

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

Present: **Councillors**
Mrs L Holloway (Chairperson)
Mr S Bates
Mr W Erasmus
Mrs T Hardwick
Mr R Hardwick
Mr M Jones
Mrs D Thomas
 Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton
 Public Attendance
None

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

3337. Apologies for absence

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

3338. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3339. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2025

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

3340. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3318 (i), 3324	Members felt the path on Coalbrook Road was a Health and Safety issue due to overhanging branches.	Update: Clerk informed Members that she had received an email from Swansea Council advising that they had contacted the landowner and had passed it onto the Area Inspector for their attention. Action: Clerk to continue to chase.
3319 (ii), 3324	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.	Update: Ongoing
3331	This year's Remembrance Service is 9 November but following	Update: Clerk informed Members

	a conversation with Aneira from Mount Pleasant Chapel it was agreed that the best day to hold this year's remembrance service would be 6 November at 6:00 p.m. Due to the low attendance in previous years a discussion was had as to how we could advertise this event. Decision: W Erasmus proposed that we get a banner done to advertise and was seconded by M Jones. To save costs it was agreed that we purchase a re-usable banner where we can change the date. All Members agreed. Action: Clerk to contact P Sillick 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.	that P Sillick has confirmed that the British Legion will be in attendance and the school have also confirmed. Decision: T Hardwick proposed that we purchase a remembrance wreath to go alongside the banner at a cost of £27.37 and to give a donation of £150.00 to the church and a further £50.00 to the British Legion. This was seconded by S Bates. All Members agreed.
3332	A discussion was held regarding our yearly Halloween competition following feedback from last year. Last year the following prizes were given out 1st prize £75.00; 2nd prize £50.00 and 3rd prize £25.00. Boxes of chocolates would be provided to the runners-up. Decision: It was agreed that the judging will take place at 5:00 p.m. on 31 October 2025. Judges will be Y Hamilton, S Bates, T Hardwick and L Holloway. Prizes will be discussed at our next meeting. Action: Clerk to advertise the competition on our Social Media pages and website.	Decision: L Holloway proposed that we provide £20.00 worth of mixed sweets to give out on the night, boxes of chocolates for the runners up and suggested the same prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place the same as last year, being £75, £50 and £25. This was seconded by T Hardwick. All Members agreed.

3341. Ten-minute Public Questions

Prior to the meeting the Clerk informed Members that she had received an email from W B Davies asking what the procedure was for uploading our minutes onto the website. She advised him that it was our policy to upload the minutes as soon as they get approved at the next meeting. She explained that she did however upload any decisions and actions prior to the next meeting so that individuals can still see what has been discussed and agreed prior to the next meeting. **Decision:** Majority of the Members felt that this was sufficient but would monitor this policy and update as necessary, if required.

3342. Local Members Report

Nothing to report

3343. Friends of the Park Update

M Jones reported on the following: -

- (i) The drainage issue looks to have now been resolved so projects can now progress going forward.
- (ii) They are currently in talks with a company in relation to training and exercise equipment. Further updates will be given as and when.
- (iii) They are still looking for a dedicated person to assist with funding applications.
- (iv) Discussions are taking place regarding the railings around the changing rooms which is an eye sore. Updates will be provided as and when.
- (v) Further discussions were being held regarding the Orchard and the best area for it to be planted.
- (vi) The Santa Parade will be discussed later on in the meeting.

3344. Planning Applications

No applications received

3345. Financial Update and discuss and agree the precept

Committed Spend already approved since our last meeting

£93.30 – Boxes of chocolates for Halloween Competition

£60.00 – Rent for Miners Welfare Hall – meeting July and September

£142.80 – Kingsbridge Print – Banner for Remembrance Service

£4.25 – Bank charges

Precept

Prior to the meeting the budget monitoring report was shared with Members and a potential expenditure report for next year's spend and a discussion took place. Through the increase in our precept, we can invest appropriately into our community and ensure that we cement many of our yearly activities although it was also agreed that we did not want to increase over the suggested % threshold. The suggested estimated spend totalled £27426.29 although the Clerk advised that there was a reserve of approximately £4k that could potentially be used in the coming year and therefore the total could be reduced slightly. W Erasmus proposed that we increase the precept to £23500.00.

