

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 13 May 2024**

Present:

Councillors
 Mr P Card (Chairperson)
 Mr L Holloway (Vice Chairperson)
 Mr A Hamilton
 Mrs S Morgan
 Mr M Jones
 Mr I Llewelyn
 Mrs T Hardwick
 Mr W Erasmus
 Mrs H Talaat

Clerk
 Mrs Y Hamilton

County Councillors
 Mrs J Curtice

Public Attendance
 Lisa Foley
 Mike Scott
 Karl Bradley
 Dai Cole
 Helen Thomas
 One other

3131. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Gray and County Councillor Mr A Stevens and Mrs N Matthews.

3132. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3133. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2024

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

3134. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3046 (i), 3065, 3078, 3092, 3106, 3121	Update: Mr A Stevens informed Members that Highways will be replacing this bench and the one on Pentre Road with a standard bench. Update: The Clerk informed Members that the bench on Pentre Road has been replaced but the one on Coalbrook Road hasn't.	Action: Clerk to chase this up.
3109, 3121	Mr P Card advised that he had received a message from Mr K Roberts regarding the constant dog mess that is being left around the field. Update: The Clerk informed Members that she had spoken to Pengelli Primary School and agreed to take part in the competition. The entries will be provided prior to the next meeting for judging to take place. Decision: Mr P Card is going to donate a prize and the Community Council would also provide book vouchers to the winners.	Update: Clerk presented Members with the shortlist of entries. A winner and runner-up were chosen from the foundation group and junior group. Decision: It was agreed that each winner and runner-up will be awarded a prize donated by Mr P Card and a £20 amazon voucher donated by the Community Council for each winner. The winners and

		runners up will be put onto signs around the park.
3114, 3121	Rod Evans, Probation Service Action: Clerk to send the list of tasks to Mr R Evans and Mr M Jones for them to put a plan in place.	Update: Clerk forwarded the up-to-date list to Mr M Jones who will contact Rod to arrange when the work can be started.
3127 (xii)	She proposed that we have a logo for Grovesend and Waungron Community Council. Decision: A discussion took place and Mr Luke Holloway proposed that we hold a competition for the residents of Grovesend and Waungron to design a logo. This was seconded by Mrs S Morgan.	Update: Clerk advertised the logo competition through social media / website and notice board. Entries to be in by 31 May 2024. Decision: It was agreed that a £50 voucher would be presented to the winner if the logo is used.
3127 (xiii)	Because of the number of requests to attend the meeting remotely the Clerk advised Members that the current IT equipment available was not quite sufficient. Decision: Clerk to get some costs of the necessary equipment required i.e. microphone. It was also agreed that she would look at other programmes that are available.	Update: Ongoing
3128 (ii)	Mr L Holloway reported that the council house on the corner of New Road/Plas Road that had an overgrowing tree which was covering the street lighting had still not been cut down. Action: Clerk to chase this up with Mr A Stevens who had reported it to the housing department.	Update: A Stevens advised that Swansea Council have sent out another letter, they have also spoken to the Housing Neighbourhood Officer for the area who will try to call there tomorrow to speak to the resident. Action: Clerk to inform A Stevens that it still has not been cut down.

3134. Community Garden Project

Mr P Card welcomed Mr M Scott to the meeting who thanked us for allowing him the time to explain about the project and what it would involve. He gave a presentation on Room to Grow and what they hope to achieve whilst working with Pengelli Primary School. Their aim is to work with parents to help them grow food themselves as food sustainability is becoming more and more important and fresh food is not readily available in this country and the majority has to be imported in. Although the project is not directly set up for the children it will benefit them. Lots of schools within Swansea do not have the advantage of a large green space like Pengelli. The purpose of his attendance at our meeting is to see whether the Community Council can support this project. They will be holding the first workshop in June. **Decision:** Members felt that this was a positive move for Pengelli Primary School and the wider community and fully supports the vision.

3135. Planning of Summer Fayre Update

The Clerk provided Members with an update on the planning of the Summer Fayre and that a working group had been set up which included a representative from Friends of the Park and Pengelli Sports and Social. The planned date for the Summer Fayre would be Sunday 25 August 2024. Unfortunately, the Lottery Funding Community Fund rejected our application; however, the following businesses had agreed to a financial donation: - Mr Mark Williams, Krislyn Motors, Trustees of Miners Welfare. The County Councillors also committed to a financial contribution towards the event. **Action:** Working group to continue planning for the event.

