

Decisions of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 8 January 2024

Present: Mr P Card (Chairperson)
Mr L Holloway (Vice Chairperson)
Mr M Jones
Mrs T Hardwick
Mr A Hamilton
Mr I Llewelyn
Mrs H Talaat
Mr W Erasmus
Mrs S Morgan
Mrs Y Hamilton (Clerk)
Councillor A Stevens
Councillor J Curtice
Councillor N Matthews

Decision: It was agreed by all Members that we would order the bench so that it comes out of this financial year and put it in storage until a decision has been made regarding the installation and the costs.

Precept 2024/25 and Financial Report

Prior to the meeting the Clerk provided Members with the proposed next year's spend and the remaining monitoring report for this financial year.

Each expense item was reviewed in turn and each conscience agreed with each individual cost expenditure. Mr W Erasmus proposed retaining a £2,000 contingency but it was agreed for this to be removed with savings likely to be achieved elsewhere. Discussions took place and the majority of Members felt that it was important that we do more for the Community and the additional funds would allow this. It was also noted that we could do more in trying to apply for grants that could generate more income.

The Clerk provided Members with 2 options: -

Option 1 – To agree the precept of £18,921

Option 2 – To agree the precept of £16,921

Decision: It was decided that you could vote for both options or just one and that a majority vote would be accepted. A vote took place where 7 Members agreed option 1 and 3 Members agreed option 2. Mr W Erasmus rejected the proposal and noted that whilst he agreed with the increased figure, he wished to put it to public consultation. It was noted that this was neither the process or did we have time for such action.

It was agreed that going forward we would start discussing the precept for the coming year in September / October as this would allow increased opportunity for local public discussion.

Audit Wales has finally submitted the invoice for the audit fees 2022/23 at a cost of £215.00.

Decision: Members agreed to pay the invoice.

A request from Swansea Council Parks Service has been made asking if the Community Council wants to continue being involved with the wildflower planting scheme for 2024. **Decision:** Members agreed to be involved for a further year.

She informed Members that it was a year ago since we sent out our last newsletter. **Decision:** It was agreed that we would send one out in the next month or so. **Action:** Clerk to put together a draft for agreeing at the next meeting. All to forward ideas to be included in the Newsletter.

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 12 February 2024 at the Miners Welfare Hall.

Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.