

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 25th February, 2014**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. M. Jones
Mr. J. John
Mr. W.D. Merriman
Mr. P.A. Hamilton
Mr. H. Bates
Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
No members of the public present

1814. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones, Mrs. S. Morgan, Mrs. T. Morgan and Councillor D. Cole.

1815. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1816. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February, 2014.

Approved subject to an amendment to Minute 1809(vii) that the unveiling of the new memorial war plaque at St. Catherine's Church will take place at 6.00pm on Sunday, 22nd June and not 6.30.

1817. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1808 (1802/1798/1794) Community Council website: The Secretary informed Members that the new website was still under construction by Vision ICT with a draft version available to view within the next few weeks.

1818. Local Members Report.

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice reported on the following:

- i) Along with Cllr D. Cole a meeting had been held with Police Officers from Gorseinon to discuss various anti-social and traffic issues within the area. As a result of the traffic problems extra speed checks were to be introduced over the next few weeks;
- ii) A meeting had taken place with Ian Jones, of the Highways Department at Swansea Council regarding the drainage problems at Waungron. Mr. Jones agreed to add the work needed to the Council's work programme, however, he was unable to commit when the work would commence;
- iii) The budget for the Swansea Council had been approved. A 5% increase in council tax had been agreed to protect service levels as far as possible;

1819. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None present.

1820. Planning Applications

In the absence of Mrs. S. Morgan as Planning Officer, the Secretary advised that no applications had been received during the month.

1821. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following items:

- i) He had received notification of renewal for the grass cutting contract at Box Road/Pentre Road for the 2014/15 year at a cost of £525 for 7 cuts.

Resolved: Members agreed to renew the contract for a further 12 month period.

- ii) He had received notification of renewal of the One Voice Wales membership for the 2014/15 year at a cost of £128.

Resolved: Members agreed to renew the membership for a further 12 month period.

- iii) He circulated to all Members a copy of all the OVW training events available for the South Wales area which had been group by venue rather than individual event.

- iv) He had received notification from Swansea Council that a formal signing of the Community Council Charter agreement would take place on Wednesday, 26th March. Swansea have requested that a representative from each Community Council attends to formally sign the Charter.

Resolved: That Mr. J. John and Mr. B. Williams would attend to represent this Community Council.

- v) An open invitation was provided to all members from Edwina Hart AM to attend an information session on the Big Lottery Fund to be held on 7th March;
- vi) He circulated a thank you card received from the children of Band of Hope for financing their recent trip to the Pantomime in Llanelli.

1822. Appointment of Chairperson for 2014/15.

The Secretary advised that election to the position of Chairperson was required in advance of the 2014/15 year.

Resolved: Following one nomination received; Ms. Carey Knox was appointed Chairperson for 2014/15.

1823. Appointment of Vice-Chairperson for 2014/15.

The Secretary advised that election to the position of Vice-Chairperson was required in advance of the 2014/15 year.

Resolved: Following one nomination received; Mr. B. Williams was appointed Vice-Chair for 2014/15.

1824. Any Other Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chair.

- i) Mr. D. Merriman advised Members for information purposes that the Governing Body of Pengelli Primary School had recently been approached by Mr. Shellard with a request for a meeting to discuss a proposal to submit a planning application for a road to run through the school grounds to have access to the field behind owned by Mr. M. Williams in order to build houses.

No further information was known at this time and the Governing Body were undecided whether to agree to the meeting. Mr. D. Merriman advised that he would keep the Community Council appraised as further information became known.

- ii) Mr. A. Hamilton informed Members that he had been to Pengelli School recently to assess the problem with the boundary wall and measured the area to be approximately 60meters in length. The wall was in various states of repair with part of it needing demolishing, part in need of re-building and part in need of re-pointing. He had estimated that to make the wall safe and return it to its original condition would cost approximately £15k. Mr. D. Merriman advised Members that Swansea Council had quoted the school this work would cost in the region of £20-£25k. Mr. Merriman would report Mr. Hamilton’s findings back to the Governing Body for them to determine their next course of action.

Issues awaiting resolution

Issue	Key dates	Current Position	Action required by
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally requested several years ago. • Followed-up: August, 2013 • Followed-up: October, 2013 • Site meeting in December, 2013 with Ward Members and Jeff Green • January, 2014 local Cllrs meeting with Jeff Green 		Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green)