

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 6th May, 2014

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. M. Jones
Mr. J. John
Mr. W.D. Merriman
Mrs. T. Morgan
Mr. H. Bates
Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

1835. Apologies for absence.

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

1836. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1837. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st April, 2014.

Approved.

1838. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1830(iii) Waungron drainage issue: Mr. B. Williams reported that the drains throughout Waungron had still not been cleaned. Cllr. Mrs. J. Curtice agreed to follow this up with Ian Jones of the Highways Department.

Minute 1834(i) Appointment of Headteacher at Pengelli Primary School: Mr. D. Merriman informed Members that the acting Headteacher, Mrs. Helen Talatt, had been successful at interview and had been appointed Headteacher of the school on a permanent basis.

Minute 1834(ii) Maintenance at Park: The Secretary reported that the Parks Department had agreed to send someone to inspect the broken rubber soft play surface at the Park. Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that he had spoken to John Stairs of the Parks Department regarding possible replacement benches for the area. Mr. Davies advised that he would follow this up further.

1839. Local Members Report.

Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice reported on the following:

- i) A complaint had been received claiming a resident on High Street was conducting a business from their home breeding dogs. Swansea Council officers had visited the property and carried out necessary checks to confirm that all licences were in place and the business is

- fully registered.
- ii) The problem with scramblers on Heol Y Mynydd continues with Swansea Council officers and the Police monitoring the location with the consideration of confiscating the bikes.
 - iii) Swansea Council will be erecting a barrier at the entrance to the parcel of land at the end of Station Road where fly tipping was taking place.
 - iv) Problems had been reported with parking at the Llys-y-Tywysog nursing home. Members were reminded of the planning application last year to extend the car park and that Swansea Council Planning Department had rejected the application.
 - v) Grant funding for a pedestrian crossing had been rejected for this financial year under the safe routes to school scheme; however, the Welsh Government had indicated that Grovesend had been placed on a waiting list and were very hopeful of obtaining funding for next year.

1840. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None present.

1841. Planning Applications.

In the absence of Mrs. S. Morgan, Planning Officer, the Secretary advised Members that one application had been received from Mrs. L. Jones, 21 Station Road for a single story rear extension.

The Secretary reminded Members that this application had been before them last year for consideration where they had no objections. Swansea Council Planning Officers had subsequently rejected the application on the ground that the development was too large. This new application sought to reduce the overall size of the extension.

Recommendation: No objection.

1842. Approval of the Community Council Accounts 2013/14.

- i) The Secretary presented the accounts to Members for approval which showed a surplus budget of £7785.11. He reminded Members that there was a considerable gross differential in spend between the last two financial years due to the Community Council donation of £3000 to Pengelli Primary School for new IT equipment/wifi made during the 2012/13 financial year.
- ii) Members expressed their concern that Pengelli AFC had still not provided a copy of their approved accounts despite being requested on several occasions.
- iii) Upon discussing the accounts the Chair asked the Secretary how his salary was calculated and when he last had a pay increase. He

responded to say that he received £54 per meeting as a wage, of which tax and national insurance was deducted. He also received £12.50 per month towards postage, printing and stationary costs. These were the sums agreed when being appointed in 1999. The Chair asked the Secretary to leave the room for a few moments whilst a discussion amongst Members took place. In the absence of the Secretary the Chair recorded the following for the minutes: That Members review the Secretary's salary at the next meeting following enquiries being made regarding appropriate remuneration.

Resolved: i) Members approved the 2013/14 accounts; ii) No further financial donations will be made to Pengelli AFC until audited accounts are provided; iii) The Secretary's salary to be discussed further at the next meeting.

1843. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following items:

- i) He had received the public liability insurance renewal quote for 2014/15 at a cost of £243.80.

Resolved: Members agreed to renew for the year ahead.

- ii) He had received an invoice for £100 from the GowerCC website society for use of the site during 2013/14.

Resolved: It was agreed to pay the invoice and that now the Community Council had its own website up and running to formally withdraw from the GowerCC website with immediate effect.

1844. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- i) Mr. M. Jones informed Members that a tyre had been dumped at the far end of Box Road, after house no. 21.

Resolved: The Secretary will report the fly tipping to Swansea Council for it to be removed.

- ii) Mr. B. Williams informed Members that Mr. Dorian True, of Pentre Farm, had on two occasions his black rubbish bags refused to be taken away as it breached the "three bag rule". Mr. True had informed Mr. Williams that there were two properties on the one site and to assist the refuse collection service the black bags had been placed together. Mr. True had made a complaint to Swansea Council and had advised them that he will be leaving the bags there until collected.

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• May, 2014 funding rejected.	Funding via Safe Routes to School rejected for 2014/15. Placed on waiting list with hope of receiving funding during 2015/16.	Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green); Cllrs J. Curtice & D. Cole.