

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 10 June 2024**

Present:

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

Clerk
 Mrs Y Hamilton

Public Attendance
 Michael Osborn
 Helen Thomas
 Andrew Thomas

3144. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr A Stevens, Mrs J Curtice and Mrs N Matthews. Mrs J Gray and Mr A Hamilton were absent.

3145. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3146. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2024

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Mrs T Hardwick and seconded by Mr M Jones.

3147. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3046 (i), 3065, 3078, 3092, 3106, 3121, 3134	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.
3114, 3121, 3134	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.	Update: Ongoing
3127 (xii), 3134	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.	Action: Clerk to inform Llys Y Tywysog Nursing Home's that their entry has been shortlisted. Contact printers to see if the image can be digitalised.
3127 (xiii), 3134	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.	Update: Ongoing

	microphone. It was also agreed that she would look at other programmes that are available.	
3128 (ii), 3134	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.	Update: Ongoing
3155	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.	Update: Ongoing

3148. Community boundaries review

Following the public meeting held prior to this meeting Mr L Holloway thanked all for attending and felt that the meeting was a success with a lot more residents in attendance than he originally thought. Members discussed the contents of the review in detail. The consultation period closes on 10 July 2024. **Decision:** All Members agreed that it would be a good idea to start a petition to object to the merge and to save Grovesend and Waungron Community Council. It was decided that the Clerk put together a response and send out to Members for comments prior to submission.

3149. 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.

3150. 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) Michael Osborn introduced himself to the meeting and expressed an interest in becoming a co-opted Community Councillor. He gave a brief introduction of himself and told us why he would like to join the Community Councillor. The Clerk advised him that the vacancy had been advertised with a closing date of 30 June.

(ii) The Clerk informed Members that she had received a telephone call from a resident regarding problems with roots from the park encroaching his land. Mr M Jones met with the resident and suggested a solution which the resident was happy with.

(iii) Following the issue raised at the last meeting Mr P Card attended the gardens on Station Road and believes that the issue is due to top soil been pushed across a ditch resulting in a blockage.

Decision: Mr M Jones to speak to the current landowner to see if they could sort out the blockage.

3151. Local Members Report

Nothing to report.

3152. Friends of the Park Update

Mr M Jones informed Members of the following: -

(i) Re-instatement work on the path in relation to the drainage issue is currently underway and will be completed as soon as possible; however, due to the weather this was taking longer than expected.

(ii) They are currently in the process of receiving quotes from companies for the fitness area and the picnic area.

(iii) Looking at sourcing a notice board specifically for the park.

(iv) They will be completing a survey with Pengelli Primary School to determine what they want to see in the park.

A discussion took place regarding whether or not additional parking could be provided as parking was an issue especially on match days. **Action:** Mr M Jones to investigate areas discussed including who owns the land where the boulders are, costings, application for change of use, etc.

3153. Planning Applications

Application No: 2024/1014/FUL

20 Plas Newydd, Grovesend, SA4 4WN

Replacement of existing front porch with two storey front extension

Application – Approved

Observation – Consideration to be given for shrubbery / greenery

3154. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) Prior to the meeting she shared an updated policy on the co-option policy. T Hardwick proposed that we adopt the policy. This was seconded by M Jones. **Decision:** It was decided that the policy would be adopted and reviewed on a yearly basis.
- (ii) She reminded Members of the current 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. Two new 'technical documents' have been published that provide background information to the main consultation document.
- (iv) One Voice Wales shared with Members their new Biodiversity training and resources. They had also planned a series of Webinars which included 'Is the Cost-of-Living Crisis Over and Guide to Community Transport. L Holloway expressed an interest in attending the Biodiversity Part 1 session on 24 June. This would be at a cost of £40. **Decision:** It was agreed that L Holloway attend this as it would be beneficial to the community council for someone to have sound knowledge.
- (v) One Voice Wales will be holding their Innovative Practice Conference 'Addressing the diverse needs of our communities' on 3 July. Members to let Clerk know if anyone wishes to attend.
- (vi) She received the invoice for the 'poop signs' at a cost of £224.05 **Decision:** Members agreed to pay the invoice. She had received the renewal premium of £300.00 for insurance cover. She had tried other companies for a comparison quote but could not find anywhere cheaper. **Decision:** Members accepted the renewal fee of £300.00. Clerk to pay the renewal. Internal auditor submitted invoice for examination of financial accounts for 23/24 at a cost of £100. The Clerk advised that due to the full audit required she had expected a higher cost; however, this had been kept the same as the year before. **Decision:** Members agreed to pay the invoice. The rent for the Miners Welfare Hall for the period of April – June was due at a cost of £90.00. **Decision:** Members agreed for this to be paid via BACS.
- (vii) Democratic Services were currently advertising a vacancy to join the Standards Committee of Swansea Council. Closing date 1 July 2024. Scouts Cymru were advertising a District Lead Volunteer position.
- (viii) The closing date for the best kept garden competition is 30 June 2024. Members to encourage residents to submit their entries. To agree judges and prizes at the next meeting.
- (ix) The budget monitoring report was shared with Members prior to the meeting and provided an update during the meeting.
- (x) Ken Skates sent a letter to all Town and Community Councils requesting everyone to get involved in their listening programme on 20mph and wants to know if any specific road in the area should change. They want the feedback to be clear and precise about which section of the road you are talking about and to give reasons for your views. Mr L Holloway was surprised that there had been no conversations regarding the 40mph to 30mph roads which has recently been introduced under the radar. **Action:** Members to let the Clerk know of any roads they wish to report on.

3155. Health and Safety

No further concerns raised that has not already been discussed.

3156. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

- (i) Mr P Card mentioned that he had spoken to the elderly lady on High Street and she confirmed that the smell had gone from her property. She had spoken to the Environment Health Department who had visited her property and placed some traps down in the garden.
- (ii) Mr W Erasmus asked what was happening in regards to J Gray as she has not attended any meetings in a while. **Action:** L Holloway to contact J Gray.
- (iii) Mrs T Harwick informed Members that the litter pick went ahead on 17 May in conjunction with Pengelli Primary School. This was well attended by the children and quite a few bags of rubbish were collected along the new cycle track from Grovesend to Pontarddulais. The Clerk shared the pictures on social media and our website. Mrs Talaat had received a request from the PTA to see whether we could purchase their own litter pick equipment as even though you could book the equipment for hire from the library this was not ideal. M Osborn asked if he could purchase the equipment for the school. Members thanked him for his offer and the Chair thanked T Hardwick, Y Hamilton and I Llewelyn for representing the Community Council.
- (iv) Mrs T Hardwick informed Members that herself and the Clerk attended Llys Y Tywysog Nursing Home to present Kitty Adams with a gift and card following the celebration of her 100th birthday.
- (v) Mrs S Morgan advised Members that the area in Tyrisha Court had not been cleared to a good standard. **Action:** Clerk to report to Swansea Council with photographs of the area.

3157. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 8 July 2024 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.