

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 3rd May, 2016

Present: Mr. B. Williams, Chair
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. J. John
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mr. L. Jones
Councillor J. Curtice
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
7 members of the public present

2070. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Knox, Mr. W.D. Merriman, Mr. A. Hamilton and Mrs. T. Morgan. Mr. M. Jones was absent from the meeting.

2071. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

2072. Pengelli Primary School Council.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Talaat, Headteacher, for hosting the Community Council meeting at the school and he welcomed five members of the school council to the meeting. Following introductions, the Secretary outlined the role and work of the Community Council before the School Council asked Members several questions including: How do you become a Community Councillor? How are decisions made? Is there any training involved? Are there any legal constraints? How do you decide how to spend your money? How do you elect a chair? Where do you get your ideas from?

The School Council were thanked for their questions and interest they showed in the work of the Community Council and pupils remained to observe the duration of the meeting.

2073. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th April, 2016.

Approved.

2074. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 2064 (2050): Friends of Grovesend Park Group. Cllr D. Cole advised Members that the next meeting of the group would be taking place in a few weeks' time.

Minute 2066: Ten-minute Public Questions. The Secretary advised that he had written to Gorseinon Police to request enforcement action was undertaken of

those illegally and inconsiderately parking on Coalbrook Road and High Street. He had received a response from the local PSCO to say that she was aware of the problem and would look into the issue upon return from leave.

Minute 2069: Zigzag Lines. Mr. W.B. Davies asked Cllr J. Curtice for an update. Cllr Curtice advised that she had been informed the workmen were due in the area imminently when the work would be completed.

2065. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) The pedestrian crossing publicity photograph had appeared in the South Wales Evening Post recently;
- (ii) The barrier on the cycle track had been vandalised so motorbikes were using the track again. Cllr. Cole had requested it be replaced with a metal barrier;
- (iii) A £60k grant had been agreed by Welsh Government to extend the cycle track. The first phased link will be between Gorseinon and Kingsbridge, however, as the track crosses common land legal negotiations will take time to resolve;
- (iv) The change to the road layout at Box Road is currently with the Council's legal team to advertise the changes and allow for a period of public notice and response. It was hoped that the work would commence during the summer period.

Councillor J. Curtice added:

- (v) Leaflets are currently being distributed to all households explaining how the Council's budget is distributed;
- (vi) She continues to follow-up the drainage problems in Waungron with Mike Sweeney;
- (vii) She attended a multicultural event in Swansea recently that was very interesting.

2066. Ten-minute Public Questions.

- (i) Mr. Andrew Hinton was present at the meeting and expressed his concern to Members regarding two particular cars that were continuously speeding through the village at excess and dangerous rates. The private number plate was provided to Members which was recognised as belonging to an individual from Forest in Pontarddulais. Cllr. J. Curtice advised that whenever this motorist was witnessed speeding they should be reported to the Police via 101. It was agreed

that Cllr. J. Curtice would mention the individual to the local PCSO at Gorseinon Police Station.

- (ii) Mr. A. Hinton also mentioned to Members that he was concerned over the number of vehicles parking on the pavements through Grovesend. He explained that the inconsiderate parking was causing pedestrians to walk on the road to pass-by. With the pavements having been recently repaved they will soon become broken up again. Cllr. J. Curtice advised that she would report this issue to Gorseinon Police at the same time as mentioning the speeding motorist from Forest.
- (iii) Mr. Brian Moon was present at the meeting and informed Members that the parking issue he had reported many times previously on Coalbrook Road was getting worse, particularly in the evenings. There was now a serious risk of a dangerous incident.

Resolved: That the Secretary would write to the inspector (Ralph Harris) at Gorseinon Police Station to advise of the problem once again and ask that enforcement action is taken.

Councillor David Cole declared an interest in the following item and left the room whilst it was discussed.

2067. Planning Applications. – Mrs. S. Morgan.

Mrs. S. Morgan reported that two applications had been received from:

- (i) **118 Pentre Road, Waungron, Pontarddulais, Swansea, SA4 8DQ for a single storey rear extension with attic.**

Recommendation: No objection.

Mr. Barry Williams declared an interest in the following item and left the room whilst it was discussed. Mr. David Merriman Chaired the meeting for this item.

- (ii) **Application No. 2009/0288 – Amended plans
216 Pentre Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 1DD construction of replacement dwelling.**

Recommendation: No objection.

2068. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following matters:

- (i) The annual subscription for the Open Spaces Society had been received

at a cost of £45.

Resolved: To renew the subscription for a further year.

- (ii) A renewal quote for the Community Council’s public liability insurance for 2016/17 had been received at a cost of £251.85.

Resolved: To renew the insurance with the current provider Zurich for a further year.

2069. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- i) Mr. B. Davies asked Cllr J. Curtice for an update regarding the painting of zigzag lines outside of Pengelli Primary School as it had been 14 months since the matter was first discussed. Cllr. Curtice advised that as two objections had been received to the proposal it had caused delay. Cllr. Curtice would make enquiries with officers and report back at the next meeting.

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 ● April, 2016 	Two objections received to notice of intention to paint lines causing delay to implementation. Cllr. J. Curtice seeking advice from officers.	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 	Awaiting implementation by Swansea Council.	Swansea Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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● Legal Team drafting public notice of intention for advertising, April, 2016		
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