

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 8 July 2024**

Present:

Councillors
Mr L Holloway (Chairperson)
Mr M Jones
Mr I Llewelyn
Mr W Erasmus – Part meeting

Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

Public Attendance
Helen Thomas

The Chair informed Members that the meeting will still go ahead but no decisions will be made or any votes made as member attendance was below the quorum. However, W Erasmus turned up half way through the meeting which allowed for decisions to be made from that point of the meeting.

3158. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Card, S Morgan, T Hardwick, H Talaat, J Gray and A Hamilton.

3159. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3160. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2024

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by L Holloway and seconded by I Llewelyn.

3161. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3046 (i), 3065, 3078, 3092, 3106, 3121, 3134, 3147	Update: County Councillor 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.	Update: Clerk informed Members that she had received an email from Nigel Fitzgerald, Highways informing that he had been on annual leave and his manager was on annual leave for three weeks but he would discuss with him on his return and get back to us asap.
3128 (ii), 3134, 3147	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 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: A Stevens emailed the Clerk to advise that both Lighting and the Neighbourhood housing officer have spoken to the resident. They are unable to serve notice but they have referred to housing for the estate caretaker to cut back.
3141	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: A Stevens emailed the Clerk to advise that it had been reported to Enforcement, however, given the nature of the issue he believes that NRW are now involved.
3164	Following the issue raised at the last meeting P Card attended the gardens on Station Road and believes that the issue	Update: Ongoing

	is due to top soil been pushed across a ditch resulting in a blockage. Decision: M Jones to speak to the current landowner to see if they could sort out the blockage.	
3166	A discussion took place regarding whether or not additional parking could be provided as parking was an issue especially on match days. Action: M Jones to investigate areas discussed including who owns the land where the boulders are, costings, application for change of use, etc.	Update: Ongoing
3170 (v)	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.	Update: Clerk informed Members that the area had now been cleared. No further action required.

3162. Co-option of Community Councillor Vacancy

Decision: Due to members attendance being below the quorum the Chairperson informed all that this item would be put on the agenda for the next meeting in September.

3163. Planning of Summer Fayre Update

The Clerk provided Members with an update on the planning of the Summer Fayre. She advised that a number of stalls had been confirmed and thanked I Llewelyn for his assistance with that. The hog roast, inflatables and a singer had also been booked. The banner had been designed by Kingsbridge Print and would be £125 plus VAT to print. She also thanked Friends of the Park for purchasing the medals to be given out following the community walk/fitness sessions. **Decision:** Members agreed to pay for this out of the agreed budget of £2000 already made available for the day. **Action:** Clerk to set up a meeting with the working group within the next couple of weeks.

3164. Ten-minute Public Questions

(i) The Clerk read out an email that she had received from a member of the public regarding overgrown trees opposite 128 Pentre Road. She sent photos across to Highways Dept, Swansea Council and asked that they take a look at them. Within a couple of weeks, the trees had been cut back and they had tidied up the area. The member of the public thanked the Clerk for her help and being so quick in getting a response.

(ii) H Thomas mentioned that she had noticed a rat running across the road at the bottom end of Plas Road due to rubbish building up at a property. **Action:** L Holloway agreed to take a look at the issue and speak to the resident depending on what the issue is.

3165. Local Members Report

Nothing to report.

3166. Friends of the Park Update

Mr M Jones informed Members of the following: -

(i) He advised that he had started a conversation with people of interest regarding the creation of parking spaces. This would be ongoing and as and when he had some information on any progress he would report back.

(ii) They have had reports for individuals regarding some problems with ruts around the new path which was a potential trip hazard. They are currently in talks with A Stevens who will be speaking with the Contractors.

(iii) Friends of the Park have decided to put any further development work on hold until the work on the path is fixed.

3167. Planning Applications

Application No: 2024/1151/S73

125 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GR

Proposal: Increase in ridge height to provide first floor living accommodation with side dormers, single storey side, rear and front extensions, front porch, detached garage/stable block (Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 2012/0737 granted 13th July 2012) to allow for the repositioning of the detached garage and amendments to the stable block

Decision: No objection

3168. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) She provided Members with a list of entries for the garden competition. A discussion was held in regards to the winners and runner up prizes. T Hardwick and P Card will be the judges and go round the entrants sometime in July. **Decision:** It was decided that the following prizes would be given out: - Hanging Baskets - £40 garden voucher for the winner; Vegetable Garden - £40 garden voucher for the winner; Large Garden - £40 garden voucher for the winner and £20 garden voucher for the runner up and Small Garden - £40 garden voucher for the winner and £20 garden voucher for the runner up. All entrants would receive a rosette for taking part.
- (ii) The budget monitoring report was shared with Members prior to the meeting and provided an update during the meeting.
- (iii) She informed Members of an upcoming online briefing on the new South West Wales Regional Transport Plan taking place on a couple of days in July if anyone wishes to attend.
- (iv) One Voice Wales were offering a number of webinars – the next ones taking place are a Guide to Youth Engagement on 8 July and Councils Connect – Community Transport if anyone wishes to attend.
- (v) Welsh Government is currently consulting on draft priorities for Culture 2024-2030. Responses are invited by 4 September 2024.
- (vi) The LAC shared some activities that will be taking place and asked the Clerk to share the information – a Loughor Walking Group is starting on 15 July and a Choir and Orchestra are looking for new members on behalf of ChromaMusic.
- (vii) At a previous meeting it was agreed that we would discuss planting of bulbs around the area. A discussion took place on what bulbs would be best planted. It was suggested that the Brownies may be able to help with the planting of the bulbs. **Action:** Clerk to speak to J Gray to see if this is possible. **Decision:** It was decided that the Clerk will purchase around £100 of bulbs including daffodils, crocus, snowdrops and bluebells. This was proposed by I Llewelyn and seconded by M Jones. All members agreed this would be a good idea.
- (viii) The next Swansea Area Committee meeting will take place on 15 July. Clerk to attend and provide feedback at the next meeting.
- (ix) The Clerk informed Members that our report on the review of community arrangements of the County of Swansea and the draft proposals was submitted to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales on 5 July 2024. She included the petition which had been signed by over 340 residents of Grovesend and Waungron. M Jones mentioned that he had spoken with A Stevens regarding his thoughts on the merger and although he felt that over the past 18 months of so the progress that we as a Community Council had made, he was still in support of the merger taking place. **Action:** Clerk to contact Tonia Antoniazzi to ask if she could give a formal view on her thoughts on the review and to email County Councillors our response to the review.

3169. Health and Safety

- (i) M Jones mentioned that there was a problem around the new path in the park and that quite a few ruts. This was a worry and was a potential trip hazard. He was speaking with A Stevens to chase the contractors to come back and sort this issue out.
- (ii) I Llewelyn mentioned that since the new path in the park has been opened more and more people are using the top entrance to get to the park. However, this is causing an issue crossing the road from the park back into the village and suggested whether a pelican crossing or something else could be positioned at this spot. **Action:** Clerk to raise this with Highways Department, Swansea Council.

3170. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

- (i) I Llewelyn informed Members that the dog poop signs had now been put up around the park area.
- (ii) W Erasmus asked about the position of our current vacancies. L Holloway stated that there was only 1 vacancy and that the position of co-option of community councillor would be carried forward to our next meeting due to not having a quorum at the start of the meeting.

3171. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 9 September 2024 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.