

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**  
**Community Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Present:** Mr W D Merriman, Chairman  
Mr W B Davies  
Mr B Moon  
Mrs H Talaat  
Mrs C Knox  
Mr D Cole  
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)

**2292. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Hamilton, Mr L Jones, Mrs S Morgan, Mr M Jones, Councillor A Stevens and Councillor J Curtice.

**2293. Disclosures of personal interest**

None

**2294. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Approved

**2295. Matters arising from the minutes**

**2285 (2274) Action:** Councillor A Stevens to ask the police if they could park up in the village to monitor the speed. **Further Action:** Councillor A Stevens / Councillor J Curtice to chase this up as to date there has been no police presence.

**Further Update:** Councillor A Stevens sent an email to the Secretary to clarify the above. The email stated the following - There had been police presence, and we stated just that, it was Cllr Davies that said otherwise. Just because some members may not have seen them that does not mean that they were not there at all. I emailed PSCO Picton this morning and I have also copied her in on this email. I have asked if the next time they patrol Grovesend could they post a social media update if possible.

A police presence had been seen by a resident(s) living near High St, in addition to the follow up information we were given at our last Town Council meeting and we subsequently reported onto the community council.

Hope this is ok Megan, perhaps you can bring some clarity to this situation.

**Decision:** This was noted by Members.

**2290 (i)** Mr D Merriman had received a letter from the National Lottery Fund advising us that our application for a grant for funding for defibrillators was unsuccessful due to not meeting their funding priorities. It was felt amongst the Members that this was very disappointing especially as it seemed that all other applications submitted around the local councils had been approved. The Secretary also informed Members that she had contacted Cariad to ask for their advice. They confirmed that they would look at our application and get back

to us as they too were unsure how other Councils applications had been approved.

**Action:** Secretary to put together an appeal with Members input and resend to National Lottery Fund.

**Further Action:** Secretary to chase up Cariad and forward the application to Mrs H Talaat for further input.

**2291.** (i) Mr D Gwynn asked what happens to the food waste and what happens to the waste that is separated?

**Action:** Councillor A Stevens to find out and report back.

**Update:** Councillor A Stevens provided an email update that also advised that there was a new rollout of new plastic food bags that would be replacing the existing biodegradable food bags.

(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.

**Action:** Secretary to write a complaint letter to the Highways Department asking them to fix the problem.

**Further Action:** To chase up the complaint

(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 write to the Estates Department, Welsh Government to express concerns.

**Further Action:** Secretary to chase up the Estates Department.

#### **2296. Election of Chair**

**Decision:** Due to low attendance Members agreed to move this item to the meeting in April.

#### **2297. Election of Vice-Chair**

**Decision:** Due to low attendance Members agreed to move this item to the meeting in April.

#### **2298. Local Members Report**

Mr D Cole reported on the following: -

(i) He attended a coffee morning that was organised by Friends of the Park on 14 February which was well attended.

(ii) He also attended a Friends of the Park meeting held on 27 February where it was agreed that on 7 April they will be organising an Easter event to be held in the park and the Bryn Lliw and will include an Easter Egg hunt and a bonnet parade. The next meeting of Friends of the Park is scheduled for March 28th

(iii) He informed Members that the BT phone box at the bottom of New Road

had been smashed.

**Action:** Mr D Merriman to report this to BT.

(iv) Mr D Merriman asked Mr D Cole whether the Friends of the Park had applied for any grants. Mr D Cole confirmed that they were in the process of doing so.

(v) Mr D Cole asked the Secretary whether there was any follow up meeting being held regarding the Review of Community and Town Council Sector Wales.

**Action:** Secretary to resend the email regarding the follow up event being held in Carmarthen.

## **2299. Ten-minute Public Questions**

None

## **2300. Planning Applications**

**2018/0345/FUL** – 28 Station Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GY – Rear Roof Extension. This application was discussed outside the meeting due to timings.

**Resolved:** No objection

## **2301. Health and Safety**

The Secretary informed Members that a steel tube had been cut by the gate entrance to the park/field and had been left very sharp. Mr A Hamilton asked if Members were happy for him to grind this down to make it safe. Members agreed.

**Action:** Mr A Hamilton to complete the work.

## **2302. Terms of Reference**

The Secretary distributed a copy of the Standing Orders for updating. Members agreed to rename the document Terms of Reference with some slight amendments.

**Action:** Secretary to update the document with the agreed changes.

## **2303. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) She had received a letter from Wales Air Ambulance requesting financial support.

**Resolved:** This was noted by Members.

(ii) She had received an invoice from Vision ICT for the website hosting and support for April 2018 to March 2020 at a cost of £150.00

**Resolved:** Members agreed for the invoice to be paid.

(iii) She has received the Annual Contract for 2018/19 from the Parks Department for the annual maintenance including grass cutting for Box Road/Grove Farm Road at a cost of £607.00 which is a slight increase on the previous year.

**Resolved:** All in favour to renew the contract for a further year.

(iv) She provided Members with an update regarding Summer Painter and the elite squad at West Street Gymnastics who had recently been to Las Vegas to represent Wales. They came away with the senior cup trophy, 3 golds and 1 silver. They thanked all the sponsors who helped to support the event.

(v) She discussed the idea about organising a Community Walk to take place in June that would involve the community. Members initially agreed to support this event but would like to see how the plans develop.

**Action:** Secretary to put together a plan for discussion at the next meeting.

(vi) She asked whether it would be a good idea to send out a newsletter as it has been a while since the last one was distributed.

**Action:** Members agreed to provide the Secretary with some information about themselves to be included in the newsletter.

**2304. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair**

(i) Mr W B Davies mentioned that it was coming up to a year since the issue with the dropped kerb was placed into the programme of works.

(ii) Mrs H Talaat informed Members that the school had just set up a new library system in the school that included a digital reference facility.

**2305. Date of next meeting**

Meeting date agreed – 3 April 2018