

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 10 March 2025**

Present:

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

Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

County Councillors
Mr A Stevens

Public Attendance
M Huntley

3255. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors I Llewelyn, A Hamilton and M Osborn and County Councillors J Curtice and N Matthews.

3256. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3257. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2025

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

3258. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3239 (i), 3244	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. Update: A Stevens offered to speak to Swansea Council regarding the planning policies, etc and report back	Update: A Stevens spoke to Highways and advised that this was a possibility but would want to do a site visit to see where the best position would be. He was also waiting for information regarding the costs to install and would get back to us with further details.
3252	P Card had been approached by a resident regarding the state of the top of the lane into the park and if anything could be done to tidy it up and stop it from getting muddy. This land was not owned by Swansea Council and therefore would not do anything. Action: It was decided that A Stevens would speak to the current owner of the strip of land to see if they would be willing for us to do some work on it to prevent it from getting worse. A Hamilton to provide the Community Council with a quote to carry out the works.	Update: A Stevens reported that when he spoke to the resident, he did not actually own the land. Decision: It was decided to put this onto the issues log and see if we can find out who the current owner is.

3259. Ten-minute Public Questions

The Clerk advised Members that she had received an email from Jordan Currie, a resident of Grovesend who works for an organisation called Maximus where they provide cost-free mental

health support for individuals who are employed and struggling with a mental health concern. He has asked if we could help to raise awareness of their service by advertising on our website, etc.

Decision: Members agreed that this was important to raise awareness and agreed to publish the information and suggested inviting him to attend one of our meetings to discuss in more detail.

She also mentioned that she had received a message on Messenger from a resident regarding the state of the parking on Plas Road and asked if anything can be done. **Action:** Clerk to report it to Highways and feedback their response.

3260. Local Members Report

A Stevens reported on the following: -

- The bus stop in Waungron was going to be changed in the coming weeks and a new shelter will be erected.
- A meeting with Swansea Council was scheduled to take place on 13 March to discuss the orchard and the trees already planted in the park. M Jones will attend on behalf of Friends of the Park.
- The budget for Swansea Council has been published and their will be circa £20 million going into highways across Swansea including unadopted road scheme – small resurfacing work on unadopted roads and kerb budget has been approved.

3261. Friends of the Park Update

M Jones reported on the following: -

- Concerns were raised in relation to the ongoing drainage issues. A Stevens advised that Highways are looking at this matter. It was noted that the problem could be to do with a French drain. A Stevens asked if they could provide evidence of this and report back.
- The new notice board has now been erected and on display by the park.
- Memorial Wall – Rob Evans, from the Probation Service was currently in talks with Paul Evans, Swansea Council to discuss any issues with insurance, etc. and would report back.
- The Easter Egg hunt will take place on 12 April and they are looking for volunteers to help out on the day. They have asked for a donation towards the Easter Eggs to be given to all children involved in the Egg Hunt. **Decision:** P Card proposed that a donation of £150.00 would be given to purchase the Easter Eggs. This was seconded by T Hardwick. All Members agreed.
- The accounts for the financial year were being finalised and a copy would be provided to the Clerk as soon as possible.

3262. Planning Applications

Application No: 2025/0308/FUL

6 High Street, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GT

Proposal: Retention and completion of change of use from a public house to an additional need's community hub

Decision: No objections from Grovesend and Waungron Community Council

Decisions of planning applications made by Swansea Council

Application No: 2025/0297/PRE

147 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GP

Proposal: PRE APP for detached garage and store room

Decision: Negative

Swansea LDP2 update – Notice of consultation – Swansea LDP2 Pre-Deposit Plan (Preferred Strategy) and related documents. The consultation is now live and this is your chance to have your say until 23:59 on Friday 18 April 2025.

It was suggested that the information is shared on social media/website and notice board to reach out to as many residents as possible. **Action:** Clerk to publish the latest information.

