

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st May 2018

Present: Mr W D Merriman, Chairman
Mr W B Davies
Mr B Moon
Mr D Gwynn
Mr D Cole
Mrs H Talaat
Mr M Jones
Mr L Jones
Councillor J Curtice
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)

2322. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Morgan and Councillor A Stevens.

Mrs C Knox was absent.

2323. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2324. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2018

Approved

2325. Matters arising from the minutes

2309 (2295) (2291) (ii) Mr D Gwynn informed Members that there was a piece of road off Pentre Road at Waungron (in front of 112/114 Pentre Road) that is becoming difficult to drive over and is becoming a danger. The Council have in the past filled up a few holes with tar-mac but this has now deteriorated. **Further Action:** To chase up the complaint

Further Action: Mr D Cole and Mr D Merriman to take photographs of the potholes that needs repairing.

2309 (2295) (2291) (iii) Mr D Gwynn expressed concern about the land between Pentre Road and the main Road in Grovesend that is owned by the Welsh Government and that there a quite a few overgrown trees. He has been approached by residents in Waungron to express their concern that the trees will blow down or the branches will break. **Action:** Secretary to chase up the Estates Department.

Further Action: Secretary to forward response from Welsh Government to City and County of Swansea for clarity.

2312 (iv) Mr D Cole attended a Friends of the Park meeting on 28 March to discuss the upcoming Easter event taking place on 7 April 2018. He said that the meeting was very enthusiastic with lots of ideas being presented. A risk assessment of the park was going to be carried out and members of the Friends

of the Park would be stationed around the park on the day. He felt that the event was being very well organised and should be a very nice day.

Further report: Mr D Cole informed the Community Council that the Friends of the Park raised over £400 on the day and was a successful event that was well presented on the day.

2316 Mr W B Davies mentioned issues regarding works around the village that had still not been completed. These included: -

(i) Sharps still appearing on the gabion wall

Resolved: Highways confirmed that they have taken all the sharps off now to alleviate this problem.

(ii) Dropped kerb still hasn't been done

Resolved: Currently in the safety bid

(iii) Bench is still missing

Action: Councillor J Curtice to follow this up and report back

(iv) Handrail still hasn't been replaced

Decision: Members felt that due to the steepness of the steps it would be more appropriate if a lock was put on the gate to obviate the need to use it with a sign on saying 'out of action due to Health and Safety reasons'.

2317. Friends of the Park

Resolved: Mr D Merriman provided an area map of Grovesend and Waungron.

Action: Mr D Cole to forward a map of the park to the Secretary.

2326. Issues Awaiting Resolution document

Members discussed this document in detail and agreed that this should be addressed regularly with a nominated Member to be responsible for chasing up any outstanding actions and report back. Members felt that some of the issues were taking too long to be resolved due to restraints out of our control.

2327. Local Members Report

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

(i) She had received the latest crime figures for the months January 18 to March 18. The figures for Grovesend were: -

	January 18	February 18	March 18
Theft other	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	0	0
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0
Damage	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Violence	0	0	0
ASB	0	0	0

(ii) She advised that they were hoping to receive an outcome on the Safety Bid imminently and will inform us as soon as possible of this.

(iii) Work was going to be started tomorrow on surface dressing at Alt y

Graban Road and Castell Ddu.

(iv) A new police chief was starting in Gorseinon and both herself and Councillor A Stevens was trying to arrange a meeting to discuss the speeding concerns.

(v) She informed Members that Councillor A Stevens had organised a charity match on 6 May in Penyrheol Leisure Centre and all was welcome to attend.

(vi) At the recent awards event she informed Members that Gorseinon Community Council had been commended in both categories that they had entered.

In Councillor A Stevens absence the Secretary informed Members of the following: -

(vii) Following up from the issue regarding speeding he had yet to receive a reply from his last email to PCSO Megan Picton. He was unable to attend the last Town Council meeting so was not able to get an update. The last email he had was the 24th March where she said that she would be carrying out a speed op around Gorseinon/Penyrheol/Grovesend areas and asked if he could email her with any other problem roads, so he let her know of the issues through Waungron.

2328. Ten-minute Public Questions

None

2329. Memorial Plaque

A further discussion took place regarding the memorial plaque and where the best place for this to be placed would be. Mr D Cole suggested for the Memorial to be placed in the refurbished park/play area and be renamed the Memorial Play area.

Decision: Members have decided on an upcoming project to display the war memorial of past residents of Grovesend and would like to get views from our local residents on where they would like this to be positioned within the village.

