

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron  
Community Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**

**Present:** Mr. D. Merriman, Chair  
Mr. W.B. Davies  
Mr. M. Jones  
Mrs. S. Morgan  
Mr. J. John  
Mr. L. Jones  
Mrs. T. Morgan  
Mr. H. Bates  
Mr. A. Hamilton  
Councillor D. Cole  
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)  
No Members of the public present

**1877. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Knox and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice. Mr. B. Williams was absent.

**1878. Disclosures of personal interest.**

None.

**1879. Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.**

Approved.

**1880. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Minute 1871 Daffodil Bulbs: The Secretary informed Members that from the £100 donation kindly given by Mr. & Mrs. Hinton for the purchase of daffodil bulbs he bought 11 sacks of 5kg bulbs from B&Q and B&Q had generously donated a further 5 sacks for free. Mr. D. Merriman advised that he had spoken with Mrs. Talaat, Headteacher, to discuss the planting arrangements who was recommending that the schools gardening club be involved. A suitable date would be arranged by the school shortly.

Minute 1873 Hedges through Waungron: Following a further discussion regarding the cutting of hedges, it was agreed that the Secretary would formally write to Swansea Council in an attempt to obtain some definitive advice as to who was responsible for hedge cutting along roadsides, to what height and what were the appropriate times of year for cutting.

Minute 1875 Strangles: The Secretary advised that in response to his letter regarding the recent movement of horses to the area with the strangles disease, the Head of Trading Standards at Swansea Council, had confirmed that he had received sight of an invoice from the Banwen Hunt confirming

collection of the horse that died. The Head of Trading Standards advised that a more detailed response to the future arrangements regarding the movement of horses between areas in similar circumstances would be provided in a month or so.

#### **1881. Local Members Report.**

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- i) He had met recently with Suzie Mayhew of the Youth Service who had provided a lot of useful information regarding the creation of a youth club for the area. The problem, however, was that no financial resources were available to support a club from within Swansea. It was agreed that Mrs. T. Morgan would contact with Ms. Mayhew to discuss options available and any potential ways forward for the village;
- ii) Weeding around the village had not been done as assured, Cllr Cole would follow this up with Swansea;
- iii) A large indentation in the road outside 14 High Street had recently been reported to Highways for repair. It was hoped that this would be corrected shortly soon given its size and location;
- iv) Further problems regarding flooding outside Mr. Porter's property on Pentre Road were reported. Cllr Cole had reported the problem to Stuart Willingham at the Highways Department and Officers were due out to look at the problem shortly.

#### **1882. Ten-minute Public Questions.**

None present.

#### **1883. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan, Planning Officer.**

None received.

#### **1884. Discussion surrounding Box Road one-way system.**

Mr. D. Merriman advised Members that he had been informed by two Police Officers that they had been monitoring vehicles entering and exiting Box Road recently and had counted 58 vehicles exiting the road the wrong way. He understood from the Officers that shortly they were to start booking those offending.

Cllr David Cole advised that the Community Council needed to be proactive rather than reactive as he felt there was a real threat of an accident happening at this location.

Discussion took place around the need for a health & safety risk assessment and whether one was undertaken when the road was first changed from two-way to one-way. Members felt that a meeting with the Traffic Section, Parks and Police was needed to discuss the problems being encountered and how

best to manage the issue.

**Resolved:** That the Secretary would arrange a meeting on-site between Jeff Green in Traffic, a representative of the Parks Department, Police and Community Council. He would also attempt to find out whether a risk assessment has been undertaken when the road was converted one-way.

#### **1885. Armistice Day.**

Mr. D. Merriman reminded Members that this year marked the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the First World War and suggested that the Community Council should arrange a remembrance service.

Cllr David Cole advised that he thought Gorseinon Town Council were already in the process of organising something for both Gorseinon and Grovesend.

**Resolved:** That Cllr D. Cole would make further enquiries with the Clerk of Gorseinon Council and advise the Secretary accordingly.

#### **1886. Christmas Carol Service/Children's Party.**

Members discussed whether there was any merit in having Christmas carol service and children's party this year as attendance has steadily been declining year on year. With the closure of the 'wet-side' of the Club Members felt that even fewer parents would attend this year.

Members were advised that Pengelli Primary School had their annual Christmas party the Thursday prior to Christmas where Father Christmas made an appearance. Given the uncertainty of the Welfare Hall and whether it would remain open at Christmas it was suggested that the Community Council sponsor the purchase of selection boxes for all the children at the school.

**Resolved:** To purchase selection boxes for the pupils at Pengelli Primary School in place of a dedicated carol service/party. Mr. D. Merriman would liaise with Mrs. Talaat, Headteacher regarding the arrangements.

#### **1887. Secretary's Report.**

None.

#### **1888. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.**

Following a discussion it was agreed to bring the November meeting forward by one day to Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Mr. H. Bates suggested that either meetings should proceed on the scheduled dates or consideration should be given to amending the Community Council Constitution to allow for flexibility. Mr. L. Jones gave his apologies for the meeting.

### **Issues awaiting resolution**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Key dates</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action required by</b>
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Originally requested several years ago.</li><li>• Followed-up: August, 2013</li><li>• Followed-up: October, 2013</li><li>• Site meeting in December, 2013 with Ward Members and Jeff Green</li><li>• January, 2014 local Cllrs meeting with Jeff Green</li><li>• May, 2014 funding rejected for 2014/15.</li><li>• June, 2014 funding possible for 2015/16.</li></ul>	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).