

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

**Present:**       **Councillors**  
Mrs T Hardwick (Vice Chairperson)  
Mr M Jones  
Mr W Erasmus  
Mr S Bates  
Mr M Osborn  
Mrs S Morgan  
Mrs H Talaat  
Mr R Hardwick  
Mr A Hamilton (Late)  
                  **Clerk**  
Mrs Y Hamilton

Prior to the start of the meeting T Hardwick welcomed R Hardwick to our meeting. He had previously submitted an application for the position of Co-opted Community Councillor. He introduced himself and gave a brief background of his life and gave us his reasons of wanting to become a Community Councillor. **Decision:** All Members agreed to him becoming a co-opted Community Councillor and welcomed him to the group. R Hardwick signed the Acceptance of Office form and was looking forward to joining the Community Council.

**3307. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from L Holloway.

**3308. Disclosure of personal interest**

None

**3309. Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2025**

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

**3310. Matters arising from the minutes**

<b>Previous Minute Ref</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	<b>Current Position</b>
3239 (i), 3244, 3258, 3271, 3284, 3297	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. <b>Update:</b> 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.	<b>Update:</b> Clerk shared information with Members that she had received from A Stevens re: the costs to install gateway signage. Members felt that the costs were extremely high and unless funding could be sourced would not be affordable at this time. <b>Decision:</b> It was agreed to put this on our wish list / issues log for further discussions in the future. <b>Action:</b> Clerk to put this out to social media to seek views from members of the public.
3279 (iii), 3284, 3297	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. The Clerk contacted street lighting who advised that we were unable to put any lights on wooden poles which were positioned in the middle	<b>Update:</b> Clerk provided Members with an update of costs that she had received from Street Lighting and a schedule of works. <b>Decision:</b> Members felt that it was something that we could not take part in this

	of Grovesend. There was a possibility of putting them up as you enter / leave Grovesend. Action: Clerk to continue communicating with Street Lighting for further details. Clerk sent some suggested lamp-post numbers to Street Lighting to get an estimate of costs.	year due to costs but suggested contacting Bowen Hopkins to see if they could provide a cost for comparison. Agreed to add this to our wish list / issues log for future discussions. <b>Action:</b> Clerk to contact Bowen Hopkins and to put this out to social media to seek views from members of the public. M Osborn to look at funding options.
3291 (i), 3297	L Holloway brought up the footpath on Coalbrook Road between Grovesend and Gorseinon and asked if we could explore with Swansea Council regarding widening the footpath due to the issue with the hedge and people passing. This is not suitable for people in wheelchairs or children in pushchairs. Action: Clerk to speak to Swansea Council again.	<b>Update:</b> Ongoing
3291 (ii), 3297	It was reported that the gully at the end of Plas Road was becoming a problem. Action: Clerk to report to Highways on receipt of a photo from L Holloway.	<b>Update:</b> Ongoing

### 3311. Ten-minute Public Questions

No members of the public present.

### 3312. Local Members Report

Nothing to report

### 3313. Friends of the Park Update

Nothing to report

### 3314. Planning Applications

No applications received

For information - T Hardwick informed Members that a guy has claimed that he owns the garages off Coalbrook Road and has erected a fence. The owner of the land is aware and is dealing with the matter.

### 3315. Financial Update

#### Funding requests

Clerk received an email from the Trustees asking if they could use the £1k annual funding commitment to purchase new chairs for the welfare hall as the current ones had served their time and many were in dis-repair and were becoming a Health and Safety concern. **Decision:** Following a discussion T Hardwick proposed that we agree to the £1k annual funding to be used to purchase new chairs. This was seconded by H Talaat. All Members agreed.

Clerk received a letter from Girlguiding – Grovesend Rainbows, Brownies and Guides which she read out to Members during the meeting. They have thanked us for our continued support over the last few years and expressed that our donations have made such a difference to girls in our area. However, due to the day to day living crisis they have asked if we are able to provide any further donations to go towards the rent, craft materials or trips over the next few months. **Decision:** Following a discussion and the current banking situation, S Morgan proposed that we give a financial donation of £150 and ask them to re-apply in 3 months-time once we receive the next scheduled precept payment. This was seconded by S Bates. All Members agreed.