3136. Ten-minute Public Questions

Mr P Card welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and asked if there was anything that they wished to discuss.

(i) Helen Thomas introduced herself to the meeting and expressed an interest of becoming a co-opted Community Councillor. She gave a brief introduction of herself and told us why she would like to join the Community Councillor. The Clerk advised her that the vacancy had been advertised with a closing date of 30 June.

(ii) Helen Thomas brought up the speeding of cars on Coalbrook Road. Mrs H Talaat said that this is a constant issue in the village. A suggestion was to report near-misses to the authorities.

(iii) Julie Burns sent an email prior to the meeting and explained that she was hoping to attend to address the following but was unfortunately unwell but was hoping that I could share with Members. She was fully supportive of the growing project the school is developing and wanted to that the community council for the support given to the Friends of the Park. She also wanted to raise the issue of the significant increase in the amount of water in the gardens at the far end of Station Road since the new development and the damage it is now causing. **Decision:** A discussion took place and Mr P Card agreed to go and look at the properties affected to see where the problem was coming from. **Action:** Clerk to forward the email to A Stevens, J Curtice and N Matthews.

3137. Local Members Report

J Curtice reminded Members that the Brisco Fun run was taking place on Sunday 19 May.

3138. Friends of the Park Update

Mr M Jones informed Members of the following: -

- (i) Re-instatement work on the path was currently underway and will be completed as soon as possible; however, due to the weather this was taking longer than expected.
- (ii) A site meeting was due to take place with J Curtice and the Council contractors for the hard standing area for the picnic section.
- (iii) They were in the process of receiving quotes from companies for the fitness area.

3139. Planning Applications

Application No: 2024/0773/PLD

Installation of solar panels

Miners Welfare Club, Plas Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4WG

Application - Approved

3140a. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) Prior to the meeting she shared an updated policy on the co-option policy. **Decision:** It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.
- (ii) She reminded Members of the currently vacancy for co-opted Community Councillor. The closing date is 30 June 2024.
- (iii) Swansea LDP sent out an update on the latest stage of the Swansea Local Development Plan 2023-2038. This new plan will provide a planning blueprint that replaces the existing Swansea Local Development Plan 2010-2025 and so is referred to as LDP2.
- (iv) She had received funding requests from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and Kids Cancer Charity. This was noted by Members.
- (v) One Voice Wales shared with Members a report following the National Awards Conference 2024 and the cost-of-living crisis project update.
- (vi) One Voice Wales has been working of Practice Development documents and has shared the following: - Pre-election Timetable of Actions and Annual Report: Timetable of Actions.
- (vii) She received the invoice for the New Councillor Induction training at £40.00. **Decision:** Members agreed for the invoice to be paid.
- (viii) She had received the 1st instalment payment of £421.20 for the inflatables booked for the Summer Fayre. **Decision:** Members agreed for the invoice to be paid.

3140b. Audit 2023-2024 – for year ended 31 March 2024

The Clerk provided Members with an up-to-date budget monitoring report.

The Clerk advised Members that she had completed her section of the audit on 22 April 2023 and met with the internal auditor on 12 May 2024 and he had completed the internal audit. The notices will be displayed on the notice board to advice external residents if they wish to access the accounts

on 11 June 2024. She provided Members with a copy of the annual return prior to the meeting and gave a brief presentation of what was included in the audit and that this year a full audit was required which included providing lots more information.

Decision: Members approved the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2024 and confirmed the accounting statements.

3141. Health and Safety

(i) Mr H Talaat asked if anything had happened regarding the fly-tipping on Station Road.

Action: Clerk to email A Stevens to see if there is an update.

3142. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

(i) Mr W Erasmus mentioned that he had been talking to an elderly lady on High Street and that she was concerned about a smell in her property. He asked if the Chair or Vice-Chairperson could visit the lady to see if they could find out where the smell was coming from as he himself has no sense of smell. **Decision:** Mr P Card agreed to visit the lady and report back.

3143. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 10 June 2024 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.