3263. Financial Update

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

Confirmation of the Community Council Precept for 2025/2026 has been received. Payments will be made as follows: - £7166.67 on 30/04/2025; £7166.67 on 29/08/2025 and £7166.67 on 31/12/2025.

Vision ICT submitted the following invoices – Website hosting and support for April 2025 to March 2026 and email hosting for the year at a cost of £174.00 and the extra 2 email addresses for L Holloway and P Card at a cost of £55.99. **Decision:** Members agreed for the invoices to be paid.

One Voice Wales membership for 2025-2026 was due at a cost of £232.00 based of 541 chargeable dwellings. Most members agreed this membership was worthwhile, in particular the Clerk felt that she was always able to approach them for valuable guidance and offered a great service. **Decision:** All Members agreed to renew the membership for another year.

The year Easter Egg hunt is currently being planned and looking at holding this event on 12 April starting with the egg hunt at 11:00 a.m. organised by Friends of the Park. They have asked for a donation towards the Easter Eggs to be given to all children involved in the Egg Hunt. **Decision:** P Card proposed that a donation of £150.00 would be given to purchase the Easter Eggs. This was seconded by T Hardwick. All Members agreed.

Due to VE Day 80 taking place on 8 May the Clerk asked Members if we wished to be involved in the celebration of this important Anniversary. H Talaat mentioned that they were hoping to organise something at the school and asked if we wanted to be involved. Members agreed that this would be a good idea. Clerk offered to help the school with any planning needs. **Decision:** It was agreed that we purchase a flag to go on the flagpole in the park. **Action:** Clerk to purchase the flag. **Action:** H Talaat to confirm details of the schools plans to celebrate this day at the next meeting.

Digital Guidance – Cloud storage – cost for the year is £60.00. **Decision:** Members agreed to the cost of cloud storage to comply with expectations set out by legislation following the digital health check report compiled by One Voice Wales.

3264. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

(i) Update on the maintenance of the 3 defibs around Grovesend and Waungron. The Assistant Clerk (David Walters) from Gorseinon confirmed that they have agreed to include Grovesend defibs in their remit and that he is now the registered guardian and will take on the management of the defibs including the updating of the database. H Talaat advised Members that Pengelli Primary School did have one but was not sure of the situation with it. A Stevens offered to speak with the relevant persons to see if they could help. **Action:** H Talaat and A Stevens to have further conversations outside the meeting.

(ii) One Voice Wales Updates: -

- News from the cost-of-living crisis support team including upcoming online events: -
Councils Connect: Working with Partners to Deliver Cost of Living Support 6 March;
Grants, Funding and Partnership News

(iii) She presented Members with a copy of the Annual Report 2025-2026 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. In relation to Determination 6: Community and Town Councils Mandatory payments – Payment for extra costs of working from home and set payment for consumables. There were no changes to these costs and remain at £156 for costs of working from home and £52 a year for the cost of office consumables.

(iv) The Great British Spring Clean will take place between 21 March and 6 April this year.

Decision: It was agreed that we will do this in conjunction with Pengelli Primary School. **Action:** Clerk and H Talaat to discuss dates and areas to be covered and email details to Community Councillors to see who is available to take part.

- (v) Consultations: -
 - Electoral Review Programmer 2025- Consultation on the draft Policy and Practice – Responses to be submitted by 24 March 2025 to consultations@dbcc.gov.wales
 - Draft guidance to support registered political parties in Wales – consultation closed in January 2025 – document published 10 March.
 - Senedd Report was published on 5 March on the Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Council Sector
- (vi) Funding Requests
 - Marie Curie’s Great Daffodil Appeal
 - SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity

These were noted by Members.

3265. Health and Safety

It was noted that the traffic lights on High Street were not working again. A Stevens advised that this has been reported.

3266. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

- (i) The Clerk informed Members that the refurbishment of the men’s toilets at the Miners Welfare Hall were now complete.
- (ii) The newsletters had been delivered to all residents of Grovesend and Waungron and mainly positive feedback had been received. The Chair thanked all Councillors for their help in delivering the newsletters.

3267. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 14 April 2025 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.