

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 7th November 2017

Present: Mr W D Merriman, Chairman
Mr W B Davies
Mr H Talaat
Mr M Jones
Mr A Hamilton
Mr B Moon
Mr D Cole
Mrs S Morgan
Mrs C Knox
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (Secretary)

2248. Apologies for absence

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

2249. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2250. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2017

Approved

2251. Matters arising from the minutes

2241 (2231) (2203) (2191) 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. Suggested areas are Waungron; Miners Club and one by the park.
Action: Secretary to complete the application on behalf of the Community Council.

2247 (v) Further to the email received from Martin Collison, Planning Officer regarding the temporary accommodation granted to 152 Coalbrook Road, members felt that the information received was vague and requested a follow up email to be sent.

Action: Secretary to ask Martin Collison for more information

Update: Secretary informed members that she had received a reply from Martin Collison advising her that he had passed our email over to the Enforcement Team to clarify.

Further Action: Secretary to complete and submit a Planning Enforcement Complaint form.

2252. Local Members Report

Councillor A Stevens submitted the following prior to the meeting: -

(i) The Patch team have carried out work on various places in the ward, in

Grovesend specifically Box Road was done at our request. We also highlighted Station Road and Tyrisha Rd, however both require larger schemes than what would be handled by the patch team. We have assurances that Station Rd will be completed 2019/20 financial year and Tyrisha has been entered into the works schedule but a date is tbc.

(ii) We have arranged for the residents that responded to the flyers that were distributed by the community council to meet with officers Sue Reed and Arron Bevan John at 7.30pm in the club to discuss how they will go about reviving the Friends of Golden Grove.

(iii) Clerk for Gorseinon Town Council applied for 1000 trees (for free!) with "I dig trees" <https://www.tcv.org.uk/community/i-dig-trees> and they were delivered to his house, we have given a lot out to schools within Gorseinon and Penyrheol and various councillors have delegated them to certain areas. We have approx. 250 left and we requested them to be used in Grovesend if TC members were happy and they agreed. We are going to offer them up to the new friends group and help organise a community planting day (weather permitting of course) I will also be contacting Helen to see if Pengelli would like any. If you have any idea's then feel free to let us know.

(iv) LDP Update - First public meeting of the LDP examination process will be a Formal pre-hearing meeting on 13th December 2017. The purpose of this first meeting is for the Inspectorate to set out to all participants (including objectors to the Plan and the Council) how they intend to conduct the Examination process, and to deal with any key issues identified by the Inspectors as requiring further thought prior to the formal Hearings starting. The Inspectors have scheduled the formal Examination Hearings to be held over a broadly 2-month period, from 5th Feb – 23rd March 2018. The Hearings will examine specific and detailed matters relating to LDP policies and individual sites.

Also in Councillor J Curtice's absence she emailed the following: -

(v) I wanted to express how great it was to support and attend the fireworks display and give credit to all concerned.

2253. Ten-minute Public Questions

None

2254. Planning Applications

None

2255. Armistice

Councillor J Curtice has arranged for a vicar to take the service on 16th November. His name is Glyn James and is a curate in St Catherine's Church in Gorseinon. It was agreed that the service will start at 6:30 p.m. and W D Merriman and W B Davies will read out the names. Mrs Talaat also confirmed that the Pengelli Primary School choir will be performing. Members agreed to contribute £25.00 for the wreath to the Royal British Legion and a £100.00

donation for the Church.

Action: Secretary to speak to Councillor J Curtice regarding the rest of the arrangements and to ensure we have an organist, standard bearer, beguiler, etc.

2253. Christmas

Members agreed to provide Pengelli Primary School with a donation of £200.00 for selection boxes for each pupil.

2254. Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) She had received a letter from both British Heart Foundation and Marie Curie Nurse in Swansea requesting a financial donation. This was noted by Members.

(ii) She informed Members of the Review of Community and Town Council Sector Wales and that the Independent Review Panel were seeking views on the following 4 questions: -

1. What should Community and Town Councils be responsible for?
2. How should they operate?
3. What's standing in their way to deliver for the local community?
4. How do councils ensure they best represent their local community?

One Voice Wales has also set up consultation events throughout Wales in order to get a detailed response. The event will take place in Gorseinon on 11 December.

Action: Mr D Cole to attend the consultation event and feedback.

(iii) One Voice Wales have launched the 2018 Innovative Practice National Awards and the closing date for entries is 25 January 2018. This is an opportunity for local councils to receive the recognition they deserve. The 10 different award categories are as follows: - Best Annual Report; Best Environmental Project; Best Website; Best Community Engagement Initiative; Best Tourism Initiative; Best Youth Engagement; Best Heritage Initiative; Best Devolution of Service or Asset Project and Local Council Service of the Year.

2255. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair

(i) Mr D Cole informed Members of the following: -

- the next Friends of Pengelli meeting will be held on 14 November
- grayling geese have been spotted in the area
- the combi lock on the barrier had been replaced due to theft
- Western Power had started to cut down trees in the area
- The No Tipping sign that went missing has not been replaced
- The wildflowers have now been cut back and the areas are looking a lot tidier now

(ii) Mrs Talaat advised Members that there is still an ongoing issue with parking on Station Road during the start and end of a school day.

Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing problem but the area is Common

Land and nothing can be done to resolve this problem.

- (iii) Mr B Moon mentioned the state of the roads and was advised that there was a hotline number (City and County of Swansea) to ring to notify them.
- (iv) Mr W B Davies mentioned that the bus stop on the square was lacking a seating area. Mr Merriman stated that they had discussed this previously but nothing was done regarding this due to objections from residents around the area.
- (v) Mr W D Merriman informed Members that maintenance work around the hall had started and confirmed that they had received quotes from various suppliers to carry out the work. Members agreed to pay £555.28 for the repairs.
- (vi) Mr W D Merriman attended the Health & Safety course run by One Voice Wales and found this quite useful and informative.