

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday, 3rd November, 2014**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair (first part of meeting)
Mr. B. Williams, Chair (second part of meeting)
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. M. Jones
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mr. J. John
Mrs. T. Morgan
Mr. H. Bates
Mr. D. Merriman
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
3 youths present

1889. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones , Mr. A. Hamilton and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

1890. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1891. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October, 2014.

Approved subject to the amendment to Minute 1877 in that Mr. B. Williams provided his apologies prior to the meeting.

1892. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1880 (1871) Daffodil Bulbs: Cllr D. Cole advised that the Evening Post would be present on Thursday, 6th November at 10.00am where it had been agreed with the Headteacher of Pengelli that some of the pupils will be planting daffodil bulbs along Station Road.

Minute 1880 (1873) Hedges through Waungron: The Secretary read out the response he had received from Swansea Council regarding the cutting height and number of cuts of hedges. The reply stated that a flail cut of one-meter, either vertical or horizontal, is made to hedges that are directly adjacent to the road. Above this height it is generally the responsibility of the landowner. Where the operator identifies a particular problem such as at a junction, further passes will be made. Cutting commences in May of each year and takes approximately 10 to 12 weeks to complete.

A discussion took place regarding the one meter flail cut and whether the meter height was from ground level or if the hedge was on top of a stone wall from the base of the hedge.

Resolved: That the Secretary would make further enquiries and report back.

Mrs. S. Morgan and Cllr. D. Cole declared an interest in the following item and left the room whilst a discussion took place.

1893. Planning Applications.

Mrs. C. Knox informed Members that the Secretary had passed her a planning application instead of to Mrs. S. Morgan as Planning Officer as the planning application related to Mrs. Morgan's husband's business.

Application by Krislyn Motors, 139 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend, for the construction of new storage building with turning area.

Resolved: Members felt that as the site was currently operating as a breakers yard there was no objection to the application.

Mrs. Knox gave her apologies and left the meeting early due to a family issue. Mr. B. Williams took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1894. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) Swansea Council Highways had been working hard clearing fallen leaves along Coalbrook Road recently;
- (ii) A no tipping sign had been erected on Station Road, however, within days of the sign being placed there further tipping had occurred.
- (iii) The telephone box in Waungron had recently been vandalised with all the glass windows being broken. Agreed that the Secretary would report the issue to BT.

1895. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Three school boys were present at the meeting to discuss the proposals for a youth club in the village. The boys explained to Members that they had spoken to several other youths around the village and interest in creating a club was high. They suggested that a youth club could operate for an hour or two a week in the welfare hall.

Mrs. T. Morgan advised that an adult/youth ratio would be required of approximately 1/10 for 11-16 year olds; therefore, at least 3 responsible adults would be needed at the club each week to provide supervision. Mrs. Morgan suggested that she and the boys visit Gorseinon Youth Club in the next week or so and meet with Suzy Mayhew to see what is required to setup a club up from scratch.

Mr. D. Merriman and Mrs. T. Morgan volunteered their time as team leaders for the Club. Members suggested that a commitment from parents was also needed in running the club.

1896. Appointment of Community Council Governor to Pengelli Primary.

The Secretary advised that he had received a letter from Mr. Leighton Jones tendering his resignation as the current Community Council appointed Governor to Pengelli Primary School. Members noted that Mr. D. Merriman and Mrs. T. Morgan were Governors at the school in different capacities; however, felt that they should appoint a replacement otherwise the seat would remain vacant.

Resolved: That Mr. H. Bates would replace Mr. L. Jones as the Community Council appointed Governor at Pengelli.

1897. Wild Flower Planting/Hanging Basket Scheme 2015.

The Secretary informed Members that he had received a request from Swansea Council whether the Community Council wished to participate in the 2015 wild flower planting and hanging basket scheme as orders were now being taken.

Resolved: Members agreed that due to the success of the 2014 wild flower display and hanging basket scheme they would extend this in 2015. In addition to agreeing to purchase the wild flower seed, Members agreed to purchase 3 flower tubs @ £138.58 each (Coalbrook Rd, Waungron and Allt-y-graban triangle) and 2 barrier troughs @ £86.23 each (railing around Park).

1898. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that he had received a late letter requesting financial assistance from Pontarddulais Community Car Scheme. Several Members were aware of residents within Grovesend and Waungron benefiting from this scheme and felt this was a community service that should be supported.

Resolved: To make a financial contribution of £100.

1899. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

(i) Mr. B. Davies informed Members that he, Mr. D. Merriman, Cllr. D. Cole and the local PCSO met with representatives of Swansea Council Traffic and Parks Section earlier that day to discuss the ongoing problem of vehicles exiting from Box Road the wrong way of a one-way street.

All accepted there was a problem at the site, however, Mr. J. Green of the Traffic Section, advised that there was no money available to make any physical alterations to the junction at Box Road/Pentre Road. The

Police advised that they would be monitoring the problem especially on match days and would consider issuing fixed penalty notices to any vehicle exiting the junction the wrong way.

Mr. Green advised that Swansea would assess how much it would cost to remove the hair-pin bend or extend the slip road to the entrance near the changing rooms. This would allow the Parks Department vehicles to exit and turn towards Grove Farm Road as they should do.

It was agreed that Mr. Jeff Green would assess all available options and email Cllr D. Cole these together with associated costings.

- (ii) Mrs. S. Morgan advised Members that cars were parking overnight at the junction of Coalbrook Road/Plas Road causing problems for buses attempting to turn into Plas Road. On more than one occasion recently the bus was unable to complete the turn so continued down High Street instead. This meant anyone waiting at the bus stops on Plas Road or Tyrisha Road missed their bus.

Resolved: That Cllr. D. Cole would discuss the problem with the local PCSO. He also suggested anyone witnessing the problem to take a photograph of the parked vehicles as it highlighted the problem.

- (iii) Mr. D. Merriman gave an update on the local history group and advised that they had recently held their third meeting. The group were hoping to hold a public exhibition of their work next spring and will likely be seeking financial support from the Community Council to assist them with this.

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 for 2014/15. • June, 2014 funding possible for 2015/16. 	Welsh Government advised that funding via Safe Routes to School was likely to be made available during 2015/16.	Welsh Government; Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green).