

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 2nd June, 2015**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. M. Jones
Mr. L. Jones
Mr. W.D. Merriman
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mr. H. Bates
Mr. J. John
Mr. A. Hamilton
Mr. B. Williams
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
Mrs. H. Talaat, Headteacher of Pengelli Primary

1963. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. T. Morgan and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

1964. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1965. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May, 2015.

Approved.

1966. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1956 (1944): Presentation by youth petitioners regarding the cost of school transportation to Pontarddulais Comprehensive. The Secretary advised Members that he had received a response from Swansea Council to the freedom of information request to release the current risk assessment. The response confirmed that no risk assessment of the walking route was in place. As a result of this he had asked Swansea to undertake an urgent review of the route which they have agreed to. The review will be undertaken in the next few weeks following the half-term break and conducted around the time pupils would be expected to walk to/from school. The results of this review will be provided to the Community Council in due course.

Minute 1956 (1946 (1941 (iv))): Fencing around the park. Further discussion took place regarding the need for a replacement fence around the park. Members felt that whilst there was the potential of external grant funding being made available to any 'friends of Grovesend park' that was to be created, the work of the fence needed to commence sooner than later.

Discussion took place as whether Swansea Council in-house team should be contracted to undertake the work or contract a private company. Members felt that their preferred option would be to purchase and install the fence via Swansea Council as they owned the land so to ensure all insurance and necessary agreements to undertake the work were in place, however, Members felt that Swansea's response times over the installation of the picnic tables and chairs was abysmal, despite paying for these many months ago and, therefore, a private company would undertake the work far quicker.

Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr D. Cole would speak to the Parks Department to obtain an in-house quote and timescale from them and that Mr. A. Hamilton would obtain a further two quotes from private contractors. All quotes, estimates and timescales would then be analysed prior to a final decision being made.

Minute 1960: Application for financial assistance from Pengelli Primary School. Mrs. H. Talaat thanked Members for their offer of £500 towards the running costs of the Breakfast Club, however, declined the offer as there were still too many unknowns at this stage in continuing with the status quo. Mrs. Talaat advised that she was planning other projects to benefit the school and would like to approach the Community Council later in the year for financial assistance regarding these.

Minute 1961(ii): Planning Aid Wales Training Session. Mrs. S. Morgan and Mrs. C. Knox informed Members that they had recently attended the training session, however, felt it lacked sufficient detail. A second session was being planned this time with Planning Officers in attendance, which they felt would be more relevant.

Cllr D. Cole advised that as a member of the planning committee in Swansea he had recently attended a training session which he found very useful. He offered to summarise this training and provide a 5-10 minute slot at the July meeting for all Members of the Community Council.

1967. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) Calls to the non-emergency number 101 had greatly improved recently and calls were now being answered far quicker;
- (ii) A monitoring exercise was due to commence shortly by the traffic section of the newly introduced 20mph speed limit. There was concern that motorists were travelling far in excess of this;
- (iii) The cycle track from Grovesend to Gorseinon would again this summer be cleared back using machinery;
- (iv) Confirmation of receipt of the funding for the pelican crossing had been received. The project would now progress to the design stage.

Councillor D. Cole advised Members that the Council was preparing the LDP to progress to the next stage. From an initial 650 original candidate sites, just 85 remained through the sifting process. Only one remained in Grovesend for 45 houses on Tyrisha Farm. Cllr Cole asked Members what view they had on this site in order to feed this into the process. Members responded by saying that their opinion had not changed from when they originally objected two or three years previous and that those objections should be carried forward. Members asked Cllr Cole if he could request a site visit for other Members of the Committee to view the access difficulties prior to them making their determination.

