

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 6th October, 2015**

Present: Mr. B. Williams, Chair
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. W.D. Merriman
Mr. L. Jones
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mrs. T. Morgan
Mr. A. Hamilton
Councillor D. Cole
Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
2 members of the public present

1994. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Knox, Mr. J. John, Mr. H. Bates and Mr. M. Jones.

1995. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1996. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September, 2015.

Approved.

1997. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 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 written to Cllr Rob Stewart, Leader of Swansea Council, to advise him of the problems encountered when seeking help from Cllr Raynor and ask for his observations; however, he had not received a response. He would send a further follow-up email to Cllr Stewart.

Minute 1986 (Minute 1976 1966 1956 1946 (1941 (iv))): Fencing around the park. Mr. B. Davies informed Members that no progress had been made in relation to the erection of a new fence around the Park. Cllr. J. Curtice advised that she would follow this up with the Parks Department.

1998. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) A barrier had been installed at the end of Station Road near the cycle path. The barrier will allow the street cleaning machine to access the track and continue sweeping the path;
- (ii) He had spoken to Simon Clark, Team Leader within the Environment

Dept. at Swansea Council regarding the continued complaints at Ty Siriol Farm of unpleasant smells. Mr. Clark had visited the site and determined that the business is operating legitimately and the smells do not warrant any further action.

2 members of the public were present who lived in neighbouring properties to the farm and informed Members that on days when the wind was in their direction the smell was repulsive.

A discussion took place about what licences were required to operate a pig farm and whether the community and neighbouring households are consulted as part of that process. Also what rules are in place for keeping pigs.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Secretary would make some enquiries regarding the process of licencing pig farms and report back.

(iii) LDP: Tyrisha Farm application had been approved by the Council to progress to the next stage of the LDP process which will go to a further public consultation;

(iv) A planning appeal for a solar panel farm in Penyrheol had been dismissed as the site was green belt;

Councillor J. Curtice updated Members:

(v) Several Grovesend residents had won their appeals to Swansea Council in relation to the issuing of blue badges.

1999. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Two members of the public were present to express their concern regarding Ty Siriol pig farm which was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2000. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

Mrs. S. Morgan reported that one application had been received from: Land at Castell Ddu, Pontarddulais, Swansea for a ground solar PV generation project and associated works.

Resolved: Objection on the grounds of: i) severe and significant disruption from large vehicles travelling through the villages of Grovesend & Waungron; ii) infringement of developing greenbelt land and iii) the potential for glare from the panels to affect vehicles travelling on the M4 motorway immediately adjacent to the site.

2001. Armistice Day Service.

In the absence of Mr. J. John the Secretary informed Members that he was aware that Mr. J. John had made the arrangements for the forthcoming Armistice Day Services. Details of which will be forwarded to Members.

2002. Christmas.

Mr. D. Merriman advised Members that Pengelli Primary were making their own in-house arrangements for a Christmas service and celebration.

2003. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following issues:

- i) The 2014/15 Community Council accounts had been signed off by the external auditors with no issues to report;
- ii) The 2016 hanging basket scheme had been launched by Swansea Council.

Resolved: Members discussed participation and agreed to purchase 3 barrier troughs to be placed on the railings in the Park, and 3 tubs to be placed at Allt-y-graban junction, the square (Box Rd/High St/Station Rd) and corner of High Street/Plas Road.

2004. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- (i) Cllr D. Cole raised the issue of vehicles travelling the wrong way along Box Road and advised that a solution was needed before a serious accident happened.

Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr D. Cole would speak to Jeff Green in an attempt to make progress. It was also agreed that Mr. D. Merriman, Mr. B. Davies and Mr. A. Hamilton would meet on site at the weekend to see what remedial work and the cost of what was needed to allow maintenance vehicles to turn left as they exited the park safely.

- (ii) Mr. D. Merriman asked what the latest position was in regard the installation of a permanent Christmas tree at the park. It was agreed that having previously agreed to purchase a tree Mr. D. Merriman, Mr. B. Davies and Mr. A. Hamilton would consider an appropriate location when at the park at the weekend and Mr. A. Hamilton would proceed to purchase and install the tree.
- (iii) Mr. D. Merriman advised Members that the Trustees of the Welfare Hall were meeting with CISWO in a few days' time, following which a further public meeting will be held to discuss the future of the welfare hall.
- (iv) Mr. B. Davies asked Members to consider supporting the building of a monument that will hold the plaques from the Welfare Hall if the Club were to close permanently. It was suggested that the monument could be located at the park near the Christmas tree.

Resolved: Members were in agreement with the suggestion in principle. Mr. D. Merriman would raise the issue of funding the monument when the Trustees meet with CISWO in the next few days and report back.

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 	Agreement reached for lines to be painted at same time as pedestrian crossing installation.	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
Dropped kerb at Coalbrook Rd/Plas Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May, '15 Request made to Swansea for dropped kerb • June, 2015 Advised that site 	Confirmation that dropped kerb will be installed during the current financial	Swansea Council (Huw Daniel)

	survey assessment required, however, unlikely to qualify due to limited funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August, 2015 Results of site survey assessment received	year.	
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