

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 5th June 2018

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

2335. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Knox.

2336. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2337. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2018

Approved

2338. Matters arising from the minutes

2325 (2309) (2295) (2291) (ii) Mr D Gwynn informed Members that there was a piece of road off Pentre Road at Waungron (in front of 112/114 Pentre Road) that is becoming difficult to drive over and is becoming a danger. The Council have in the past filled up a few holes with tar-mac but this has now deteriorated. **Further Action:** To chase up the complaint **Further Action:** Mr D Cole and Mr D Merriman to take photographs of the potholes that needs repairing.

2325 (2309) (2295) (2291) (iii) Mr D Gwynn expressed concern about the land between Pentre Road and the main Road in Grovesend that is owned by the Welsh Government and that there a quite a few overgrown trees. He has been approached by residents in Waungron to express their concern that the trees will blow down or the branches will break. **Action:** Secretary to chase up the Estates Department.

Further Action: Secretary to forward response from Welsh Government to City and County of Swansea for clarity.

2329 Memorial Plaque

Decision: Members have decided on an upcoming project to display the war memorial of past residents of Grovesend and would like to get views from our local residents on where they would like this to be positioned within the

village. **Action:** Mr D Merriman to get a quote from Nurse & Payne and Mr M Jones to get a quote from Jamie Hitchings on the cost of producing a memorial plaque.

Further Action: Mr D Merriman to forward a photograph of the original memorial plaque to Mr M Jones.

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: Jan Curtice to follow this up again as the caravan is still there.

2332 (v) She had received the notice of the annual audit of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 and informed Members that the audit date that has been selected is 2 July 2018 and that the annual return needed to be submitted by 30 June. The Secretary advised that an internal auditor was required.

Action: Secretary to formally write to Mr Roger Wilde regarding the role and expectation of becoming the internal auditor once again for Grovesend and Waungron Community Council. **Resolved:** Mr Roger Wilde accepted the post.

2333 (i) Mr M Jones informed Members that Friends of the Park would be organising a Fun Day/Sports day some time in July/August and further details would follow in due course.

Resolved: The date has been confirmed and will be held on 4 August 2018.

2333 (iv) Mr M Jones mentioned that 2 bags of rubbish had been dumped outside Dolgoed Farm and stated that when he contact 101 they said it was nothing to do with them.

Further Update: Mr M Jones advised that more rubbish had been dumped but the Council did come and collect the 2nd bag; however, one bad is still there that has got mail inside with names and addresses on.

Action: Councillor J Curtice to chase this up the with the Council

2339. Local Members Report

Councillor Andrew Stevens reported on the following: -

Grovesend & Waungron

Safe Routes Bid was unsuccessful – The Council made three bids including ours, but Welsh Government only agreed to support the initiatives developed for the Gower area.

Dropped Kerb at Box Road – This will come at a cost of £1004.61 from our community allocation. We argued the fact that it should have been implemented in the original scheme, but because it is not on any of the plans we have little footing to go on two years down the line.

Speeding/ Traffic issues – Due to our failed bid we will now have to revisit the plans we had to address the traffic through the village. We have scheduled a meeting with highway safety to discuss implementing parts of the safe routes bid in stages.

For Grovesend

1. Improved electronic signage
2. Reconsider speed limit on High Street – may be localised 20mph limit by pelican crossing
3. Layby for GoSafe speed enforcement
For Waungron
4. Improved electronic signage

We have stated we want to model it on the area heading to the lights in Llewitha, that also was plagued with speed/traffic issues, but the regular go safe checks and electronic signage has gone a long way to helping to kerb the issues.

Park Access - We had the concrete bin in Golden Grove park moved to make access easier for wheelchairs at the request of a resident living nearby. We also reminded Parks to keep on top of the strip behind the houses on High St that was agreed last year.

Footpath – We have raised concerns that the gate entering the footpath off station road is not suitable for wheelchair access, in addition we reported a broken drain nearby that is flooding during winter.

Missing Bench – We have been trying to locate the bench that was in front of Golden Grove. No one seems to know where it has gone, so we have asked if insurance cover cost. If not, then it would be £605 for a reclaimed plastic design or £418 for a Steel design. Additional cost of plastic is for the plinth.

Community Walk – Happy to donate £150 for participation medals to the friends of Pengelli for what's shaping up to be an excellent community event.

Penyrheol

Frampton Rd Post Office - We have been working on making the area in-front of the Frampton Rd Post office safe for pedestrians and we finally had barriers agreed by highways. Highway safety have received some s278 funding to place a zebra crossing near-by. This has held things up a little, we are currently waiting for some of the statutory undertakers to finalise details, so they can progress the design.

Gower View Play Area – We have been receiving a lot of reports of anti-social behaviour and vandalism and are currently trying to work through them with police and both primary and comprehensive school headteachers.

Llyns Meredith and Heal Pentrebach – Working through a myriad of issues with residents regarding both new developments in our ward.

