

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 13 January 2025**

Present: **Councillors**
Mr L Holloway (Chairperson)
Mr P Card
Mr M Jones
Mrs T Hardwick
Mr I Llewelyn
Mr W Erasmus
Mr A Hamilton
Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

3228. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Osborn, H Talaat and S Morgan.

3229. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3230. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2024

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

3231. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3198 (i), 3204, 3218	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 since reporting this in April 2024. Action: Clerk to chase this up with Councillor A Stevens who had reported it to the housing department. Swansea Council have now received a quote and have instructed Parks to complete the work.	Update: Clerk to chase this up with John Hurley, Street Lighting

3232. Ten-minute Public Questions

No public present

3233. Local Members Report

Nothing to report

3234. Friends of the Park Update

M Jones informed Members of the following: -

(i) He provided a spreadsheet of the costs involved following the Santa parade / disco. A profit of £300.50 following the event and the remainder of the selection boxes were donated to Mr X Appeal. Following feedback from the Santa Parade it was decided that the parade would take place on the last Saturday in November as it was felt that it was a little too late in December. The planning of the event would also start a little earlier in the year.

(ii) Discussions with Rob Evans from the Probation Service has been started and hopefully work will be started on the 'memorial wall' in the near future. Clerk forwarded the spreadsheet of potential work for Probation Service to M Jones.

(iii) The year Easter Egg hunt is currently being planned and looking at holding this event on 12 April. **Action:** M Jones to speak to J Whitton regarding holding a children's disco in the Welfare Hall.

- (iv) They are planning a new project titled 'Fairy Village'. Further details to follow.
- (v) They are still looking for new recruits to join the Friends of the Park committee.

3235. Planning Applications

A pre-application had been submitted reference 2024/2153/PRE – 147 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend, SA4 4GP for an extension to existing garage.

3236. Financial Update and precept confirmation

The budget monitoring report was shared with Members prior to the meeting and provided an update during the meeting.

Swansea Council provided a quote for the hanging basket scheme for 2025 at a cost of £2052 for what we had last year. Discussion took place and although the hanging baskets placed by the bench on Coalbrook Road / Plas Road was a good idea it had raised a few comments regarding the positioning. It was suggested whether a base unit planter would be a more suitable option. It also raised concern that the hanging baskets were supply only and was left for one Member to water them twice a day. **Action:** Clerk to contact Swansea Council to see if a base unit planter would be better positioned there as opposed to the hanging baskets.

Audit Wales completed the audit of our Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2024. This raised a couple of questions for best practice going forward. Following the Auditor General's report and audit opinion the Clerk responded to ask for further clarity on what exactly were they looking for as she felt that the information submitted covered parts of what they were stating was missing. She was waiting for a response.

3237. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) Following a conversation she had with A Stevens at the end of the last meeting she advised Members that she was looking into who was responsible for the maintenance of the 3 defibs that are currently located in Grovesend / Waungron. She received an email from A Stevens confirming that the defibs were funded through the community budget and that if and when they needed replacing, they would be done via Heartbeat Trust UK and Swansea Council. Further information was then received from the Assistant Clerk of Gorseinon Council who is waiting for further details from NHS in relation to the maintenance, etc. **Action:** Clerk to continue to communicate with A Stevens and the Assistant Clerk for an update on the 3 defibs within our area.
- (ii) One Voice Wales Updates: -
 - One Voice Wales National Awards 2025 will be held on 30 April at Royal Welsh Showground. Closing date for entries is 28 February.
 - On Wednesday 27 November they held a very successful exhibition at the Senedd where they showcased the amazing contribution of Community and Town Council across Wales with the Local Places for Nature funding programme.
 - Reminder for councils to complete the survey undertaken by Aberystwyth University in relation to community resilience in Wales. Deadline for completion is 31 January.
 - Information and Resources update including Warm Hubs and Community Spaces Toolkit.
- (iii) The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has published its Revised Proposals Report in relation to the review of Senedd Constituencies in Wales. The 4-week consultation period closes on 13 January.
- (iv) The Government has published a consultation of its proposals to reform the compulsory purchase process and compensation rules: Written statements – written questions, answers and statements – UK parliament. Question 1 of the consultation seeks views on a proposal directly related to town/parish and community councils. Closing date for submitted a response is 13 February.
- (v) The UK Government has announced that the COVID-19 Day of Reflection 2025 will take place on 9 March.
- (vi) Centre for Ageing Better's campaign is running their annual Age Without Limits Day on 11 June and this year's theme is Celebrate Ageing – Challenge Ageism.

(vii) The first draft for the next newsletter has been shared with Members prior to the meeting.

Action: All to send any further amendments / additions to the Clerk. **Action:** Clerk to finalise draft for approval at the next meeting and to get costs for printing.

(viii) She had received an email from Parks Service, Swansea Council asking if we wish to take part in the wildflower planting scheme for 2025. **Decision:** M Jones proposed that we take part and L Holloway seconded this depending on the outcome of the costs. **Action:** Clerk to respond and to ask what the costs would be.

3238. Health and Safety

The Clerk informed Members that the pedestrian crossing on High Street was not working again.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways.

3239. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

(i) L Holloway mentioned that he felt entering our village was not very defined and suggested putting white fences up at the entrances into the village depending on what the costs would be.

Members agreed that this would look good and could also help with the speed issues through the village as it would kind of give off a warning that you were now entering a village, for example.

Action: Clerk to enquire on what the costs would be and if it would meet Swansea Council's planning policies, etc.

(ii) The Clerk advised Members that she had been contacted by a resident to say that they believed that someone was growing 'weed' at a property on High Street. It was felt that this would be a police matter and should be reported directly to the police by the concerned resident.

(iii) M Jones mentioned that the street light by the bus shelter was not working and also there was a light half way down New Road constantly flickering. **Action:** Clerk to report it to Street Lighting.

3240. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 10 February 2025 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.