Action: Secretary to include this on the newsletter.

Action: Mr D Merriman to get a quote from Nurse & Payne and Mr M Jones to get a quote from Jamie Hitchings on the cost of producing a memorial plaque.

2330. Planning Applications

No applications received.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that a caravan had been placed on Plas Road. This was an enforcement issue.

Action: Jan Curtice to follow this up.

The appeal regarding the development at 152 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend had

been rejected.

The Secretary had still not received an update regarding the temporary accommodation at 152 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend.

2331. Health and Safety

None

2332. Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) She had received information regarding the One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Event to be held on 16 May 2018 at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells.

Action: Members to let Secretary know if they wish to attend.

(ii) She had received an invoice for the sum of £45.00 for the renewal invitation for Open Spaces Society.

Resolved: Members agreed to support this for a further year. Secretary to pay the invoice.

(iii) A copy of the newsletter was given to all Members in advance of the meeting for approval. Members felt that it would be useful to include a section giving residents an opportunity to say where they would like to have a war memorial placed and a section titled 'Upcoming Events'.

Resolved: Members approved the Spring edition with the additional comments to be included and agreed to go ahead with the printing at a reduced cost of £126.50 for 600 copies.

(iv) A copy of the financial accounts for 2017/18 was sent to Members prior to the Meeting.

Resolved: Members agreed and accepted the 2017/18 financial accounts as a true record following the slight corrections made.

(v) She had received the notice of the annual audit of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 and informed Members that the audit date that has been selected is 2 July 2018 and that the annual return needed to be submitted by 30 June. The Secretary advised that an internal auditor was required.

Resolved: Members agreed that Mr Roger Wilde should be re-invited to undertake this task.

Action: Secretary to formally write to Mr Roger Wilde regarding the role and expectation of becoming the internal auditor once again for Grovesend and Waungron Community Council.

(vi) Community Walk – The Secretary provided the Members with an update regarding the organisation of this event. She reported that she had contacted PCSO Megan Picton for any advice or any information that would be required in order for the Community Walk to take place safely. She presented 2 possible routes for the walk which would be approximately 5k.

Decision: Members agreed that this event is a very good idea but to meet with all Community Groups involved to discuss all aspects of the event.

(vii) Pengelli Primary Summer Fayre – The Secretary informed Members that

she had received a letter from Friends of Pengelli regarding their annual summer fayre and their proposal to merge this event with the Community Walk with the aim to ensure that the whole community could be involved. Due to the event being on a much bigger scale they are asking for a donation to cover the increased expenditure that will be incurred. A quote of £468 for the hire of inflatables and the speed radar had already been provided with a further £100 to hire a Jacket Potato oven.

Decision: A discussion amongst Members took place and it was agreed that the Community Council would give £500 towards the event. Following further discussions, a proposal of £700 was suggested and after a vote took place this was agreed unanimously.

(viii) She had received information from the Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils asking to support a national ‘pop-in’ session and to open our doors on Thursday 24 May to collect views from the community. Alternatively, if we are unable to host a session we are asked to publicise the nearest ‘pop-in’ session to ensure all residents have an opportunity to share their views.

Decision: Members agreed for the Secretary to publicise the session on our website for the nearest session around.

(iv) Review of the electoral arrangements for the City and County of Swansea - She informed Members that she had received correspondence inviting the Community Council to a presentation which will explain the review process on 3 May at the Guildhall. Following this there would be a 12-week consultation period between 4 May until 26 July.

2333. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

(i) Mr M Jones informed Members that the Friends of the Park would be organising a Fun Day/Sports day some time in July/August and further details would follow in due course.

(ii) Mrs H Talaat reported that Swansea is looking in to closing two small schools – Felindre and Craig Cefnparc. She advised Members that she had met with the Chief Education Officer to reassure her that there was no intention of closing Pengelli now or in the future as we are a growing school and the future looks bright. She advised that Pengelli Primary currently has 101 pupils.

(iii) Mr D Merriman informed Members that the new pay scales for 18/19 had been agreed and was to be implemented from 1 April 2018.

Decision: Members agreed to the Secretary’s salary increase from £9.647 per hour to £10.107. Total £101.07 per month plus £20 allowance for expenses.

(iv) Mr M Jones mentioned that 2 bags of rubbish had been dumped outside Dolgoed Farm and stated that when he contact 101 they said it was nothing to do with them.

2334. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5 June 2018.