

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 9th September, 2014**

Present: Mrs. C. Knox, Chair
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. M. Jones
Mr. D. Merriman
Mrs. S. Morgan
Mr. J. John
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
2 Member of the public present

1866. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones, Mr. B. Williams, Mrs. T. Morgan, Mr. H. Bates, Mr. A. Hamilton and Councillor Mrs. J. Curtice.

1867. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1868. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July, 2014.

Approved.

1869. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1857 Request for a Youth Club: Cllr D. Cole advised Members that over the summer period he had spoken to several officers within Swansea Council regarding the setting up of a youth club, or youth related activities, within the village and that the Secretary had several conversations with Cllr Mitch Theaker, Cabinet Member for Young People. Due to the limited amount of time until the school holidays, and lack of available funds within Swansea, it was not possible to organise any youth activities in Grovesend this year, however, a comprehensive list of what was available locally and around Swansea was circulated to all Members during August. Cllr Cole advised that he was due to meet with Suzie Mayhew, the local youth service adviser, in the next few weeks regarding a longer term plan for Grovesend.

Minute 1859 (1850) History Group: Mr. D. Merriman reported to Members that the first meeting of the group was very well attended with 15 people and the group aim to meet again for a further meeting on 16th September at 6:00pm.

Minute 1859 (1854) Table-top Sale: Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that whilst a good number of tables were setup for the event there was a disappointing turnout of people from the village to support it. A decision was

yet to be made as whether a further event would be held.

1870. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- i) The planning application previously submitted for Sion Chapel, Waungron, to be converted into a house had recently been approved;
- ii) Having received several complaints, the Police were now monitoring the problem of off-road motorbikes on the grassed area at the end of Station Road;
- iii) The hedges through Waungron had finally been cut back by the owner;
- iv) Ian Jones at Swansea Council Highways had recently retired and replaced by Stuart Willingale. Mr. Willingale had already honoured Mr. Jones previous commitment to clear the drains throughout Waungron over the next few months;
- v) The Traffic Section within Swansea Council were about to commence a public consultation exercise to reduce the speed limit of the roads surrounding Pengelli Primary School to 20mph;
- vi) The LDP was entering its final stage. Only one candidate site remained in Grovesend on Tyrisha Farm for houses. The revised and updated document will be available for a further consultation shortly;
- vii) The amount of fly tipping across Swansea is on the increase and was a cause of concern. There were a few 'hotspots' in Grovesend which had been reported recently. A letter with an address on was found amongst one of the dumped bags which is now being investigated with consideration of carrying out a prosecution;
- viii) Concern continues regarding vehicles exiting out of Box Road the wrong way despite a new sign being erected advising motorists of the one-way system. Following a discussion it was agreed to put this on the agenda for a full debate at the October meeting of the Community Council including the consideration of applying to Swansea Council to convert the road back to two-way.

1871. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Mr. & Mrs. Hinton were in attendance to present a cheque for £100 to the Community Council for the purchase of daffodil bulbs to be planted around the village. Mr. & Mrs. Hinton were thanked for their very kind donation and informed that it had already been agreed that the children of Pengelli would plant the bulbs. It was suggested to invite the Evening Post to be present on the day the children planted the bulbs so they could run a story.

1872. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan, Planning Officer.

Mrs. Morgan advised Members that no applications had been received during the month.

1873. Hedges through Waungron – Mr. J. John.

Mr. John informed Members that despite the recent cutting of some hedges through Waungron there remained several that were uncut and posed a danger to pedestrians. Mr. John explained that in more rural authorities further west the local authority cuts the full height of the hedges and why couldn't Swansea do something similar here given the failure of the local farmers in maintaining their hedges. He suggested that Swansea Council writes to each landowner fronting Pentre Road in February/March each year reminding them of their responsibilities and requesting that they cut their hedges twice a year. Cllr. D. Cole advised that Swansea Council had sent several letters to landowners this year which did work in part.

1874. Application for financial assistance from Pengelli United AFC (Youth).

Members were reminded of their decision from the previous year when they agreed a donation to Pengelli that all future applications for financial assistance would be denied until a copy of the audited accounts were provided to the Community Council. Following a discussion regarding the management of the different sections of the football club, Members agreed to abide by their previous decision and rejected the application for financial assistance.

1875. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following:

- i) The 2013/14 Community Council accounts had been approved by the Wales Audit Office with no issues to report;
- ii) He read out a letter received from Mr. Leighton Jones expressing his concern over several horses that had been moved to Grovesend from the Neath Port Talbot area that had the strangles disease. It was understood that the horses had been moved on the instruction of NPT Trading Standards, however, without the prior knowledge of Swansea Trading Standards. It was also believed that Mr. Chris Morgan, Chairman of the Commoners Association gave the approval for the horses to be moved despite knowing they had the disease.

Mrs. C. Knox advised that one of the horses died in the field and that the carcass of the animal had been burnt where it lay. A woman from Neath Port Talbot had subsequently collected the animals and they were now being well looked after.

Resolved: It was agreed to write to Swansea Council Trading Standards to gauge their understanding of how the horses were allowed to be transported to this area, what action they took to resolve this issue and whether a licence for the removal of the horses was given to the Banwen Hunt.

1876. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. D. Merriman asked whether a discussion could take place at the October meeting regarding Armistice Day.

The Secretary reminded Members that the October meeting had been moved to Wednesday, 8th October. Mrs. C. Knox gave her apologies for the meeting.

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.	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).