

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 14 April 2025

Present:

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

Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

Public Attendance
14 members of the public

3268. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P Card, I Llewelyn and A Hamilton and County Councillors J Curtice, A Stevens and N Matthews.

3269. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3270. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2025

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

3271. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3239 (i), 3244, 3258	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 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.	Update: Ongoing
3259	The Clerk 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.	Update: Clerk informed Members that she had received a response from Traffic and Highway Network Management team advising that they have no authority over pavement parking and falls under the jurisdiction of the police. Action: Clerk to inform the resident.

3272. Ten-minute Public Questions

Following the notification of the Swansea LDP2 update 14 members of the public attended our meeting to express their concerns.

L Holloway welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was decided that we would allow them time to raise and discuss their concerns; however, it was made clear that any issues / comments / concerns would need to go directly through the LDP website and/or via their email address ldp@swansea.gov.uk . There was panic and frustrations raised by some members of the public and they felt that not enough information had been provided to them prior to the LDP2 - Pre-Deposit Plan (Preferred Strategy) consultation stage deadline being 18 April. It was noted that this is not a planning application but the start of the process and there would be further opportunities to raise objections to the proposals or specific concerns. It was also noted that in the last LDP many sites did not progress beyond this stage and therefore residents will have further opportunity to comment once the next stage is being processed.

The Clerk commented that the information had been shared on social media/website and notice board to reach out to as many residents as possible and had also been published in our yearly newsletter which was sent out to every household at the end of February.

L Holloway finished the discussion by thanking everyone for the time and re-iterated that this was something that was out of control of the Community Council and advised all to submit their comments through the correct avenues. He advised them that the LDP2 was a long process and the plans are from 2023-2038 and that the stage its at at present is very early days.

It was agreed that, once the outcome of the consultation would be published and the results of the sites identified as passed, then we would hold a further meeting for residents to meet again.

3273. Local Members Report

Nothing to report

3274. Friends of the Park Update

M Jones reported on the following: -

- Currently in talks with various departments within Swansea Council in relation to the location of the orchard. Will be putting out a consultation with members of the public to ask for their views.
- They are looking at holding a sports day prior to the Summer Fun Day. Further details to follow.
- 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. This is currently on hold until later in the year.
- The Easter Egg hunt took place on 12 April and everyone had a fab time and was once again well attended by roughly 60 children. They were deciding where to donate the left-over eggs to and will let us know.
- The accounts for the financial year have been given to the Clerk and a balance of £3100.48 was noted as at 31 December 2024.

3275. Planning Applications

Nothing to report

3276. Financial Update

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

Prior to the meeting the Clerk emailed Members following a request from Pengelli Primary School to provide Easter Eggs to the children for the Easter Bonnet parade. All members agreed to support this. **Decision:** It was agreed that the Clerk purchase eight large easter eggs for the winning hat/bonnets in each year group and purchase a small Cadburys cream egg for every child in the school.

Planning on VE Day 80 celebrations were ongoing between the Clerk and Pengelli Primary School which will be taking place in the afternoon on 8 May. H Talaat confirmed that the school will hold

an afternoon tea 'Street Party' to bring all the community together. We are hoping to have a singer who will sing war songs, play games with everyone including games played in the olden days to show the children how things have changed over the years - prizes to be given, teas / coffees / buffet styles food and cakes and a community quiz - mixed teams with all generations with prizes for the winner. **Decision:** All members agreed to support the event and T Hardwick proposed that we give £350.00 towards the event. This was seconded by S Morgan.

3277. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has published its Final Determinations for the 2026 Review of Senedd constituencies.
- (ii) The Local Government and Housing Committee published its full report on 5 March – Senedd report on Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Council Sector following a major inquiry into the Community and Town Council sector.
- (iii) One Voice Wales Updates: -
 - One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 2025 will take place on 30 April.
 - Member councils are invited to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on 1 October. Motions to be submitted by 20 June for consideration.
- (iv) Grants / Funding: -
 - UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, with a total grand pot of £200k to be spent no later than December 2025. Support projects that deliver against at least one of the following themes: investment in renewable energy; biodiversity; volunteering; feasibility studies and local markets and visitor trails.
 - NRW has developed a fund of £300,000 to be made available for concept design development grants between £15,000 - £30,000. Applications must be received before midnight on 30 June 2025.
 - Welsh Government Democratic Engagement Grant - £400,000 being available to support projects in the 2025-26 financial year through to the end of 2027-28. To pursue an innovative approach to engaging those typically under-represented in our democracy.
- (v) Ystadau Cymru in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council were offering free Asbestos Awareness Training for anyone interested.
- (vi) Funding Requests
 - Llangollen International Eisteddfod
 - Teenage Cancer trust

These were noted by Members.

3278. Health and Safety

It was reported that there was a lot of glass at the front of the old shop at 1 Station Road. **Action:** Clerk to make a welfare call to the Welfare Officer, Social Services.

3279. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

- (i) H Talaat thanked the Clerk and P Card for judging the Easter bonnet competition at Pengelli Primary School and said that they had tough decisions to make as every child had made an effort and made some beautiful bonnets.
- (ii) The Clerk informed members that the children's easter disco was attended by many and DJ Dan and the Easter bunnies kept the children entertained. She wanted to thank Pengelli Sports and Social for purchasing the Characters and Kelly Whitton and I Llewelyn for looking out for the children during the disco.
- (iii) W Erasmus proposed that we put some LED lights up on the street lights during the Xmas period and suggested that we apply for funding for this. **Action:** Clerk to contact Swansea Council to find out if it is possible and what the procedure is.

3280. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 12 May 2025 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely. Our AGM meeting will be held first.