

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 13 April 2026**

Present:

Councillors
Mr L Holloway – Chairperson
Mr S Bates
Mrs T Hardwick – Vice Chairperson
Mr R Hardwick
Mr M Jones
Mrs D Thomas

County Councillor
Mr A Stevens

Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

3418. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from W Erasmus, A Hamilton, S Morgan M Osborn and H Talaat.

3419. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3420. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2026

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by T Hardwick and seconded by R Hardwick.

3421. Matters arising from the minutes

| Previous Minute Ref | Matters arising | Current Position |
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| 3357, 3368, 3382, 3395, 3408 | W D Merriman asked if the trees in the park could be cut down as it was affecting the football games. W Erasmus interrupted and said that he was constantly turning up to meetings and repeating himself. Action: A Stevens and M Jones will discuss this issue outside the meeting and report back. | Update: Ongoing |
| 3426 | The Clerk informed Members that following our application for the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme 2025/26 to install welcome gates at the entrances to the village was unsuccessful. They advised that the funding round was highly oversubscribed and the overall standard of applications was very high. Action: Clerk to request further feedback. | Update: The Clerk received further feedback that suggested that due to the number of applications received it was felt that our application was out of scope. They suggested that because it was more of a safety issue then the responsibility should lie with Swansea Council. |
| 3426 | St David's Day Celebrations - Action: Clerk to do a report and send of evidence of expenditure, etc to Welsh Government. | Update: Clerk submitted a report with evidence of all expenditure to Welsh Government. |
| 3428 | M Jones mentioned that a member of the public had approached him to ask whether a handrail could be positioned by the kissing gate on Box Road. A Hamilton suggested the cost would be £250-£300 to supply and install this. Action: Clerk to contact parks department | Update – Clerk waiting for a response from Swansea Council |
| 3429 | A Hamilton asked if anyone knew why strips have been cut out on the common at the bottom of Station Road. Action: Clerk to contact A Stevens to see if it has anything to do with the potential nature reserves. | Update – Clerk contacted A Stevens who confirmed that the work was to do with the nature reserve and to improve the grassland area. |

3422. Ten-minute Public Questions

Nothing to report

3423. Local Members Report

A Stevens reported on the following: -

- (i) The 10k and 2k fun run for Morgan's Army took place on 12 April and had over 900 runners. This was very well organised and raised funds for some very worthy local causes and will be split between Ty Hafan Children's Hospice and Morgan's Army.
- (ii) Street signs that are in need of replacing will be changed and will now include the Lord Mayors Coat of Arms. Action: Members to let A Stevens know of any streets in our area that have started to wear.
- (iii) J Curtice and others were due to participate in the Velocity Zipwire for the Gorseinon Town Mayors Charity Challenge at the end of April in order to raise funds for a very special young girl name Eva Rae who suffers from Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (LMD). Anyone that wishes to sponsor Jan and her team can do so by contacting Gorseinon Town Council.
- (iv) He suggested that the bench in Waungron had seen its days and could do with being replaced. Action: A Stevens to let Clerk know the cost to replace this to see if we have the funds available in this financial year.
- (v) The dropped curb on Coalbrook Road has now been completed and the yellow lines on Clos Pengelli has been completed.

3424. Friends of the Park Update

M Jones reported on the following: -

- (i) Orchard Project – One of the trees had been damaged and had been snapped. This was reported to Swansea Council who was hopeful that it would recover but has agreed to replace this if it doesn't.
- (ii) The Easter Egg hunt took place on 28 March 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Lots of children attended and had lots of fun looking for the pegs in exchange for Easter Eggs. Members of Friends of the Park thanked the local sponsors for their financial donations towards the Easter Eggs. The remaining eggs left over were taken to the children's ward at Morriston Hospital which were gratefully received.
- (iii) Further work between the Clerk and M Jones was ongoing regarding the Climbing Track project. Lots of positive comments received following the consultation on Facebook. Swansea Council have confirmed that they cannot see it being an issue either but to ensure that both the surfacing and the play equipment must conform to the relevant British Standards. They also advised that once installed and independently inspected, the equipment would then become part of Parks' responsibility for ongoing inspection and maintenance.
- (iv) They will be holding their AGM on 5 May 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to attend.

3425. Planning Applications

No new planning applications received

3426. Financial Update

Committed Spend already approved since our last meeting

£75.00 – Cloud Back up

£221.55 – Easter eggs for Pengelli Primary School

£4.25 – Bank charges

£259.70 – Easter disco

£208.00 – Councillors Allowance

The budget monitoring report was shared with Members. She provided Members with the accounts for year ending 31 March 2026 prior to the meeting so they had time to digest the information. She informed Members that she had received information regarding this year's audit and the annual return for 2025-26. This year's audit includes a basic audit and needs to be approved by the full council no later than 30 June 2026. The audit notice needs to be published and arrangements need to be made for public inspection between 6 and 31 July 2026. **Decision:** Mrs T Hardwick proposed that the financial accounts for year ending 31 March 2026 is accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Mr S Bates. All Members approved the annual accounts.

The Easter disco was held on 29 March at 5.00 p.m. at the Miners Welfare Hall which once again was a success. The room was filled with children and they were so lucky to have a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny. The Easter bonnets were amazing. The Community Council wished to thank everyone involved in helping out.

A discussion was held regarding this year's Summer Fayre and whether or not we would be able to apply for funding to allow us to continue with our vision to keep it a free event for all. **Action:** Clerk to investigate to see if there is any funding available. **Decision:** It was decided that this would be discussed at the next meeting and a date to be agreed.

She had received a letter from Kids Cancer Charity requesting to be considered for a community council grant. This was noted by Members.

She had received a letter from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod requesting financial support. This was noted by Members.

3427. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) One Voice Wales Updates: -
 - E-Bulletin issue 20 and 21 information shared with Members
 - Funding newsletter – Potential Grant Opportunities shared with Members
 - Free training places for 2026-27 were shared with Members. **Action:** Members to let Clerk know of any modules they wish to attend.
 - First edition of e-newsletter published
 - One Voice Wales National Awards Ceremony 2026 will take place on 1 July 2026 at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground. Closing date for applications is 30 April.
- (ii) Police States – Beat of Grovesend – 8 occurrences in total for the month of March
No ASB reports, 1 violence against the person reports, no dwelling burglary report – there are no current trends which are a cause for concern within the locality.
- (iii) During the recent disruption that prevented access to our email accounts for an extended period the Clerk wrote to the service provider, Vision ICT to request an update and to ask steps what they would put in place to prevent this happening again. They have advised that they have taken a number of steps and confirmed that they are moving to a new, more reliable email platform with improved performance and resilience. **Decision:** It was agreed that this would be monitored.
- (iv) On 24 March 2026, the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee approved the Delivery Agreement for the Strategic Development Plan which was shared with Members.
- (v) The Welsh Government have published the County of Swansea (Communities) Order 2026 which will come into force on 6 May 2026.

3428. Health and Safety

R Hardwick mentioned that the road by the mini roundabout was badly damaged and was especially dangerous for people on motorbikes. A Stevens confirmed that this was reported and is included in the Schedule of Works.

M Jones asked A Stevens if anything could be done on Box Road due to the number of potholes. A Stevens provided an explanation of the different types of repair works in relation to potholes / resurfacing area.

3429. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

Nothing to report

3430. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 18 May 2026 at the Miners Welfare Hall. We will hold our AGM meeting prior to this meeting. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.