In the absence of Cllr Mrs. J. Curtice, Mrs. C. Knox read out an email outlining other areas of work:

- (i) A meeting has been arranged with Officers from Swansea to discuss the painting of zigzag lines outside the school entrances on New Road and Station Road. The funding of this will come from Cllr. Curtice's environmental monies;
- (ii) The blue badge scheme has been revised and qualifying criteria relaxed. This has now allowed some residents of Grovesend to be given blue badges;
- (iii) A site meeting will take place on 8th July at Tyrish Farm regarding the LDP plan.

1968. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None present.

1969. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

None received.

1970. Creation of a Friends of Grovesend Park Committee.

Mrs. C. Knox asked Members if they could consider individuals within the village to take the lead and setup a group to enable the development of the park to take place and to apply for external grants that are not available to Community Councils. Mrs. Knox advised that the Committee has to be independent of the Community Council; however, it can contain some Councillors along with a wider audience of residents. Mrs. Knox suggested that maybe Mrs. Cherry Hinton, High Street, would be interested in chairing this group and taking it forward.

It was suggested that a flyer be posted to all residents outlining the attempts to create a group and ask for volunteers. A discussion then took place regarding a Community Council newsletter which could be circulated at the same time as the flyer. Mrs. C. Knox asked Members if someone would be willing to prepare and edit a newsletter, with no takers, Mrs. Knox said she would write it on this occasion and asked Members to email her contributions

to be included.

1971. Approval of the 2014/15 Community Council Accounts.

The Secretary presented the 2014/15 accounts to Members, which were circulated in advance of the meeting. He advised that given the increase in spend relating to village enhancements he had created a new heading to cover these issues which is why some of the columns compared to the previous year did not marry-up easily.

Resolved: Members approved the accounts as accurate.

1972. Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report.

1973. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- i) Mr. B. Williams reported a street lamp in Waungron as still not working despite contacting the Highways Department several times. Cllr. D. Cole said he would look into this matter for him;
- ii) A concern was expressed that only some of the hedges through Waungron had been cut and not all of them as the work had subsequently stopped. Mr. M. Jones said he had the telephone number of the individual organising the works and would speak to him to enquire when the remaining hedges would be cut back;
- iii) Mr. B. Davies enquired as why a bench had not been installed at the corner of High Street and Plas Road when it had been agreed by the Community Council back in January 2014 to pay for this work. The Secretary said he would look into this further and report back, however, he seemed to recall that there was a problem with obtaining a licence for the work to be undertaken as although there was a bench there many years ago, the base had since been removed and the ground work and necessary permissions would need to commence over again. Mr. A. Hamilton agreed to obtain a quote for the purchase and installation of a bench and to discuss this at the next meeting;
- iv) Mrs. S. Morgan advised Members that the dog litter bin outside the Miners Club was constantly full and overflowing. The Secretary said he would contact Swansea Council to make them aware and enquire when it should be collected;
- v) The question of the Christmas tree was raised by Members and whether any progress had been made in obtaining a quote for the installation of an electric point near the tree. Following a discussion it was agreed to progress the purchase of a tree and install in the Park to enable it to establish itself whilst Mr. A. Hamilton continued his enquiries regarding the electricity installation;
- vi) Mrs. H. Talaat advised Members that in 2016 it was Pengelli Primary's centenary anniversary and that early plans are being made to celebrate the

event with a range of activities.

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 	Confirmation received via Cllrs D. Cole and J. Curtice that Welsh Government had agreed the funding via Safe Routes to School. Installation should take place prior to Christmas.	Welsh Government; Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green).
Installation of Zigzag lines outside Pengelli Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr J. Curtice to raise with Traffic Section: February, 2015 • Agreed to follow-up: April, 2015 • May, 2015 	Meeting arranged between Cllr C. Curtice and Highways Officers.	Cllr. J. Curtice
Alternations to Box Road/Park entrance junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern expressed of vehicles exiting Box Road the wrong way: September, 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: January, 2015 • Cllrs. D. Cole & J. Curtice agreed to use some of their environmental monies: February, 2015 	Awaiting action by Swansea Council.	Swansea Council