

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**  
**Community Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Present:** Mr W D Merriman, Chairman  
Mr W B Davies  
Mrs S Morgan  
Mr M Jones  
Mr B Moon  
Mr D Cole  
Councillor J Curtice  
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (Secretary)

**2213. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Hamilton, Mrs H Talaat and Councillor A Stevens

Mr D Gwynn, Mr L Jones and Mrs C Knox were absent.

**2214. Disclosures of personal interest**

None

**2215. Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Approved

**2216. Matters arising from the minutes**

**2203 (2191) (2186 (i))** She had received the application from Cariad for the provision of 3 defibrillators to be placed in Grovesend and Waungron. Funding towards these will come from the Big Lottery Fund if the application is approved.

**Resolved:** Secretary to complete the application on behalf of the Community Council.

**Further Action:** Secretary to meet with Cariad on 17 July to assist with the application.

**2203 (2199 (vi))** Mr D Merriman spoke on behalf of the trustees and mentioned that quite a bit of work needs to be done regarding the upkeep of the Miners Welfare Hall and asked for financial assistance.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that a list be put together listing all the jobs that needed doing including estimated costs. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

**Update:** Mr D Merriman provided an update as follows: -

- Estimate to repair roof - £7000/£8000
- Estimate to seal meter room and remove asbestos - £7000
- Estimate for boiler room - £4000

- Estimate for fire doors on hall and re-cladding - £500
- Estimate for altering Central Heating - £300-£500

He also advised that a representative from Ciswa had been to look at the work required and have agreed to financially support some of the costs and mentioned that further grants had been applied for.

**Further Update:** Mr D Merriman confirmed with the trustees that the Community Council had committed £1000.00 towards the upkeep. He also advised that the final estimate is in the region of £19000. They had already applied to the lottery commission and meet the criteria with a possibility of receiving up to £10000. Andrew from Ciswa has already confirmed that the criteria is met and is likely to be able to give up to £5000.

**2212** (i) The Swansea Pipe Band had approached Councillor A Stevens regarding looking for a space to rent to practice on a weekly basis. The community hall is an option. Further details to follow once a meeting has been held with the trustees.

**Further Update:** The trustees met with the Swansea Pipe Band who made an offer of £10 per week for the use of the hall, lounge and store room for the equipment. The trustees agreed that this was not feasible due to their requirements.

**2215** (v) Further to a discussion all members agreed that both Mr David Cole and Mrs Cary Knox could be co-opted to the Community Council.

**Resolved:** Secretary to contact Mr D Cole and Mrs C Knox to inform them and invite them to become a member of the Community Council.

**Further Update:** Secretary contacted Mr D Cole and Mrs C Knox and they both accepted the invitation.

## **2217. Local Members Report**

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

- (i) She met with Mr W B Davies, Mr D Merriman and Councillor A Stevens last Saturday to go door knocking on High Street to find out the resident's views on the current 20mph speed restriction within the village and the situation of cars speeding through the village. Many residents felt that they would like to remove the 20mph speed limit but have restrictions in place. Some suggested putting plattos across the road. Others suggested to change the current speed signs to flash how many mph the vehicle is driving. Residents felt that the slower speed limit currently in place is doing more harm than good. The City and County of Swansea have agreed to drive and walk through the village to see for themselves.
- (ii) She advised that the City and County of Swansea had failed on 4 high rise buildings and that they have written to all residents to inform them of all changes that are going to be made.
- (iii) She had a discussion with Jeff Green regarding the wall by the park and that it was not done correctly and is still dangerous. Jeff Green advised that he

thought the job had been completed so will look into it. She also mentioned that both the seat and handrail had been taken away and not replaced.

(iv) An update had been provided regarding the drainage at 116 Pentre Road. Jeff Green informed her that he had not been made aware of any flooding and would discuss with Mike Sweeney. Mike confirmed by email that there is a problem and that work will be done during the Summer.

#### **2218. Ten-minute Public Questions**

(i) Mr D Cole mentioned that work had been completed on the bike path by Station Road and the drainage had been completed too. He advised that the repairs on the path are ongoing.

(ii) Mr W B Davies had received 3 complaints regarding the dog bins not been emptied on a regular basis, especially the one at the top of the village. He also stated that it is impossible to contact the department to deal with it.

(iii) Councillor J Curtice advised that the wildflowers had yet to bloom and were very disappointing this year. She also mentioned that they were the same around Gorseinon.

**Action:** Secretary to write a complaint to the Department.

#### **2219. Planning Applications**

None

#### **2220. Friends of Pengelli**

**2199 (ii)** A discussion was held regarding the future of Friends of the Park.

**Resolved:** Mr D Merriman to speak to Kevin Roberts and report back.

**Update:** Mr D Merriman spoke to Kevin Roberts and agreed for the money to be refunded. However, there is an issue with providing enough signatories to complete the transaction at the bank. Mr D Merriman to speak to Mr D Cole.

**Resolved:** To add Friends of Pengelli as an agenda item at the next meeting.

**Resolved:** Councillor A Stevens to forward information regarding setting up Friends of Park.

Further discussions were held and Members felt that this could be led by the Community Council with other members of the public getting involved. Mr M Jones mentioned that he had spoken to a couple of individual's in the village who had expressed an interest in becoming involved. Cherry Hinton had also been in contact with Mr D Merriman to ask what was happening with the money. It was noted that Kelly Roberts has previously done something similar for the park in Gorseinon and has sent leaflets out to all residents to which a good response was returned.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Secretary would draft a leaflet/poster for display and distributed around the village and a meeting would be held on Tuesday 29 August at 7:00 p.m.

#### **2221. Website**

The Secretary asked Members to provide a short biography to be updated onto the website and an up-to-date photo.

**Resolved:** Members to forward to the Secretary as soon as possible.

## **2222. Secretary's report**

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) The Swansea Area Committee's Annual Meeting will be held on 24 July and Mr D Merriman has agreed to attend to represent our Community Council.

(ii) The 13<sup>th</sup> Conference and Annual General Meeting of One Voice will be held on 30 September at the Royal Welsh Showground. As yet we still have not appointed a representative to attend these meetings.

**Resolved:** To let the Secretary know if anyone is interested in representing the Community Council.

(iii) She had received an invitation to attend the Lord Mayor's Garden Party and Strawberry Tea on 5 August in aid of the Lord Mayor's Charity Fund for anyone interested.

(iv) She advised Members that the Annual Review following the audit had come back requesting further actions that needed completed. This has since been completed and returned following a further meeting with the internal auditor.

## **2223. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair**

(i) Mr D Cole thanked everyone for their confidence in him and for inviting him back onto the Community Council.

(ii) Mr M Jones mentioned that the baskets along the railings on High Street had all been clumped together and that they should be more spread out.

**Resolved:** Councillor J Curtice to contact the relevant department to have them moved.

(iii) Mr M Jones also asked whether more picnic table and chairs could be purchased around the park.

**Resolved:** The Secretary to contact John Hopkins, City and County of Swansea to find out the costs to supply and install 3 further picnic tables around the park.

(iv) Xmas Tree

**Resolved:** The Secretary to speak to Mr A Hamilton to find out what will happen regarding a Xmas tree this year.