

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Present: Mr W D Merriman
Mr D Gwynn
Mr W B Davies
Mr B Moon
Mrs H Talaat
Mr D Cole
Mr L Jones
Mr Mike Jones
Councillor J Curtice
Mrs Y Hamilton (Secretary)
Rina Thorne (Public Attendance – Part)
Doug Smith (Public Attendance – Part)

2371. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Morgan, Mrs C Knox, Mr A Hamilton and Councillor A Stevens.

2372. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2373. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2018

To be approved following a couple of additions to be included. Include the information regarding the memorial quotes that Mr D Merriman had obtained. Include the issue regarding flooding at Waungron.

2374. Matters arising from the minutes

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.

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.

2361 (2356) (ii) Mrs C Knox expressed concern regarding the amount of Japanese Knot Weed along Allt-y-Graban Road. She was informed that there was a hotline number available specifically regarding Japanese Knot Weed issues. **Action:** Secretary to contact Swansea Council to inform them of knot weed in the following areas: - Station Road, Coalbrook Road and Allt-y-Graban Road and ask what the policy is on removing this. **Update:** Chris Waters, Grounds Maintenance Surveyor, Swansea Council visited a few of the areas, however he was finding some areas difficult to find and advised there was nothing he could do at this time of year due to the knotweed dying back. He suggested somebody to get back to me in March and pin point exactly

where these areas are and then he could ascertain who is responsible for these areas.

2361 (2356) (iii) Mr M Jones mentioned that there was a number of arctic lorries going down Box Road and was becoming a concern as it goes to a single-track road. **Action:** Secretary to contact Swansea Council and ask for signage to be positioned at the start of Box 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 officers time in designing the works and would have to be funded from the Community Budget.

2362 Action: Councillor J Curtice to invite PCSO to attend a Community Council meeting.

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.

2368 Armistice The date Grovesend and Waungron will celebrate Armistice will be 15 November at 6:00 p.m. **Decision:** Members agreed to give a donation of £100 to the church and £25.00 to the Royal British Legion.

2375. Local Members Report

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

(i) The commemorative bench, bin and notice board should be installed at box road junction around mid to late October.

(ii) We have asked Mike Sweeney for a meeting about Waungron, he is happy to meet but asked if he can contact us when he has received the drainage report as it will be useful information for the site meeting. If members would prefer a meeting before he has this document then of course that can be arranged.

Action: Members would prefer to meet as soon as possible so Councillor J Curtice will make the arrangements.

(iii) We have purchased a Swing set and slide for the Pengelli social club/community hall. I believe this will be installed this week on the grassed area outside.

(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.

(v) We have funded daffodil planting on the Penyrheol side of the junction at Frampton/Pontarddulais Road and also Heol Dylan/Pontarddulais road. The side with the bench that currently has the wild flowers will be done next year instead. It made no sense cut back the wild flowers to change it now and it needs to be left fallow for one year before being replaced with daffodils.

(vi) The dog bin at the top of Golden Grove park behind the houses on High St was recently damaged and has been replaced with a brand new one!

(vii) We have had CCTV installed at the play area off Gower View to help address some anti-social behaviour issues we are having there.

(viii) We have also funded further commemorative benches to be places at

Gower View Rd, Pencefnarda Rd, Penyrheol Leisure Centre and Gorseinon Hospital. Our two picnic benches should be installed at Gower View Rd play area this week. We have funded two community bike maintenance stations, 6x scooters and balance bikes for Penyrheol Primary School.

2376. Ten-minute Public Questions

Two members of the public, namely Rina Thorne and Doug Smith attended the meeting to discuss an issue regarding five trees on the boundary of the car park at Pengelli Sports and Social and their concerns that they have grown over the years and is a risk that they will do some damage to theirs and their neighbour's property if they are not sorted out. They asked who was responsible for dealing with this issue and when could the work be carried out to prevent any damage to their property. Mr D Merriman advised that the trees had been planted in 1976.

Decision: Members asked the Chair if he could speak to the trustees to see if they could advise on whether or not they were responsible for ensuring safety of the neighbour's properties.

2377. Planning Applications

2018/1827/FUL – Bryn Yr Arad Farm, Grovesend, SA4 4WJ

First floor side extension, single storey garage and porch to rear

Resolved: No objection

2378. Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on the following: -

(i) She had received a letter from Rebecca Evans AM regarding Remembrance Events and wished to be part of as many Acts of Remembrance as she was able to.

Action: Secretary to invite her to attend our service

(ii) She informed Members that she had resubmitted the application to 'National Lottery Awards for All' for funding for defibrillators.

(iii) She advised Members that the Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales had now been completed and had agreed recommendations going forward.

(iv) A letter had been received from Carol Hodgson, Bryn Lliw requesting a financial contribution to support the annual fireworks community event. This was a great success last year.

Decision: Members agreed to support the event by donating £150.00 towards the costs. Councillor J Curtice agreed to further the support the event by donating a further £150.00 from their Community budget.

2379. Finance Update

The Secretary informed Members of the current financial situation and advised Members that the budget allocation for 2019/20 would be discussed at the next meeting.

2380. Health and Safety

Nothing to report

2381. Community & Town Council Forum

Mr D Merriman informed Members that an email had been received from Mr Huw Evans asking the reasons why Community / Town Councils do not attend meetings.

Action: Secretary to inform Mr H Evans that Mr D Cole will represent Grovesend and Waungron Community Council at future meetings.

2382. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

(i) Mr D Cole thanked everyone for their condolences and well wishes following the passing of his father and praised Llys y Tywysog Nursing Home for everything they did for him whilst he was there.

(ii) The Macmillan Coffee Morning was very well attended by residents.

(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.

2383. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6 November 2018.