

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron**  
**Community Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Present:** Mr W D Merriman  
Mr D Gwynn  
Mr W B Davies  
Mr B Moon  
Mr D Cole  
Mr M Jones  
Mr A Hamilton  
Councillor J Curtice  
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)  
Rina Thorne (Public Attendance – Part)

**2384. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Talaat, Mrs S Morgan, Mrs C Knox and Councillor A Stevens. Mr L Jones was absent.

**2385. Disclosures of personal interest**

Mr D Merriman declared a personal interest regarding an item covered under ten-minute public questions.

**2386. Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**

Approved

**2387. Matters arising from the minutes**

**2374 (2361) (2350) (2338) (2330)** 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 again as the caravan is still there. **No progress to date**

**2374 (2361) (2355) (ii)** She advised Members that a member of the public had contacted her regarding a tree that had fallen by the Meadgate Homes site.

Action: Secretary to ask Mr A Hamilton to provide a quote to remove the tree.

**Resolved:** The work has been completed and the tree has been removed.

Members agreed to pay £60.00 for the costs.

**2374 (2361) (2356) (iii)** Mr M Jones mentioned that there was a number of artic lorries going down Box Road and was becoming a concern as it goes to a single-track road. **Update:** Alan Ferris, Senior Traffic Engineer, Swansea Council advised that each sign would cost around £250 and a further £200 to cover traffic management to allow for the erection of the signs and our fee for officer's time in designing the works and would have to be funded from the Community Budget. **Further Action:** Secretary to find out why the costs are so expensive and to find out whether these costs could be funded elsewhere.

**2374 (2362) Action:** Councillor J Curtice to invite PCSO to attend a Community Council meeting. **Update:** Sergeant Phil Morris was hoping to

attend tonight's meeting but was unable to. He is hoping to be able to attend the next meeting.

**2374 (2367)** The issue regarding flooding in Waungron is becoming more apparent especially as the Winter is coming. **Action:** Councillor Jan Curtice to schedule a meeting between Dave Merriman, Cery Knox, Jan Curtice and Mike Sweeney. **Update:** The meeting was held but there was no outcome as the report has still not been received. No work can be commissioned until they know what the outcome is. Mr D Cole suggested that if the infrastructure was cleaned out on a regular basis this could alleviate the issue. Mr A Hamilton suggested writing to Welsh Water due to the pipes being owned by them to ask for their advice. **Action:** Councillor Jan Curtice agreed to speak to Mike Sweeney again. Secretary to contact Welsh Water.

**2375 (iv)** Still tirelessly working on the traffic issues throughout the village, I was hoping to get an update but Jeff is on annual leave until the 8th Oct.

**Update:** Councillor Jan Curtice met with the police and MP yesterday. They are reluctant to shorten the 20-mph zone until other issues have been dealt with. The police are going to speak to GoSafe. Mr D Merriman mentioned that he had watched a tv programme whereby a group of residents formed a speed watch group with the help from the police and wondered if this was something that we could adopt. Councillor Jan Curtice provided copies of the Community Speedwatch application form. **Action:** Put as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**2382 (iii)** Mr B Moon reported 3 lights on the bend of Coalbrook Road not working. These cannot be reinstalled. However, Councillor J Curtice will speak to the Highways Department due to Health and Safety. **Update:** The Highways Department have confirmed that these lights will not be replaced.

### **2388. Local Members Report**

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

(i) The commemorative bench and bin have been installed at Box Road junction. An official unveil by Lord Lieutenant will take place on 15 November at 3.30 p.m.

(ii) The swing and slide have been installed at the Pengelli Social Club / Community Hall.

(iii) The budget for Swansea Council has been agreed; however, this is an £18 million shortfall

### **2389. Ten-minute Public Questions**

Mr D Merriman declared an interest in this item. Further to the attendance of Rina Thorne and Doug Smith at the last meeting, Rina attended the meeting to inform us of the developments she had received from the Land Registry and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. She advised us that the responsibility to sort out the overhanging trees was the land owners and that she would be receiving this in writing to confirm. Members advised her that once she had received this then she should meet back with the trustees to

discuss. Mr D Merriman mentioned that he had held a meeting with the trustees and were going to contact some Companies to get quotes on how much it was going to cost to remove the trees.

### **2390. Planning Applications**

**2018/1397/FUL – Plot adjacent to Bryn Petrin, (formerly Glenmay), Station Road, Grovesend, SA4 4GY**

Detached dwelling

**Resolved:** No objection but note the knotweed and access across the land

### **2391. Secretary's report**

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) The application for the funding of defibrillators had been rejected again by the Big Lottery fund as they felt that our project did not support the three funding priorities strongly enough and they believed that we had not sufficiently involved people from our local community in developing this project. Members still felt that it should be a priority to have available defibrillators in Grovesend and Waungron. The Secretary had received an email from Welsh Hearts asking if we currently had any in our area. **Action:** Secretary to find out costs from Welsh Hearts and Cariad to install 2 defibrillators.

### **2392. Estimated Budget Allocation 2019/20**

The Secretary provided Members with a copy of last years estimated budget allocation and a draft estimated budge allocation for 2019/20. A discussion was held as to what Members would like to see the allocated budget being spent on. Ideas were discussed which included the following: -

Project to enhance the park area at the Miners Welfare Hall and clear the surrounding area and secure with fencing. Proposal that this been done over 3 stages as follows: -

Stage 1

Remove trees and clear the area

Stage 2

Purchase equipment for the park

Stage 3

Install the equipment and fence the area surrounding

The estimated costs to be in the region of £5000.

A discussion took place regarding Friends of the Park and their struggles to be able to apply for grants until they had a balance of £10000 in their account.

Throughout the year Friends of the Park had done really well with fundraising a number of events and had managed to add £5000 into the account.

Suggestion to pledge £5000 to assist them going forward with their grant funding in order to establish a new park for Grovesend and Waungron.

**Action:** Secretary to send out a revised estimated budget allocation to all

Members for final comments for approval at the next meeting.

**2393. Health and Safety**

Nothing to report

**2394. Christmas**

Members agreed to provide Pengelli Primary School with a donation of selection boxes for each pupil. The Secretary confirmed the cost would be £250.00 for each pupil to receive one. **Decision:** Members agreed to pay £250.00 for the selection boxes.

**2395. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair**

Nothing to report

**2396. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 4 December 2018.