

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron  
Community Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015**

**Present:** Mrs. C. Knox, Chair  
Mr. B. Williams  
Mr. W.B. Davies  
Mr. P.A. Hamilton  
Mr. M. Jones  
Mrs. S. Morgan  
Mr. J. John  
Mr. L. Jones  
Councillor D. Cole  
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

**1930. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. Merriman, Mrs. T. Morgan, Mr. H. Bates and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

**1931. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

**1932. Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015.**

Approved.

**1933. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Minute 1929(iv): Parking at junction of Coalbrook Rd and Plas Rd. The Secretary advised that he had spoken to the Solicitor in Swansea Council responsible for Traffic Regulation Orders who had confirmed for him that there were no parking restrictions currently in existence on Plas Road hence why the double yellow lines do not extend sufficiently enough around the corner and into Plas Road. The TRO only applies to Coalbrook Road.

**1934. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) That the full length of the cycle track, from Gorseinon to Grovesend, has recently been cleared of debris by Swansea;
- (ii) The new 20mph zones had been agreed and should be implemented shortly. The majority of Grovesend will be covered by the new 20mph speed limit;
- (iii) A service assessment of moving the boulders/stones on Box Road was currently under way. It was hoped that this would be completed shortly;

Mrs. C. Knox read out to members a written report received from Cllr Mrs. J. Curtice as she was unable to attend:

- (i) Swansea is facing £81M of cuts over the next three years. Currently

the Council was on target of saving £26M during the current financial year;

- (ii) 5% reduction in budgets will apply to schools and social services for the following three years;
- (iii) There will be no charging for residents parking, no closure of public toilets or youth clubs;
- (iv) Council Tax precept had been set at 4.8% increase.

**1935. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None present.

**1936. Planning Applications.**

None received.

**1937. Consideration of re-routing of the public service bus down High Street.**

Members were reminded that this item was placed on the agenda following discussion at the February meeting regarding the parking issue at Coalbrook Road/Plas Road and difficulties being experienced by some bus drivers turning into Plas Road. Mr. B. Davies informed Members that only one bus an hour now travelled down Plas Road. Members were concerned that if the buses were to stop travelling down Plas Road then the elderly living in the Tyrisha Court would have to walk to High Street often in poor weather.

**Resolved:** Following a discussion it was agreed not to recommend a change to the current bus route and that the Secretary would make further enquiries with Swansea Council about having a new Traffic Regulation Order on Plas Road to prevent vehicles parking so close to the junction with Coalbrook.

**1938. Secretary's Report.**

Nothing to report.

**1939. Election of Chair for 2015/16 year ahead.**

**Resolved:** With only one nomination, Mrs. Carey Knox was elected Chair for the 2015/16 year ahead.

**1940. Election of Vice-Chair for 2015/16 year ahead.**

**Resolved:** With only one nomination, Mr. Barry Williams was elected Vice-Chair for the 2015/16 year ahead.

**1941. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.**

- (i) Mr. A. Hamilton advised Members that he was still waiting for a company to get back to him regarding the cost of lighting and power to provide a Christmas tree at the park. He will follow this up in advance of the April meeting.

- (ii) Mr. B. Williams advised Members that James Knight from Pontarddulais would be presenting a slide show on the history of Swansea in the Welfare Hall at 6.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone would be welcome.
- (iii) Mr. J. John reported that the gate to the Park no longer closed automatically allowing children to run out onto the road. Mrs. C. Knox asked if Mr. John would contact the Parks Department and inform them of this for fixing.
- (iv) Mr. M. Jones advised that the fence surrounding the play area in the park needed replacing as it was in a poor condition. Mr. A. Hamilton advised that there was a company (Ark Fencing) in Penllergaer that specialised in this area and that he would contact them for a quote. Members were open to funding this scheme providing the quote was reasonable.
- (v) Mr. B. Davies advised Members that he had spoken to Mrs. Edwina Hart AM recently regarding the pedestrian crossing on High Street who had confirmed that a pelican crossing will be installed sometime during the 2015/16 financial year.

**Issues awaiting resolution**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Key dates</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action required by</b>
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Originally requested several years ago.</li> <li>• Followed-up: August, 2013</li> <li>• Followed-up: October, 2013</li> <li>• Site meeting in December, 2013 with Ward Members and Jeff Green</li> <li>• January, 2014 local Cllrs meeting with Jeff Green</li> <li>• May, 2014 funding rejected for 2014/15.</li> <li>• June, 2014 funding possible for 2015/16.</li> </ul>	Welsh Government advised that funding via Safe Routes to School was likely to be made available during 2015/16.	Welsh Government; Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green).