

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 1st July, 2014**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. M. Jones
Mrs. T. Morgan
Mr. P.A. Hamilton
Mr. D. Merriman
Mr. H. Bates
Mr. L. Jones
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
1 Member of the public & 6 youths present

1855. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Morgan, Mr. J. John and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

1856. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1857. Request for Youth Club.

In attendance at the meeting were six youths who asked if they could address Members. They outlined how they felt there were currently no facilities or events available to them in the village. Recently they had submitted a letter signed by 62 names to the Trustees of the Welfare Hall asking for assistance with the setting up of a youth club utilising the hall. Members were informed that they had recently attempted to involve the College in the hope of linking-in with a registered youth worker.

Following a discussion, Members advised the six youths that the Community Council was fully behind their idea and agreed a youth club would be of benefit to many within the village. The Chair explained that further information was required as who could lead the club, what the required ratio of adults to children was, requirement for insurance, the need for CRB checks and what parental support was there with organising and running the club.

Cllr David Cole suggested contact be made with Cllr Mitch Theaker, Cabinet Member for Young People, at Swansea Council, to see if he could assist with the creation of a temporary youth club for the summer period whilst work on a longer-term club was underway.

Resolved: (i) That all Members supported the idea of a youth club and that

something should be done as a matter of priority for the summer holiday period which was about to commence; ii) The Secretary would write to Cllr Theaker to seek his support and ask what is required to create a youth club.

The Chair and Members of the Community Council thanked the youngsters for their attendance and for the mature way they presented their case to the Council.

1858. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June, 2014.

Approved subject to the amendment of Minute 1845 that Cllr Mrs. J. Curtice gave her apologies for absence as Cllr D. Cole was present at the meeting.

1859. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1848 (1838 1834(iii)) Maintenance at Park: Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that he had been advised that the broken bench near the Park would be replaced within the next week.

Minute 1849 (vi) Grass cutting at Park: The Secretary read out the second response he had received from Mark Russ, Parks Manager, that advised the grass cutting had been reduced in order to increase biodiversity and encourage flora and fauna by creating tracts of meadowland. When requested further by the Secretary regarding the cost savings for not cutting the small area of land by the Park, Mr. Russ advised an annual saving of £1267.

Minute 1850 Creation of History Group: Mrs. T. Morgan advised Members that she had not had the opportunity to discuss with the Mrs. Talaat, Headteacher of Pengelli Primary, the school involvement with the new history group as she had been heavily involved with the appointment of a new Deputy Headteacher for the school. Both Mr. H. Bates and Mr. D. Merriman informed Members that they would be interested in being part of this group on a personal level and as Trustees of the Welfare Hall.

Resolved: That Mr. H. Bates and Mr. D. Merriman would meet with Mrs. M. Williams to discuss the creation of the group on Tuesday 8th July, at 2.00pm. Cllr D. Cole advised that he would discuss the idea with an Evening Post reporter he knew to see if they would consider running an item to promote the group.

Minute 1854 Table-top sale: It was agreed that the event would be trialled on 2nd August and run between 10.00am and 1.00pm. **Resolved:** i) Mr. H. Bates agreed to be the named contact for any enquiries and bookings; ii) Mrs. T. Morgan would produce a flyer for circulation around the village; iii) The Community Council would pay the cost of £50 for use of the hall.

1860. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- i) There had been three reported crimes throughout the Penyrheol Ward area for June; fortunately none in the Grovesend/Waungron area;
- ii) Swansea Council Ecology Officer had confirmed to him that the former tip area on Station Road is a designated SINC site already as it met the necessary criteria. Members asked Cllr Cole if this confirmation could be obtained in writing in order that the SINC designation be formally recorded if required sometime in the future;
- iii) The next stage of the Local Development Plan (LDP) was about to commence which would involve a further 'sifting' process and take around six months.

1861. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Mrs. Margaret Williams, Waungron, was present to discuss the creation of a history group which is recorded in Minute 1859 above.

1862. Planning Applications.

- i) In the absence of Mrs. Morgan the Secretary informed Members that one planning application had been received for a detached house on land adjacent to 5 Plas House, Plas Road. The Secretary reminded Members that the Community Council had previously objected to an application for the construction of a pair of semi-detached houses at this site in 2009 as it was deemed the site to be too small.

Resolved: Members were content that this new application for a single building was appropriate in size and sighting and had no objection to the application.

- ii) The Secretary asked Members permission for delegated authority to be given to Mrs. S. Morgan as Planning Officer and Mrs. C. Knox as Chair, over the summer period to consider any applications received whilst the Community Council was in recess.

Resolved: That delegated authority to Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Knox was approved.

The Secretary left the room whilst the following item was discussed with the Chair recording the minute.

1863. Review of Secretary's Salary.

A discussion took place regarding the Secretary's salary where all Members agreed a review was required as no increase had been given since his appointment in 1999. The Chair advised that currently a gross payment of £54 per meeting was made, with tax and national insurance deducted via his

main employment; in addition he receives £12.50 per month for expenses to cover printing, postage, telephone and petrol.

Resolved: Members agreed that due to significant increase in postage costs, printer cartridges, introduction of broadband to maintain the Council’s website etc since 1999 that the Secretary’s expenses would increase to £30 a month and his salary to £82.50 per month.

1864. Secretary’s Report.

The Secretary reported that he had received correspondence from Swansea Council to advise that the planning application for a rear extension at 21 Station Road had again been rejected on the grounds of its excessive size.

1865. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. B. Williams informed Members that he had received several complaints about foul smells and burning emanating from a pig farm in Waungron. Mrs. C. Knox responded that she was aware that the owner had consent to operate their business from the site, however, she would advise them of the complaints to see if anything could be done to reduce the smell.

Mrs. C. Knox and Mr. L. Jones gave their apologies for the September meeting of the Community Council.

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).