.

2281. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair

(i) A discussion was held on the future dates of meetings of forthcoming meetings.

Resolved: It was agreed that all future meeting will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

(ii) Mr D Cole attended the Swansea Friends forum on 13 December and was led by Sue Reed / Aaron Bevon. The forum involved a round robin session and grants were also discussed. His feedback was that it was a great opportunity to network.

(iii) Mr M Jones and Mrs Y Hamilton attended a recent workshop focusing on planning applications. The aim of the workshop was to help Community Councils to better understand how planning applications are dealt with and how we can influence decisions.

(iv) Mr B Moon informed Members that there was still an ongoing issue with parking on Plas Road/Coalbrook Road.