

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**  
**Community Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Present:** Mr W D Merriman, Chairman  
Mr D Gwynn, Vice Chairman  
Mr W B Davies  
Mr L Jones  
Mrs S Morgan  
Mr M Jones  
Mr A Hamilton  
Mr B Moon  
Mrs Helen Talaat  
Councillor J Curtice  
Councillor A Stevens  
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (Secretary)

**2200. Apologies for absence**

None

**2201. Disclosures of personal interest**

None

**2202. Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

Approved

**2203. Matters arising from the minutes**

**2191 (2182) (2172) (2163(i))** Mr B Moon asked if there was a telephone number for any issues with lighting as there was 3 lampposts currently out of use on Coalbrook Road. Mr L Jones also mentioned that there was also 2 opposite Priory Stables that had been taken away because they were rusted. This was a Health and Safety issue. **Resolved:** Councillor D Cole to investigate as no response received to date. **Resolved:** Councillor D Cole to chase up a response and get the numbers of the lampposts from Mr B Moon. **Resolved:** Councillor J Curtice to follow this up.

**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.

**2199 (ii)** A discussion was held regarding what was happening with 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.

**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 - £5000/£6000
- Estimate to seal meter room and remove asbestos - £4000
- 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 Kiswa 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.

#### **2204. Local Members Report**

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

- (i) Training meetings were currently taking place in Swansea
- (ii) Councillor Andrew Stevens is appointed as VC of the Planning Department
- (iii) The change of the pink recycling bags was imminent and weighted pink bags are due to be given out to all residents

#### **2205. Ten-minute Public Questions**

None

#### **2206. Planning Applications**

None

The Secretary advised Members that she had received a letter from the Appeals team, City and Council of Swansea regarding 125 Pentre Road and their proposed development for a single storey side extension asking whether we wanted to withdraw any representations made on the application.

**Resolved:** This was not applicable as the Community Council had no objection to the application.

#### **2207. Social Media Policy**

**Resolved:** To adopt the social media policy circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting.

**2208. Wales Audit office letter – Audit fees and other matters relating to the 15/16 audit**

A copy of the letter was circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved:** Noted with no issues

**2209. Motions for 2017 Annual General Meeting – One Voice Wales**

The Secretary informed members that the deadline for submitting a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on 30 September would need to be submitted by 30 June. Councillor A Stevens mentioned that Gorseinon Town Council nominated his motion to support WASPI with Loughor Town Council seconding their motion.

**Resolved:** To forward any proposals to the Secretary as soon as possible.

**2210. Code of Practice on Workforce Matters – Annual Monitoring Exercise**

The Secretary advised that she had received a letter from the Welsh Government requesting completion of the annual monitoring exercise for the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters.

**Resolved:** This was noted but is not applicable as no outsourcing contracts was made between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017.

**2211. Secretary's report**

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) The next community/town council's forum is due to take place on Monday 24 July at 4:00.

**Resolved:** Mr D Merriman would attend.

(ii) She had received an email from Mr David Thomas, Community Land Advisory Service inviting Councillors to attend a meeting on 13 June. The purpose of the meeting is to raise the profile of community food growing projects.

**Resolved:** Noted

(iii) A renewal quote for the Community Council's public liability insurance for 2017/18 had been received at a cost of £257.60.

**Resolved:** To renew the insurance with the current provider Zurich for a further year.

(iv) She had received a letter from Open Spaces Society asking for a donation to support 'Good causes, green causes – and how to fight for them.

**Resolved:** Noted

(v) She reminded all members that an up-to-date Register of Members Interests record, acceptance of office form and the return of election expenses form needs to be completed and returned to the Secretary.

## 2212. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair

- (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.
- (ii) Mr D Gwynn mentioned the ongoing problem with Waungron flooding. He explained that 116 Pentre Road had already been flooded twice in the last year. The resident is elderly and is becoming a serious Health and Safety issue. Councillor J Curtice advised that she had already spoken to Mike Sweeney regarding this.  
**Resolved:** Councillor J Curtice and Councillor A Stevens to chase this up once again and report back.  
**Resolved:** Mr D Merriman to write to Health and Safety department and Environmental Health to explain the problem.
- (iii) Mr W B Davies informed members that he had received an update from Alan Ferris, Swansea Council and included details of the speed surveys recently completed in Grovesend. This confirms our expectation that local speeds remain high despite the introduction of the 20-mph limit. However, statistically there have been no collisions resulting in personal injury recorded in the most recent three year period, consequently it would not be seen as a high priority for further road safety funding. He did add that Jeff is due to meet with the police towards the end of this month and will use the opportunity to make them aware of these recent recordings.
- (iv) Mrs S Morgan mentioned that someone had set fire to the wooden lamppost on Coalbrook Road around 3:00 a.m.
- (v) Mrs Talaat advised everyone that she had sent out a newsflash to parents of pupils from Pengelli Primary School to let them know that she had recently become a member of the Community Council and would be a representative for the school.
- (vi) 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