

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**  
**Community Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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

Mr Andrew Stevens (Public Attendance)  
Mr Barry Moon (Public Attendance)

**2169. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Williams and Mr M Jones.

Mr J John and Mr D Gwynn were absent.

**2170. Disclosures of personal interest**

Mr D Merriman, Councillor J Curtice and Mrs Y Hamilton declared an interest in a letter received from Pengelli Primary School that was discussed in the Secretary's report

**2171. Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Approved

**2172. Matters arising from the minutes**

**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.

**2173. Local Members Report**

Councillor D Cole reported on the following: -

- (i) He mentioned that the budget was going to be announced the following day and was hoping that approval was going to be given for the City Deal and the Tidal Lagoon.
- (ii) He provided an update on the plastic recycling rules and advised that all residents should have received a leaflet regarding this. He advised that the residents of Grovesend and Waungron should be receiving the new pink recycling bags in June. Council now only want hard plastics that

- keep their shape recycled. Other plastic to be put in black bags
- (iii) Confirmation that funding has been granted for 3x3G pitches to be developed around the area. One will be built at Penyrheol Comprehensive School.
- (iv) He will send information regarding the Ash Dye back disease to the Secretary for sharing with members.

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

- (v) She mentioned that she had recently been involved with sponsoring the buddy bench scheme at both Penyrheol and Pengelli Primary schools and had received positive feedback. The purpose of this scheme is to help children that are feeling lonely or isolated. The brightly coloured benches are placed in the school and any child that is feeling lonely or isolated can sit on the bench and another child will know that they need a friend or someone to talk to.
- (vi) She advised that the budget papers were out and were currently been delivered.
- (vii) She advised that the precept for this financial year was set at 2.75%. This included more money being spent on Education and Social Services.
- (viii) She had received the latest crime figures for the months December 16 to February 17. The figures for Grovesend were: -

	December 16	January 17	February 17
Theft other	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	3	0
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0
Damage	2	4	1
Burglary	0	0	0
Violence	0	2	1
ASB	1	1	1

- (ix) She mentioned that 3 new defibrillators had been placed around the town and advised that you can apply for a lottery grant to receive additional defibrillators to be placed in Grovesend. At present, there are a total of 16 in Gorseinon and has helped save one person's life to date.  
**Resolved:** The Secretary to speak to John Burge regarding what he had already done to apply for a lottery grant and contact Cariad to apply for funding.
- (x) She informed members that she had spoken to the police once again regarding speeding throughout the village and meets with them quarterly.
- (xi) She advised that a new skateboard park had been approved and will be erected at Parc Melyn Mynach and will cost £70,000.
- (xii) She had recently been involved in organising a free community meal for up to 100 vulnerable people. This proved very positive.
- (xiii) She had recently received a donation of 1000 parkland trees and advised

Members to contact her is anyone wants any. At Penyrheol Primary school each child has adopted a tree.

#### **2174. Ten-minute Public Questions**

- (i) Mr B Moon advised that 3 lampposts were still out of use on Coalbrook Road.

**Resolved:** Councillor J Curtice, Councillor D Cole, D Merriman and B Moon each to contact the department within the Council to express their concerns.

- (ii) Mr B Moon stated that the 20-mph sign in the village is a major issue and that he felt that the police were not doing anything to sort the matter out.

- (iii) Mr A Stevens explained to the Members his reasons why he had applied to become a governor at Pengelli Primary School. He stated that although he did not live within the village he had previously lived in the village for 32 years and that his family had moved to Grovesend in the 30's.

- (iv) Mr A Stevens informed Members of his plans to hold open days on his farm for the primary school children around the areas to attend and gain experience of farm life.

#### **2175. Planning Applications**

None

Mrs S Morgan informed members that the plans for Pengelli Cottage to be demolished and replaced with 3 houses and a further one behind had eventually been approved following an appeal. To get to this stage several planning applications had been submitted. It was noted that at present conditions have been put on the 3 houses to do with draining, etc. but the owners are currently in the process of appealing to get these conditions removed.

#### **2176. Speeding Issues**

The Secretary provided a report that she had put together following member's comments and views which was approved.

**Resolved:** The Secretary to send a copy of the report to the following people:  
- Mr Stuart Davies, Head of Highways and Transportation; Mr Jeff Green; Byron Davies; David Hopkins; Rebecca Evans; SA4 magazine and Peter Vaughan.

#### **2177. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported on the following items: -

- (i) She has received a letter from the headteacher of Pengelli Primary School requesting any financially help to support the establishment of a parent and toddler group. It states that they have already spent £150 on various items and have received some donations but envisage spending

£500 to help the group become self-sufficient.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to donate £500 towards setting up the parent and toddler group as they agreed it would help to further develop community links.

- (ii) She had received a request from the trustee of the miner's welfare club for payment of £60.00 to cover heating/lighting and use of hall for the months of January to March (inclusive).

**Resolved:** To pay the invoice

- (iii) She had received an invoice from Vision ICT to cover the web hosting and support between April 2017 and March 2018 totalling £250 + VAT. She emailed the company and requested a reduction of costs as she felt that the costs were quite high considering what is required. They agreed to reduce the invoice to £125 + VAT.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to pay the contract for the 12 months.

- (iv) She had purchased a card for Mr J Burge's retirement and following an email discussion with all members the majority felt that giving him a cheque for £100 was the most appropriate retirement gift.

**Resolved:** The Secretary to present Mr J Burge with his gift.

- (v) She had received a leaflet from a neighbour asking if she knew anything about it. It was from Pamela Lewis, Grovesend and Waungron and was requesting an invite to join a free private social network called Nextdoor Grovesend and Waungron and their aim is to share recommendations for traders, discuss safety and local issues, plan neighbourhood events and much more. Members had not heard of this and scheme so was unable to comment on whether it was reputable.

- (vi) She had received the nomination packs and Notice of Election and reminded members that they need to be returned by 4 pm on the 4 April.

**Resolved:** The Secretary displayed the Notice of Election on the notice board and on the website and issued each member with a nomination pack.

- (vii) She had received an email from Clydach Community Council asking for any ideas on how their recently developed Youth Council could be developed further to maximise potential. This was noted by the Members.

## **2178. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair**

None