

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 27th October, 2015**

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

2005. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones, Mrs. T. Morgan and Mr. H. Bates. Mr. A. Hamilton and Mr. M. Jones were both absent.

2006. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

2007. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October, 2015.

Approved.

2008. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1997 (1986 1976 1966 1956 1944): Presentation by youth petitioners regarding the cost of school transportation to Pontarddulais Comprehensive. The Secretary advised Members that he had sent a follow-up email to Cllr Rob Stewart, Leader of Swansea Council, and asked for a response to his original email regarding the problems encountered whilst seeking help from Cllr Raynor, however, yet again no reply had been forthcoming. It was agreed that Cllrs D. Cole and J. Curtice would raise the issue personally with Cllr Stewart and convey the disappointment of Members over the lack of response.

Minute 1997 (1986 1976 1966 1956 1946 (1941 (iv))): Fencing around the park. Mr. Cllr J. Curtice advised that she had been informed that the new fence around the park would be erected later in the week. There had been a delay due to the powder coating required for the fence.

Minute 1998: Ty Siriol Pig Farm. The Secretary advised Members that he had spent a significant amount of time since the last meeting researching the legal requirements and licencing laws surrounding pig farming. Two licences are required: a holder's licence and a pig movement licence. The granting of either licence is not subject to consultation or consideration by

anyone other than the issuing agency. When deciding whether to grant a licence none of the agencies involved take into consideration smells or noise issues to neighbouring properties. The prime determining factors are limited to where the pigs are located, who has responsibility for them and when and where they are being moved around different locations.

The only organisation that will respond to complaints of smells and noises is the local Council environmental health team/public protection. The Secretary advised that he spoke to Simon Clark, Environment Team Leader, who was adamant that from his visit to the site everything was in order, the pigs were well looked after and any smell did not warrant any statutory intervention from the Council.

The only two remaining options available to residents are i) they make further complaints to the Council which will be investigated by the environment team; ii) the residents consider a private nuisance action prosecution in the civil courts under the environment protection act.

The two members of the public were present who lived in neighbouring properties to the farm and were advised by the Chair that it appeared the Community Council had gone as far as it could to assist them. The residents thanked Members for their help and said that they would be considering a private prosecution.

Minute 2001: Armistice Day Service. Mr. J. John advised Members that arrangements had been made for the service to be held on Thursday, 12th November at 6.00pm in Mount Pleasant Chapel.

Minute 2002: Christmas. Members agreed to fund the cost of selection boxes for the pupils of Pengelli Primary. Mr. D. Merriman would advise Mrs. H. Talaat, Headteacher, to purchase the boxes and supply a receipt for reimbursing.

Minute 2004(ii): Permanent Christmas tree in park. Mr. D. Merriman informed Members that he met with Mr. A. Hamilton and Jac Scott of the Friends of the Park Committee at the park recently and they all agreed on a suitable location to plant the tree. Mrs. C. Knox advised that she would contact Mr. A. Hamilton after the meeting to enquire when it would be planted given that Christmas was fast approaching.

Minute 2004(iii): Future of the Welfare Hall. Mr. D. Merriman advised Members that a public meeting had recently been held regarding the future of the welfare hall with CISWO. With no interest from those members of the public present to become Trustees, it was agreed that as the club was not currently viable proceedings would commence by CISWO to close the

welfare hall and club. It was anticipated that the closure would take effect March/April 2016.

A request was made to CISWO to pay for the removal of the memorial plaques in the welfare hall and have them set in a new memorial structure contained at the Park. The CISWO representatives agreed to consider the request and report back.

Mr. D. Merriman reported that users of the welfare hall (Guides principally) would be asked to relocate after Christmas. It was believed the Guides would transfer to the Golden Grove Club. Members were disappointed that they were not relocating to the school as a community facility and in order to sustain the school's future use. Mr. Merriman advised that Mrs. Talaat was not considering using the school in the evenings or weekends as the cost of heating, lighting and cleaning the school outweighed the income. In addition there were health and safety issues as there were no working external lights outside of the school.

Members felt that by using the school for other community groups, including a potential relocation for Community Council meetings, would help keep the school viable if and when it was ever considered for school closure. Cllrs. J. Curtice advised that other schools in the Gorseinon area provide their buildings for guide and scout group meetings and she would see what charges were made to those groups.

2009. Local Members Report.

Councillor J. Curtice reported on the following:

- (i) The financial deficit at Swansea for the 2016/17 budget year currently stood £26M with identifiable savings of £20M to date;
- (ii) The street lights on High Street had been switched back on following the installation of the new white LED bulbs;
- (iii) Work to commence the painting of the zigzag and new double yellow lines around the school will be advertised on site in November with an anticipated start date of early spring;

Councillor D. Cole added:

- (iv) There had been an incident on High Street recently with some poor parking and visibility issues. Cllr Cole had requested the local PCSO to visit the area;
- (v) A resident living opposite Ty Siriol in Waungron had complained of the height of the hedge on the opposite side of the road was blocking his view. Cllr. D. Cole was due to visit the resident, however, it was thought that there was little that could be done to assist as the hedge was the other side of the street so not blocking his light.

2010. Ten-minute Public Questions.

No questions.

2011. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

Mrs. S. Morgan reported that one application had been received from: Miss. Catrin Humphreys, 87 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GR for a rear extension.

Resolved: No objection.

2012. Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report.

2013. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- (i) Mr. B. Davies advised Members that since the introduction of the 20mph limit through the village he had witnessed a rise in the level of overtaking at dangerous locations. He had been in contact with the Traffic Section regarding the possibility of traffic calming measures, however, he was advised that any new measures would have to be funded via S106 agreements which would be secured via new planning applications for developments.

Cllr. D. Cole suggested that when such dangerous driving is witnessed a note of the offending number plate is taken and it is reported to the Police via dialling 101.

Resolved: That the Secretary would write to the Traffic Section to outline the concerns of Members;

- (ii) Mr. J. John advised Members that the hedge cutting through Waungron had been complete and a first-class job had been done. He had sent an email to Cllr Rob Stewart to thank him for his intervention and to thank those involved;
- (iii) Mr. D. Merriman circulated a draft copy of a newsletter that he had produced for comment and asked Members to send him any articles that could be included as soon as possible.

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. • May, 2015 Funding agreed by Welsh Government • July, 2015 Project delayed 	Confirmation received via Cllrs D. Cole and J. Curtice that Welsh Government had agreed the funding via Safe Routes to School. Installation delayed due to prioritisation being given to the Kingsway.	Welsh Government; Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green).
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 	Agreement reached for lines to be painted at same time as pedestrian crossing installation. Notice advertising the painting of lines to be displayed in November.	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 • 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 	Awaiting action by Swansea Council.	Swansea Council

<p>Dropped kerb at Coalbrook Rd/Plas Rd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May, '15 Request made to Swansea for dropped kerb • June, 2015 Advised that site survey assessment required, however, unlikely to qualify due to limited funding. • August, 2015 Results of site survey assessment received 	<p>Confirmation that dropped kerb will be installed during the current financial year.</p>	<p>Swansea Council (Huw Daniel)</p>
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