

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 1st March, 2016**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. W.D. Merriman
Mr. J. John
Mr. M. Jones
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mr. A. Hamilton
Councillor J. Curtice
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
2 members of the public present

2046. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones and Mrs. T. Morgan.

2047. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

2048. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February, 2016.

Approved.

2049. Matters arising from the minutes.

None.

2050. Update from the Friends of Grovesend Park group.

The Chair reminded Members that last year following a public meeting the village decided to create a Friends of Grovesend Park group and that Mrs. Cherry Hinton agreed to oversee the setup of. Recently, however, the work of the group had appeared to have stalled. The Secretary read out a letter he had received from Mrs. Cherry Hinton outlining three options she felt were available: 1) Appoint a new Chair, a mentor for the Secretary and three committee members to drive the group forward, 2) Members of the Community Council assist the friends by providing new members, 3) Disband the group altogether.

Mr. D. Merriman advised Members that it was his understanding that the group had decided amongst themselves to continue and that Mr. Kevin Roberts, as Vice-Chair, was driving it forward. Cllr. D. Cole, Treasurer of the Friends Group, informed Members that this was his understanding also, however, agreed he would speak with Mr. Roberts to confirm this and whether there was a commitment of the group to continue.

2051. Local Members Report.

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice reported on the following:

- (i) The 2016/17 budget for Swansea had been approved by the full Council. The precept across Swansea would be set at 3.9% for the year.
- (ii) It had been agreed that the Mayor for Swansea for 2016/17 would be Cllr David Hopkins, with the Deputy Mayor would be Cllr Phil Dowling.
- (iii) Speeding through the village was still a problem and the advice to anyone witnessing motorist speeding excessively is to dial 101 and report it. The Secretary reported that he had spoken to Jeff Green, of the Transportation Section, regarding his previous letter to him reporting the speeding issue, however, the response was that speed humps were not an option for the village due to a lack of available funding.

Councillor D. Cole added:

- (iv) The Police were monitoring off-road motorbikes in the area that were churning up grassed areas.
- (v) He and Cllr. J. Curtice had attended an LDP transport presentation recently. The deposit LDP had almost been completed and a final consultation round would begin shortly prior to the completed LDP being submitted to Welsh Government for approval.
- (vi) He had attended the Gorseinon Food Bank recently to see for himself the impressive and valuable work that was being undertaken there for the needy.
- (vii) He had attended a Rights of Way training session recently. Currently there was an assessment being undertaken throughout Swansea of the various Rights of Way to see if they are still active and being used.

2052. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Mr. Andrew Hinton was present at the meeting and took part in the discussions around the Friends of the Park. Mr. Hinton also asked Members whether they would support cable checks to assess the number and speed of vehicles over a set period of time. Mr. B. Davies advised Mr. Hinton that he had already been discussing this with the Transportation Section and there was an agreement for this to happen soon.

2053. Planning Applications.

None

2054. Application for financial assistance from Tenovus Cancer Care.

Members discussed an application received for financial assistance from Tenovus Cancer Care.

Resolved: To note the application.

2055. Application for financial assistance from Teenage Cancer Trust.

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Resolved: To note the application.

2056. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following matters:

- i) He had received an invitation from Gorseinon Town Council for the Chairman to attend the Mayors annual community awards presentation dinner on 28th April at the Brighton Road Club. The Chair advised that she would be unavailable to attend as she would be recovering from an operation that she was due to have shortly. Mr. B. Williams, Vice-Chair advised that he was also unavailable that evening.
- ii) He had received the invoice for the fence around the Park of £2000. The Secretary reported that he had already challenged the amount in light of previous discussions that it was thought the fence installed was a cheaper fence that had been agreed, however, had been advised that the cost of the fence was for the type of fence installed and that a bow topped fence would have been more expensive. It was agreed to pay the invoice.

2057. Statement by Mrs. Carey Knox, Chair.

Prior to the election of Chair and Vice for the 2016/17 year ahead Mrs. Knox asked to say a few words of her term of office. She thanked the Secretary for his assistance over the past two years during her period as Chair and thanked Cllrs J. Curtice and D. Cole for their support to the Community Council as the local Ward Members. Mrs. Knox advised Members that in order for the Community Council to be more effective Members needed to take more ownership of issues within the village and play a greater part as individuals. Mrs. Knox thanked Members for their support whilst she was Chair and announced that she would not be seeking re-election.

2058. Election of Chair for 2016/17 year ahead.

Resolved: With only one nomination, Mr. Barry Williams was elected Chair for the 2016/17 year ahead.

2059. Election of Vice-Chair for 2016/17 year ahead.

Resolved: With only one nomination, Mr. David Merriman was elected Vice-Chair for the 2016/17 year ahead.

2060. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- i) Mr. D. Merriman handed out a copy of a newsletter he had produced for circulation around the village. The Secretary and Mr. M. Jones agreed that between them they would copy a sufficient supply and provided them to Members for distribution.
- ii) Mr. D. Merriman informed Members that the Miners Club and Welfare Hall had recently re-opened and was being run by Pengelli AFC.

Issues awaiting resolution

Issue	Key dates	Current Position	Action required by
Installation of Zigzag lines outside Pengelli Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr J. Curtice to raise with Traffic Section: February, 2015 ● Agreed to follow-up: April, 2015 ● May, 2015 ● July, 2015 ● Oct, 2015 	Agreement reached for lines to be painted at same time as pedestrian crossing installation. Notice advertising the painting of lines to be displayed in November.	Cllr. J. Curtice to fund from environmental monies.
Alternations to Box Road/Park entrance junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concern expressed of vehicles exiting Box Road the wrong way: Sept, 2014 ● Police advise they have conducted a monitoring exercise: October, 2014 ● Meeting between Comm Council, Traffic Section and Police to discuss concerns: November, 2014 ● Drawings received from Traffic Section with proposal to reconfigure the boulders and access area to the park: Jan '15 ● Cllrs. D. Cole & J. Curtice agreed to use some of their environmental monies: Feb '15 ● Mr. D. Merriman, Mr. B. Davies and Mr. A. Hamilton site visit to assess work and costs involved: Oct '15 ● Cllr D. Cole pursuing Jeff Green for action: Oct '15 ● Alternative drawings being produced by Traffic Section to be available early 2016. ● Proposed scheme approved. To be financed from environmental monies of Cllrs D. Cole and J. Curtice, February, 2016 	Awaiting implementation by Swansea Council.	Swansea Council