

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**  
**Community Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

**Present:** Mr W D Merriman, Vice Chairman  
Mr W B Davies  
Mr L Jones  
Mrs S Morgan  
Mr J John  
Mr D Gwynn  
Mr M Jones  
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (Secretary)

Mrs Helen Talaat (Public Attendance)

**2188. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Williams, Mr A Hamilton, Councillor D Cole and Councillor J Curtice.

**2189. Disclosures of personal interest**

None

**2190. Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Approved

**2191. Matters arising from the minutes**

**2182 (2172) (2163(i))** Mr B Moon asked if there was a telephone number for any issues with lighting as there was 3 lampposts currently out of use on Coalbrook Road. Mr L Jones also mentioned that there was also 2 opposite Priory Stables that had been taken away because they were rusted. This was a Health and Safety issue. **Resolved:** Councillor D Cole to investigate as no response received to date.

**Resolved:** Councillor D Cole to chase up a response and get the numbers of the lampposts from Mr B Moon.

**2183(iv)** He provided an update on the bike path extension from SUSTRANS and advised that Kingsbridge would be completed first followed by Pontarddulais. The rutted area already identified had not been done at present.

**Resolved:** Councillor D Cole to chase up.

**2186 (i)** She had received the application from Cariad for the provision of 3 defibrillators to be placed in Grovesend and Waungron. Funding towards these will come from the Big Lottery Fund if the application is approved.

**Resolved:** Secretary to complete the application on behalf of the Community Council.

## **2192. Local Members Report**

In Councillor D Cole's absence Mr D Merriman reported on the following: -

- (i) Grass fire on common.....were Fire Appliances needed?
- (ii) Japanese Knotweed treated on common and on other parts of area
- (iii) Road accident on junction of Frampton Rd with Coalbrook. I was involved in traffic control!
- (iv) Several streetlights on Coalbrook Rd still on in daylight hours. Reported
- (v) Dog bin outside Miners surrounded by other waste bags.

Councillor J Curtice was absent and no report provided.

## **2193. Ten-minute Public Questions**

None

## **2194. Planning Applications**

None

## **2195. To approve the Community Council accounts for 2016/17**

The Secretary provided all Members with a copy of the accounts for 2017/18 prior to the meeting. She explained what the VAT claim outstanding was for and advised why there was a Creditors amount.

**Resolved:** Members approved the accounts for 2016/17 and the Vice-Chairman signed the accounts as approved.

## **2196. External Audit for year ending 31 March 2017**

The Secretary advised Members that she had completed her section of the audit on 20 April 2017 and met with the internal auditor on 25 April and he had completed the internal audit. All notices have been displayed on the notice board to advise external residents if they wish to access the accounts. She advised that the date of the audit will be 13 June 2017 so will ensure that it is returned prior to this date.

**Resolved:** Members approved the Annual Return and confirmed the accounting statements.

## **2197. Register of Members' interests forms**

All Members present completed up-to-date register of Members' interests forms.

**Resolved:** Absent Members to complete as soon as possible

## **2198. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported on the following: -

- (i) She advised Members that she had received 2 further responses from Rebecca Evans AM. One from Councillor David Hopkins that had been addressed to her following a letter she had sent to the Local Authority. It advised that the request to introduce a parking area to allow the

GoSafe speed enforcement vehicle to operate in the village could be possible however the costs would need to be confirmed and funding made available. The second letter came following a letter she sent to South Wales police which confirmed that Inspector Harris has asked the local PCSOs to carry out a speed survey.

Mr W B Davies had also sent an email to Nathan Gough (South Wales Police) expressing his concerns regarding the mis-match of information that they provided and a further email to Jeff Green (City and County of Swansea) requesting that cable checks be carried out in the village. Jeff Green advised that he would arrange for surveys to be carried out at the same location as previously to give a fair comparison of the date.

**Resolved:** Secretary to write to Rebecca Evans AM thanking her for responding and acting on our behalf.

Secretary to resend the paperwork to Byron Davies and summarise the negative feedback already received.

- (ii) She had received an information poster from Rebecca Evans requesting that it be displayed on the notice board.

**Resolved:** Agreed to display on the notice board.

- (iii) She advised Members that although she had planned to attend Gorseinon Town Mayors annual community awards dinner 2017 due to unforeseen circumstances she wasn't able to attend.

- (iv) She informed Members that she had received a letter from the Wales Audit Office in relation to audit fees and other matters relating to the 2015-16 audit following concerns from a number of councils raising questions or concerns.

**Resolved:** To email a copy to all Members for reference.

- (v) She informed Members that the Financial Regulations (Wales) needed to be revised. A discussion took place on the current model.

**Resolved:** Members approved the current model with no changes to be made.

#### **2199. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair**

- (i) Mr J John asked if anything was going to be done regarding the flooring in the park area.

**Resolved:** To bring it up at the next meeting when Councillor J Curtice is present.

- (ii) A discussion was held regarding what was happening with the future of Friends of the Park.

**Resolved:** Mr D Merriman to speak to Kevin Roberts and report back.

- (iii) A discussion took place regarding the process of co-opting someone in to join the Community Council.

**Resolved:** Secretary to contact the Electoral Register to find out whether you could co-opt someone who does not live in the area but could offer something to the community.

- (iv) Mr L Jones thanked Mr J John for serving the community council for the

last 19 years and that his knowledge was greatly appreciated. We will be sorry to see him go. Mr J John thanked everyone for all the support he had received and that he had had some very interesting times.

- (v) Mr W B Davies mentioned that he had been advised that the highways department were going to be moving some road signs onto the other side of the road on Coalbrook Road but this would be a breach of the highway code.

**Resolved:** Secretary to contact highways department to find out the position and report back.

- (vi) Mr D Merriman spoke on behalf of the trustees and mentioned that quite a bit of work needs to be done regarding the upkeep of the Miners Welfare Hall and asked for financial assistance.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that a list be put together listing all the jobs that needed doing including estimated costs. This would be discussed at the next meeting.