LDP - The LDP Examination was temporarily suspended for a period of 6

weeks on the 16th April to allow the Council to undertake additional work. The examination has now recommenced, and the Inspectors have programmed the additional hearings required. These will be held on Tue 3 July and Wed 4 July 2018. Only those who have previously made written representations relevant to the subject matters to be discussed and/or involved in the previous related sessions are included as participants for these additional sessions. Interested parties that are not listed but would like to request to participate in any of the sessions, must let the programme officer Tracey Smith know as soon as possible. Discussions at the hearings will be strictly limited to the matters and issues set out on the hearing agendas.

Mayor

Football Tournament – Football tournament was a success with £1300 total raised for the day, 16 teams entered, and Lee Trundle came along to present the winners medals.

Fundraising - I gave a cheque for £9342.26 to the Cardiac dept at ABMU for the total amount I raised during my term as Mayor of Gorseinon & Penyrheol. My term ended on the 16th May but I held one more fundraiser with Loughor RFC at our end of season presentation which raised a further £1100, so even though it was a little late that technically that put me over the £10'000 mark. There will be announcements for what the funds are going toward within the cardiac department soon.

2340. Ten-minute Public Questions

None

2341. Annual Audit for year ended 31 March 2018

The Secretary advised Members that she had completed her section of the audit on 1 May 2018 and met with the internal auditor on 8 May 2018 and he had completed the internal audit. All notices have been displayed on the notice board to advise external residents if they wish to access the accounts. She advised that the date of the audit will be 2 July 2018 so will ensure that it is returned prior to this date.

Resolved: Members approved the Annual Return and confirmed the accounting statements.

2342. Planning Applications

No applications received.

The Secretary had spoken to Rhodri Williams from the Enforcement team regarding the temporary accommodation at 152 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend. He advised her that they were in breach of planning control and is due to meet with them very soon. He confirmed that they had served a planning contravention notice to them. He will provide a further update following their meeting.

She also confirmed that an appeal has been made regarding the erection of 1.8m high close boarded timber fence along the part of the front boundary at 151 Pentre Road, Pontarddulais. This was noted by Members as they had no objections at their original application.

2343. Health and Safety

Mr D Merriman and Mr D Cole walked the village and was joined by Mr D Gwynn in Waungron and provided a report of their observations. They agreed that they would do this every 3 months to identify any issues or concerns. During this report the main concerns identified were: -

- (i) Speeding – not one vehicle observed the 20-mph restriction during this time
- (ii) The road surface in general was in good condition apart from two areas of concern – 1 – road leading off the main road at Waungron and 2 – entranceway to the school
- (iii) There is a lot of vegetation on either side of the ditch alongside Pontarddulais Road which will block the run
- (iv) No sign of the tubs that should have been planted and no indication of wild flowers
- (v) The hedges leading to Waungron are overgrown
- (vi) Flooding in Waungron

Action: Councillor J Curtice to contact Mike Sweeney to arrange a meeting to discuss some of these issues with Mr D Cole and Mr D Merriman.

2344. Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

- (i) A renewal quote for the Community Council's public liability insurance for 2018/19 had been received at a cost of £257.60.

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

- (ii) She had received a letter from Open Spaces Society asking for a donation to support 'Please help us to realise a 50-year-old vision'.

Resolved: Noted

- (iii) She had received an email from Head of Policy and Communications, NALC with an update on GDPR and Data Protection Bill informing us that MPs had accepted that all parish and town councils to be exempt from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer under the General Data Protection Regulation.

- (iv) She had received an email from a resident regarding an issue regarding restrictive covenants on ex council houses. The Secretary read the email out but Members felt that this should be referred onto the relevant department at Swansea Council.

- (v) She informed Members that she had received an email offering a free awareness session for hand arm vibration syndrome (HAVS)

Resolved: Noted

(vi) She had received an email from a resident of Box Road asking if we could help find out who owns the land with the overgrown trees and bushes opposite the terraced houses.

Resolved: It was suggested that the Secretary contact the resident and advise them to contact Mr Russell Mole who may be able to advise.

(vii) The next Community & Town Council Forum will be held on 30 July 2018 at the Guildhall, Swansea.

Action: Members to inform the Secretary if they wish to attend.

(viii) Community Walk / Summer Fayre – The Secretary provided the Members with an update regarding the organisation of this event. She informed Members that she had recently met with a representative from each Community Group involved to discuss all necessary details including finances, risk assessment, etc. All groups agreed to an equal share of all profits raised on the day and to keep a copy of all receipts. The Secretary reiterated that the main aim of the day was to raise awareness of the Community Groups within the village and to try and engage with the Community.

2345. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

(i) Mr W B Davies mentioned that he had been approached by local residents asking who are the Friends of the Park?

Resolved: The Secretary had included a section regarding the Friends of the Park in the newsletter that had been given to all residents within the village.

(ii) Mrs S Morgan mentioned that on one occasion cars had been parked on both sides of the road where the new houses have been built on Coalbrook Road and to be mindful of how often this happens.

2346. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3 July 2018.