

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 9 September 2024**

Present: **Councillors**
 Mr L Holloway (Chairperson)
 Mr M Jones
 Mr I Llewelyn
 Mrs T Hardwick
 Mrs S Morgan
 Mr M Osborn
 Mr W Erasmus – Part meeting
Clerk
 Mrs Y Hamilton

3172. Apologies for absence

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

3173. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3174. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2024

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

3175. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3046 (i), 3065, 3078, 3092, 3106, 3121, 3134, 3147, 3161	Update: The Clerk informed Members that the bench on Pentre Road has been replaced but the one on Coalbrook Road hasn't. 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.	Update: Clerk to continue to chase
3164	Following the issue raised at the last meeting 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: M Jones to speak to the current landowner to see if they could sort out the blockage.	Update: M Jones spoke to Mr Williams who advised that this issue was nothing to do with the work that has been done on his land. Action: M Jones will speak to the residents who have reported the issues and report back at the next meeting
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 Action: M Jones and M Osborn to do a costing exercise
3164	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.	Update: L Holloway spoke to the resident and it was insulation that was bagged up and has since been removed.
3168 (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 has now received the bulbs so will put a message out to residents asking where they would like to see them put around the

	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.	village and seeking volunteers to help with the planting.
3169 (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.	Update: Ongoing

3176. Co-option of Community Councillor Vacancy

Following our last meeting in July the Clerk received a message from H Thomas requesting to withdraw her application. This meant that as there was only one other applicant they would be co-opted. Clerk informed the applicant and invited him to attend the next meeting. M Osborn accepted the position of Community Councillor and signed the Acceptance of Office document.

Action: Clerk to forward the paperwork for completion to M Osborn and arrange training for the Code of Conduct and Councillor Induction with One Voice Wales.

3177. Ten-minute Public Questions

(i) The Clerk informed Members that she had received a complaint regarding the dog mess that was still not been picked up around the park. Although they did agree that since the signs had been put up there was a slight improvement. The Clerk posted a notice on Facebook reminding individuals to pick up after themselves and posted images of the signs placed around the area.

(ii) A resident from New Road emailed the Clerk regarding an issue with their neighbour and the amount of rubbish that is in their back garden. She provided photos and advised that there is now a rat, smell and fly problem that is affecting them and their neighbours. They have reported it to Environmental Health but have asked if we could help as nothing seems to be done. **Action:** Clerk to write to Swansea Council and ask what the timescales are for action to be taken.

3178. Local Members Report

Nothing to report.

3179. Remembrance Service

Following a conversation with Aneira from Mount Pleasant Chapel it was agreed that the best day to hold this year's remembrance service on 7 November at 6:00 p.m. **Action:** Clerk to contact J Curtice to see if the British Legion could attend with a Beuglar and Flag Bearer. Clerk to contact Pengelli Primary School to see if they could take part in the service. Clerk to contact D Merriman and C Knox to see if they would read the names of the fallen soldiers.

3180. Halloween Competition

A discussion was held regarding our yearly Halloween competition following feedback from last year. **Decision:** It was decided that the following prizes would be given: 1st prize £75.00; 2nd prize £50.00 and 3rd prize £25.00. It was also decided that boxes of chocolates would be provided to the runners-up. This was proposed by T Hardwick and seconded by M Jones.

3181. Friends of the Park Update

Mr M Jones informed Members of the following: -

(i) Most of the Friends of the Park colleagues assisted with the Summer Fayre of what was a great success and was well attended by all.

(ii) The issue regarding the drainage is still of concern and the members have agreed that they will hold off with any other developments until the issue is dealt with. Continue to work with A Stevens for a solution.

(iii) Currently in discussions in relation to building a memorial wall in the park area for residents to purchase a plaque in memory of their loved ones. Another suggestion is to sponsor a chair in

memory.

(iv) Continuing to gather costings for various sections within the park and will update as soon as possible.

(v) Currently looking for new active members to join the Friends of the Park committee.

3182. Planning Applications

Application No: 2024/1589/NMA

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 (Non Material Amendment to Planning permission 2012/0737 granted 13th July 2012) to add a condition in relation to the approved plans

Decision: No objection

Pre-Application No: 2024/1144/PRE

Bryn Lliw, 6 High Street, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GT

PRE APP for change of use from a public house to an additional needs community centre and support hub

Decision: No objection

3183. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) Judging of garden competition took place on 1 August. A list of all the winners and runners up was published on Facebook along with photos. The winners were presented with their vouchers and rosettes. Overall, it was a success but it was agreed that a bit more planning would need to take place if we decided to continue with the competition next year.
- (ii) The budget monitoring report was shared with Members prior to the meeting and provided an update during the meeting. The ICO – Data protection renewal was due on 4 September at a cost of £35.00. **Decision:** Members agreed for the payment to be made
- (iii) The following funding requests had been received: -
 - Cerebral palsy – a request to provide a financial donation to ensure that they can continue to provide a specialist service. **Decision:** This was noted by Members.
 - A letter from J Whitton on behalf of the Trustees requesting a donation of £1000 towards the costs of replacing the men's toilets in the Welfare Hall. He provided a quote for the cost of replacing the toilets and sinks and advised that in addition to this building materials and labour would be required. **Decision:** A discussion took place and it was decided that we would give a donation of £1000 towards the costs but would require receipts for all costs incurred.
- (iv) One Voice Wales Updates: -
 - A copy of the Innovation Practice Conference 2024 Report was shared with Members
 - Practice Development Note 7 – Attendance by Members: The 6-month rule was shared with Members
 - Practice Development Note 6 – Policies and Powers was shared with Members
 - News from the cost-of-living crisis support team was shared with the following upcoming webinars taking place if anyone wishes to attend: Older Persons Engagement & Services on 27/09/2024 and Youth Engagement & Services on 11/09/2024
 - The first meeting of their Digital Community is scheduled to take place on 10/09/2024 for anyone that wishes to attend.
 - The National Conference will be held at the Royal Welsh Showground on 16/10/2024 for anyone that wishes to attend.
- (v) The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru published its guide to the 2026 Review of Senedd constituencies and sets out the key dates for the Review.
- (vi) She shared information regarding the online course to join the Eden Project 'Introduction to Community Action' for anyone that wishes to be involved.
- (vii) Information in relation to the VE Day 80 taking place on 8 May 2025. **Decision:** Members agreed to be involved with this by purchasing a flag as we have done for previous similar occasions.

- (viii) She had received a letter from Fly-tipping Action Wales offering printable posters, leaflets and signs available to download. **Action:** Clerk to look at the website to see if anything is suitable.
- (ix) The Strategic Climate Change team within Swansea Council have recently launched the Resilient Swansea project.
- (x) She provided members with feedback from the Summer Fayre which again was a great success and despite the weather was attended by many. A total of £950 was raised on the day and a discussion was held as to what to do with the money. **Decision:** It was decided that a plaque would be purchased in memory of Tony Bromfield for the support he has given over the years towards any events, consultations, etc and has always been an active member of the community. It was also decided that we would purchase something for the PTA for the help they gave on the day at short notice and the remaining balance would be donated to Friends of the Park for the further development of the park area. This was proposed by T Hardwick and seconded by S Morgan.

3184. Health and Safety

Nothing new to report

3185. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

Nothing to report

3186. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 14 October 2024 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.