

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 1st September, 2015**

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

1984. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Bates, Mr. M. Jones and Mrs. S. Morgan. Mrs. T. Morgan and Mr. A. Hamilton were absent.

1985. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1985. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 2015.

Approved.

1986. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1976 (1966 1956 1944): Presentation by youth petitioners regarding the cost of school transportation to Pontarddulais Comprehensive. The Secretary advised Members that he had received formal notification from the Transportation Officer at Swansea Council confirming that free bus passes have been provided to all Grovesend and Waungron pupils attending Pontarddulais Comprehensive School. He also advised that he had written to Jâc Scott, the pupil that first raised this issue, to inform him of the outcome and thank him for bring this to our attention.

Members were delighted at the outcome, however, remained aggrieved by the manner Cllr Jennifer Raynor, Cabinet Member for Education, had initially dismissed the request.

Resolved: Members felt that it was appropriate to write personally to Cllr Rob Stewart, Leader of the Council, to advise him of the problems encountered when seeking help from Cllr Raynor and ask for his observations.

Minute 1976 (1966 1956 1946 (1941 (iv))): Fencing around the park. The Chair informed Members that several meetings had taken place throughout the summer as initially there was a refusal of Swansea Council Parks

Department to contribute anything towards replacing the fence. That issue had now been resolved and a three-way agreement reached whereby the Parks Section, Community Council and Ward Members would pay a third share to replace the fence. During one of the site meetings at the park it had been agreed to include a new gate in the scheme to complete the project. The total estimated cost was circa £7k, which included VAT. The fence and gate had been ordered and an expected installation date very soon.

Minute 1976: Dropped Kerb Coalbrook Rd/Plas Rd. The Secretary advised Members that following the assessment of need survey conducted by Swansea it had been agreed to install a dropped kerb at this location sometime during the current financial year. The Secretary had also been advised that a footway maintenance scheme would be carried out at the same time.

Minute 1977: Creation of a Friends of Grovesend Park Committee. The Chair updated Members as to the Friends of the Park Committee. Following the successful public meeting in July the first meeting of the newly formed Pengelli Park Committee had been held and a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer had been elected.

1987. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- (i) Hedge cutting was currently underway throughout Waungron;
- (ii) Swansea Council had recently written to all residents of Station Road whose houses backed onto Pengelli School regarding the problems with the boundary wall, seeking permission to examine the wall from within the gardens;
- (iii) The next stage of the LDP would progress through the Council during late-September;
- (iv) A speed survey was undertaken through the village on 21st August. The average speed was recorded as 31mph for 30 vehicles which was a reduction from the previous survey. Further survey's will be undertaken over the next 12 months.

1988. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Two members of the public were present. A question was asked as why 20mph had been introduced through the village. A response was given that there was a national drive to reduce speed around rural villages and in areas where there was a school. Concern had been expressed for sometime regarding the speed of some motorists travelling through the village.

1989. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

Mrs. S. Morgan reported that there were no applications to be considered at the meeting, however, one had been received during the summer period for a

single storey extension to 66 High Street, Grovesend. Both she and the Chair had considered the application and had no issues of concern, therefore, responded to Swansea Council with no objections.

1990. Application for financial assistance from Friends of Parc Pengelli.

Members discussed a request for financial assistance from the Committee to assist with their setup and administration costs.

Resolved: Members agreed to a start-up financial contribution of £300. It was also agreed to invite the Committee to resubmit a request for a further larger contribution when the group had some proposals to develop the park.

1991. Application for financial assistance from West Street Acrobatic Gymnastics.

Members discussed a request for financial assistance from West Street Acrobatic Gymnastics.

Resolved: To note the application.

1992. Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report.

1993. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- (i) Mr. B. Davies informed Members that he felt it was a disgrace that the recent Community Council newsletter did not have any reference to the school and the children for the work they did in getting the agreement for the crossing. Mrs. C. Knox responded by saying that she did ask all Members for contributions towards the newsletter; however, she received no responses. Mrs. Knox said that it was an oversight not to include reference to the school and not done on purpose. It was suggested that this could be corrected in the next edition which Mr. D. Merriman offered to produce in time for Christmas.
- (ii) Mr. D. Merriman reported that the number of weeds growing along the roadsides had started to get out of control. He had been told by the Council that the Parks Department would spray weed killer twice a year; however, it was felt this was not effective enough.
- (iii) A discussion took place regarding Armistice Day and Christmas celebrations.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Armistice service would be relocated to Mount Pleasant Chapel given the poor attendance at last years event. Mr. J. John would make the arrangements and report back to the next meeting in October.

- (iv) Mr. B. Williams reported that foul smells continued to come from Ty Siriol pig farm in Waungron. A petition had been started amongst the residents which will be sent to the Environment Department.

It was agreed that the November meeting would be held a week earlier than normal on Tuesday, 27th October, 2015.

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 	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 survey assessment required, however, unlikely to qualify due to limited funding. • August, 2015 Results of site survey assessment received 	Confirmation that dropped kerb will be installed during the current financial year.	Swansea Council (Huw Daniel)