A letter from Cerebral Palsy Cymru requesting any financial donation was read out to Members. This was noted by Members.

Training costs

**Decision** – All Members agreed to pay for the Biodiversity Part 1 – Module 25 training for H

Talaat, New Councillor induction training for S Bates and Chairing Skills training for T Hardwick.

### **Summer Fayre – 23 August 2025**

Clerk gave an account of committed spend so far and gave a rundown of what was planned for the day. She advised Members that so far, she had received a financial contribution from our County Councillors, Pengelli Sports and Social, Friends of the Park and Krislyn Motors. The application submitted to COAST funding was unsuccessful but was unable to give feedback on individual applications. Further planning was ongoing and she was grateful for the help from representatives from Friends of the Park and Pengelli Sports and Social towards the planning.

### **3316. Assessment of biodiversity actions (Section 6)**

We have to completion and publish a Section 6 report by the end of 2025. L Holloway has attended some training and H Talaat is due to attend in the next couple of weeks. Clerk presented Members with our previous report for discussion.

**Decision:** It was agreed that following the training we will look at developing our previous reports for approval at a future meeting.

### **3317. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) One Voice Wales Updates: -
  - Cost of Living Crisis Project – Information and Resources shared with Members
  - E-Bulletin issue 5 and 6 information shared with Members
  - One Voice Wales Annual Conference is scheduled to take place on 1 October
- (ii) Training Updates: -
  - H Talaat will be attending Biodiversity Training on 7 August.
  - S Bates will be attending the New Councillors Induction training on 21 July.
  - T Hardwick will be attending Chairing Skills training on 5 August.
  - She reminded Members of the free webinar training places available
- (iii) Child Poverty Strategy for Wales – Lived Experience Engagement Exercise are offering short-term grant funding to support organisations in engagement with people with lived experience of poverty in Wales. Deadline for completing application is 11 July.
- (iv) A draft version of the Planning (Wales) Bill and supporting draft Explanatory Notes has been published.
- (v) The Standards Committee of Swansea Council is seeking applications from Community / Town Councillors within the Swansea area to sit as the Community / Town Councillor representative on the Committee. Applications to be submitted no later than noon on 25 July 2025. W Erasmus has expressed an interest in applying for the position.
- (vi) She advised Members that she had sent our condolences to the family of John Millard, Clerk to Gorseinon Council who had sadly passed away.

### **3318. Health and Safety**

- (i) Members felt the path on Coalbrook Road was a Health and Safety issue. Already discussed actions above.

- (ii) S Bates informed Members that there has been a loose grate outside 105 Coalbrook Road which keeps getting moved leaving a big hole. He advised that it has been like this for weeks now.

**Action:** Clerk to report this to Highways.

- (iii) On behalf of a resident M Jones brought up the old shop at 1 Station Road to the attention of the Members and the state of the shop front and broken glass. **Action:** Clerk to report to the enforcement department as a health and safety matter.

### **3319. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair**

- (i) Garden Competition - Clerk informed Members that she had only received a few entries for this year's Garden Competition but Members felt that we should still continue with the competition and maybe do a leaflet drop next year. **Action:** Clerk to contact judge to arrange a judging date and inform all entries of this date.
- (ii) H Talaat informed Members that Pengelli Primary School were looking at opening a shop

next year under the sustainability project and would be selling things like washing powder, etc (long lasting goods). This would obviously cost to set up and was wondering if this was something that the Community Council would support if the Eco-committee were to submit their business plan to a future meeting. **Decision:** Members initial thoughts were that this was a good idea and would be interested to hear more about it. **Action:** Clerk to invite the school committee to a future meeting to present their business plan.

### **3320. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 8 September 2025 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.