

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 8th January 2019

Present: Mr W D Merriman (Chairperson)
Mr D Gwynn
Mr W B Davies
Mr B Moon
Mr D Cole
Mrs H Talaat
Mrs S Morgan
Councillor J Curtice
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)
Ayofemi Holloway (Public Attendance)

2410. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Jones, Mr A Hamilton, Mrs C Knox, Mr L Jones and Councillor A Stevens.

2411. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2412. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2018

Approved

2413. Matters arising from the minutes

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.

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

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.

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.

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. Community Speed Watch

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.

2415. Local Members Report

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

- (i) They are still waiting for the notice board to be displayed in Grovesend.
- (ii) Mr W D Merriman thanked Councillor Jan Curtice on behalf of the Community Council for their commitment to fund 4 defibrillators in the area.
- (iii) She mentioned that the Xmas tree had been vandalised in Gorseinon on New Years Eve.

2416. Ten-minute Public Questions

A member of the public attended to discuss the recent planning application for the development of 60 residential units at Land at Tyrisha Farm. It was agreed that this would be discussed within the next item and her comments will be noted then.

2417. 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

Mr D Merriman informed Members that a meeting was held on 17 December 2018 between representatives from Morganstone Development and Pobl Housing Association and Members of the Community Council. At this meeting concerns were raised on a number of issues and questioned statements made in the initial application. Some of these statements were subsequently found to be false. They were given the opportunity to address these issues on the night but they were not forthcoming. The Secretary reminded Members that our response to the PAC was submitted on 20 December with the following concerns addressed: -

- 1 Access
- 2 Drainage
- 3 Sewage
- 4 Types of Houses/apartments

She also advised that she had received 2 letters from residents addressing their concerns and suggested a public meeting should be held. A further discussion took place between the Members looking at the positives and issues for the development. Mrs H Talaat informed Members that she had received comments from parents of children in Pengelli Primary School and received a mixture of both positive response in favour of the development and some with concerns. Mrs Holloway reminded us of the concerns that her husband had submitted to us in his report.

Action: Secretary to arrange for a public meeting to take place and soon as possible to gather residents' comments before submitting our formal response.

Action: Secretary to draft a formal notice to be sent out to all residents in Grovesend and Waungron

Action: Secretary to invite the Developers and Swansea Council to attend the public meeting.

2418. Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) She had received an invoice for £625.42 from Swansea Council regarding the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2018/19. **Decision:** Secretary to pay the invoice.

(ii) She informed Members that the new pay scales for 19/20 had been agreed

and was to be implemented from 1 April 2019. **Decision:** Members agreed to the Secretary's salary increase from £10.01 per hour to £10.37. Total £103.70 per month plus £20 allowance for expenses.

(iii) Marie Curie sent a letter asking for support for the work that is continued to be done. This was noted by Members.

(iv) Mount Pleasant Chapel contacted the Community Council to invite them to attend an induction service for Pastor Jo Pratt on 9 February at 2:00 p.m. This was noted by Members.

(v) She had received the agenda for the One Voice Wales Swansea area committee meeting which will be held on 21 January and asked if anyone was able to attend. Unfortunately, there was no one available to attend that date.

(vi) One Voice Wales have announced that they will be holding its third Innovative Practice & National Awards Conference on 28 March 2019. She informed Members of the award categories and details of how you can nominate the Council for an award. Councillor Jan Curtice informed Members that Gorseinon Community Council had entered into 2 categories. The deadline for entries is 25 January 2019. This was noted by Members.

2419. Health and Safety

Nothing to report

2420. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

Mrs H Talaat asked who she would have to contact regarding hiring the Community Hall to hold the Mother & Toddler Group. Mr D Merriman suggested she contact the Chair of the Trustees.

2421. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 4 February 2019.