

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th June 2019**

Present: Mr D Gwynn (Chairperson)
Mr W D Merriman
Mr W B Davies
Mr B Moon
Mr D Cole
Mr A Hamilton
Mr M Jones
Mr L Jones
Mrs H Talaat
Mrs S Morgan
Mrs Y Hamilton (Clerk)
PC 5896 Josh Webborn South Wales Police (Public Attendance)

2470. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Knox and Councillor A Stevens.

2471. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2472. Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2019

Approved

2473. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
2461, 2449, 2441	Policy for funding requests - A discussion took place as to what Members wanted to include in the policy. Action: Clerk to draft a policy for approval at the next meeting. The Clerk and Mr W D Merriman presented Members with a policy. DECISION – This was agreed by all Members with minor errors to be corrected. ACTION – To be signed off at the next meeting.	DECISION – Mr W D Merriman proposed to adopt the policy and seconded by Mr L Jones.
2461, 2449, 2442 (i)	She had received an email from the Parks services confirming that cutting back the branches had been completed in Waungron on the B4296. They did state that there were some dead elm trees that still require felling but require Western Power to switch off their lines.	ACTION – Clerk to continue to chase Parks services for a completion date.
2461, 2449, 2442 (x)	She informed Members that the lights on Box Road were still out and the Council have been unable to contact the landowners about cutting back the overgrown trees so that Western Power are able to carry out the works required.	UPDATE – Clerk informed Members that the Council had served notice under Section 154 of Highways Act. ACTION – Clerk to continue to chase for a completion date.
2461, 2456 (v)	Mr D Gwynn stated that the pavements throughout Waungron were a Health and Safety issue due to the overgrown hedges on both sides of the road. Action: Clerk	ACTION – Clerk to continue to chase for a response.

	to contact Swansea Council.	
2467	It was brought to our attention that the dogs bins throughout the village are often overflowing with extra bags being placed around the bin areas.	ACTION: Clerk to contact the Environmental department to report this issue and ask how often they are supposed to get emptied.
2468 (ii)	Mr W D Merriman asked Mr M Jones whether the Friends of the Park had applied for any grants.	UPDATE – At present Friends of the Park were currently looking at Welsh Water funding and the National Lottery fund.
2468 (iv)	There are currently no notices placed around Grovesend / Waungron regarding dog fouling.	ACTION: Clerk to contact Swansea Council to ask if the necessary notices can be placed around the village.

2474. Local Members Report

Nothing to report

2475. Ten-minute Public Questions

(i) The Clerk informed Members that she had received a letter from residents of Station Road lodging a complaint about the property next door to Brynneulog House in relation to several large commercial type rubbish holders on their land which has now become an eyesore and the constant burning of rubbish which appears to be a lot of plastic components.

Action: Clerk to forward the letter to the Environment Department, Swansea Council.

(ii) PC 5896 Josh Webborn South Wales Police introduced himself and provided his contact details. He updated Members with the latest stats for Grovesend during the period 01/05/2019 – 31/05/2019: - 3 Occurrences in total - 1 missing person, 1 concern call, 1 ASB off road bike, Station Road. Mr M Jones expressed concern that a theft was reported on 11 May due to a break in and asked why this had not been recorded. During the meeting PC Josh Webborn contacted his colleagues and reported that the reason this was not recorded in the Grovesend figures was because the person who reported it was not from the village.

(iii) It was brought to our attention that Mr W D Merriman had received 3 complaints regarding the overgrown hedges at number 8 Plas Road to the point where you cannot walk on the pavement with a pram and has to go on the road.

Action: Clerk to draft a letter to Mr Richard Morgan expressing the concerns raised. Mr M Jones will have an informal chat with Mr Morgan.

2476. Planning Applications

Application No. 2019/0621/NMA

152 Coalbrook Road Grovesend Swansea SA4 4GP

Retention and completion of first floor side extension, single storey side and rear extension, external and fenestration alterations, and temporary siting of a caravan for a 6-month period

Recommendation: No Objection

Application No. 2018/2720/FUL – Land at Tyrisha Farm

This will not be going to planning committee in June 2019.

