

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 1st November, 2016**

Present: Mr. B. Williams, Chairman
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. J. John
Mr. M. Jones
Mr. A. Hamilton
Mr. L. Jones
Mr. W.D. Merriman
Mr. D. Gwynne
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (Secretary Designate)
No members of the public present

2123. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Morgan and Councillor J. Curtice.

Members welcomed Mr. David Gwynne to his first meeting.

2124. Disclosures of personal interest.

Mr. A. Hamilton declared an interest in the following item and left the room.

2125. Appointment of Secretary.

Mr. B. Williams and Mr. D. Merriman informed Members that as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Community Council they had met with Mrs. Yvonne Hamilton prior to the commencement of the meeting to interview her for the post of Secretary. Following a successful interview it was their recommendation to Members that she was well placed for appointment.

Resolved: That Mrs. Y. Hamilton be appointed to the post of Secretary.

Following the decision Mrs. Y. Hamilton was invited to join the meeting to be formally offered the post and introduced to Members.

2126. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, 2016.

Approved.

2127. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 2122(ii): Overgrown trees through Waungron. Mr. B. Williams informed Members that the trees through Waungron had still not been cut back so were blocking out the streetlights.

Minute 2122(iii): Waungron bus shelter overgrown. Mr. B. Williams informed

Members that the overgrowth surrounding the bus shelter in Waungron had still not been cut back.

2128. Co-option of Community Councillors.

The Secretary advised Members that there remained two vacancies. Mr. D. Merriman suggested that it would be beneficial if a representative from the New Road/High Street area could be co-opted as currently the middle area of the village was unrepresented.

2129. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) He was currently involved in various scrutiny committees at Swansea, the latest reviewing trees throughout the County. Shortly there would be a new policy launched that will encompass trees in the ownership of Swansea Council, trees on public land and trees with preservation orders attached;
- (ii) He had attended training recently following the reform of the planning process. The previous planning committee had been replaced with a smaller group of 12 Members who cover the whole of the Swansea area. A scrutiny committee recently reviewed this new process of considering planning applications and how well it was working. The committee also considered how well S106 community money was being generated and spent that was received from property developers for community project use.

2130. Ten-minute Public Questions.

None.

2131. Planning Applications.

None.

2132. Remembrance Service.

Mr. J. John informed Members that the Remembrance Service would take place in Mount Pleasant Church on Thursday, 17th November at 6.00pm. Mr. Charles Penny from the British Legion was kind enough once again to be arranging the event. The vicar from St. Catherine's had recently announced he was moving parishes so the service will be conducted by the Curate instead. The Headteacher of Pengelli Primary has also agreed for some of the children to attend to do readings.

Resolved: Following a discussion it was agreed that £100 should be given to Mount Pleasant to cover the cost of heating and lighting of the Church and £50 should be given to the Royal British Legion for their help and assistance.

2133. Christmas.

Members were informed that both Pengelli Primary School and Pengelli AFC were currently having separate discussions in how they would celebrate Christmas, however, no firm proposals had been received from either group.

Resolved: Members agreed that they would provide the cost of supplying selection boxes for the children, however, would wait to see what the proposals were for each organisation prior to agreeing their actual support.

2134. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following items:

- i) He had received a request from Swansea Council Parks Department asking whether the Community Council would wish to be part of the summer 2017 hanging basket scheme. Members commented that the floral displays around the village had proved to be popular and should continue again next year.

Resolved: To continue with the floral displays the same as this year, however, to purchase two additional troughs to be placed on the railings in the park.

- ii) An invitation had been received from the Wales Air Ambulance Service for Members to visit the new operating centre at Dafen, Llanelli during office hours/mid-week.

- iii) He reminded Members that as a result of a change to the Model Code of Conduct for all Councillors in Wales, there was a legal requirement for every Community/Town and County Council to adopt a revised Code of Conduct. Grovesend & Waungron Community Council formally adopted the revised Code in May, 2016. A further legal requirement to adopting the Code meant that the adoption needed to be announced in the local newspaper. All Clerks in the Swansea area had been approached by the Clerk from Llchwyr Town Council suggesting to share the cost with one advert being placed in the Evening Post and to list all the participating Community/Town Councils together adopting the Code.

Resolved: Members were in full agreement to this proposal in order to keep cost to a minimum.

2135. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. A. Hamilton informed Members that he was concerned that the work currently being undertaken to revert Box Road back to part two-way and to assist with visibility exiting from the junction, the new retaining wall was

being made from unsightly gabion baskets and had areas of gaps between the baskets making it potentially dangerous for young children.

Resolved: That Cllr. D. Cole and the Secretary would contact the Traffic Section and Highways Department to enquire what finish was being used for the retaining wall before the work was concluded and the contractors had left the site.