2477. Grass Cutting

Prior to the meeting the Clerk forwarded a report showing the current grass cutting situation and suggested proposals going forward. A discussion took place amongst Members and Mr W D Merriman proposed that the grass area marked map 2 which is the area between Grove Farm Road, Coalbrook Road and Box Road should no longer be cut. This was seconded by Mr W B Davies. Mr M Jones objected this proposal and proposed an amendment as suggested - Continue cutting the area marked map 2 and a private contractor to cut the area around Golden Grove park as and when required in between Swansea Council cutting it (up to a maximum of 7 cuts per year and to cut approximately 2 weeks after Swansea Council have cut it during the Summer months). He felt that this area should be maintained as it is on the main route throughout the village and is seen by all who travels through. Mr A Hamilton seconded this proposed amendment and added that this area was cleaned up a few years ago due to it been left to overgrow and had cars burnt out, shopping trolleys dumped and was used as a dumping ground for general household waste. A vote on the amendment took place, which was passed, so the original proposal fell.

Decision: The amendment became the substantive motion and was passed by 6 votes.

2478. Annual Audit for year ended 31 March 2019

The Clerk advised Members that she had completed her section of the audit on 24 May 2019 and met with the internal auditor on 30 May 2019 and he had completed the internal audit. All notices have been displayed on the notice board to advice external residents if they wish to access the accounts. She advised that the date of the audit will be 29 July 2019 but has requested the audit to be returned by 1 July so will ensure that it is returned prior to this date.

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

2479. Clerk's report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

(i) Following the FOI request regarding the number of reported collisions and the response received from Swansea Council showed the following: - 0 recordings between 01/10/15 – 30/09/18 on Heol Y Mynydd, Gorseinon and 3 recordings between 01/10/15 – 30/09/18 on Coalbrook Road / High Street, Grovesend. She had received a further FOI response from South Wales Police showing the following: - 5 recordings between 01/04/16 – 01/04/19 on Heol Y Mynydd, Gorseinon and 3 recordings between 01/04/16 – 01/04/19 on Coalbrook Road / High Street, Grovesend. There was a discrepancy between

the 2 but also the dates provided were different.

(ii) The Clerk informed Members of a Charity event taking place on 25 August in memory of Richard Thomas and are looking for rugby teams to get involved.

(iii) She reminded Member of the Joint One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales Network Event / Conference which will take place on 11 June 2019 in Conwy.

(iv) The Emergency Services will be having a 'Family Fun Day' at Penlan Leisure Centre on 22 June 2019. All welcome.

(v) A renewal quote for the Community Council's public liability insurance for 2019/20 had been received at a cost of £257.60.

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

(vi) She had received an email from Sam Williams, Llys y Tywysog looking at possible links to building a relationship with the community. She has requested some information on what they could do to help achieve this. Mr D Gwynn informed Members that he had already been in contact with them because of his interest in Local History.

Action: If anyone has any further ideas on this please let the Clerk know.

(viii) Bopath Children's Therapy Centre Wales forwarded a letter requesting any financial assistance. This was noted by Members.

(ix) The One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference will be held on 10 July at the Royal Welsh Showground.

Action: Members to inform Clerk if they wish to attend.

2480. Health and Safety

Mr D Gwynn reported that the hedges throughout Waungron was overgrown and is making it very difficult to walk on the pavement. He also advised that the hedges by the bus shelter were overgrown and members of the public have to step out on the road to see if a bus is coming.

Action: Clerk to report to Swansea Council.

2481. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

(i) Mr W D Merriman suggested planting half a dozen apple/cherry blossom trees to enhance the area around the park.

Action: Mr D Gwynn to contact Woodland Trust

Action: Clerk to get some quotes

(ii) The Clerk informed Members that the last Newsletter was sent out over a year ago and felt that it was time to send out another.

Action: All Members to provide Clerk with any ideas to be included.

(iii) Mr D Gwynn informed us that the post box had disappeared from Waungron.

Action: Clerk to contact Royal Mail to find out where it has gone.

(iv) Mrs S Morgan mentioned that the motorbikes were still going on the cycle track and is very concerning.

(v) Mrs S Morgan stated that the flowers recently placed in the village were looking lovely.

(vi) Mr D Merriman advised that if we are looking to plant our own flowers for next year then we would need to start planting them by September.

Action: Clerk to contact Parks Department for some recommendations of types of flowers.

2482. Date of next meeting

A request to reschedule the next meeting for the following week was made.

This wasn't accepted so the next meeting will be held on 2 July at 7:00 p.m.