Decision: A vote took place and all agreed to set the precept at £23500.00

Funding requests and decisions agreed

Decision: T Hardwick proposed that we purchase a remembrance wreath to go alongside the banner at a cost of £27.37 and to give a donation of £150.00 to the church and a further £50.00 to the British Legion. This was seconded by S Bates. All Members agreed.

Clerk received an email from J Whitton asking for a financial contribution towards the DJ cost of a Halloween disco that they were organising in the Welfare Hall on 1 November 2025. He also asked if we could judge the Halloween fancy dress competition. **Decision:** R Hardwick proposed that we give £150 towards the cost of the DJ and prizes for the best dressed fancy dress. This was seconded by S Bates. All Members agreed. It was also agreed that T Hardwick and R Hardwick would judge the competition.

Clerk received a letter from Urdd Gobaith Cymru requesting a financial contribution to support with the costs of the Urdd's Eisteddfodau. This was noted by Members.

3346. Xmas Celebrations

A discussion took place regarding this year's Xmas Celebrations and it was suggested that we follow the same format as we did the previous year due to the positive feedback we had received.

Decision: It was agreed that the Santa Parade and the Lighting of the Xmas tree would take place on Friday 28 November and the Xmas Children's disco will take place on Saturday 29 November. Timings to be confirmed.

This will be a joint event between the Community Council, Friends of the Park and Pengelli Sports and Social.

Action: Clerk to meet with M Jones who will be representing both the Community Council and Friends of the Park regarding the logistics of the event.

Action: M Jones to do a costing exercise for the event and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

3347. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) One Voice Wales Updates: -
 - E-Bulletin issue 9 information shared with Members. Included in this bulletin was information regarding two new equality and inclusion grant streams (Innovation and Partnership Working to Tackle Inequality and Promote Inclusion and Awareness and Engagement Grant). L Holloway suggested this could be useful for Friends of the Park collaborating with the Eli Project and could also benefit Pengelli Sports and Social. **Action:** Clerk to share the information.
 - October 2025 – Cost of Living Crisis Project Newsletter
 - October 2025 – Upcoming Online Events
 - Section 6 Workshops were being offered to Members. We are required to publish a Section 6 report by the end of the year. **Action:** Members to let the Clerk know if they are able to attend any of the workshops.
- (ii) Training Updates: -
 - **Action:** Clerk to send training dates to R Hardwick and D Thomas for the following

training sessions: - New Councillor Induction and Code of Conduct.

- (iii) Grant funding for the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme was open to communities that live within five miles of waste transfer stations or landfill sites to fund a biodiversity focussed project. **Decision:** It was decided that we would apply for funding for the gates to be placed at the entrances to our village to try and alleviate speeding. **Action:** Clerk to submit the application prior to the deadline with help from L Holloway.
- (iv) Written Statement by Jayne Bryant MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government was published on 1 October 2025 - Update of actions to support the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector. Details shared with Members.
- (v) Draft Annual Remuneration Report for 2026-27 was shared with Members. There were no changes to the payments allowed for Community Councillors and remained at £156 which is a mandatory and £52 towards office consumables. At this present time the majority of Community Councillors have opted out of receiving this payment.
- (vi) Keep Wales Tidy were offering two webinars – Green Space and Biodiversity and Local Environmental Quality Webinar for anyone wishing to attend.

3348. Health and Safety

Nothing new to report

3349. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

- (i) Following reports of the alarm going off at the building previously known as the ‘Bryn Lliw’ on High Street, S Bates has been in discussion with the new owners of the building now known as the Eli Project, and has agreed to have a key for the building to turn the faulty alarm off until the matter is resolved.
- (ii) The Clerk received an email from a resident asking if she could put a tree in the park in memory of her dog that had sadly passed away. After consulting with Swansea Council and Friends of the Park it was agreed that the resident could purchase a tree which would be planted in the park in an area agreed.
- (iii) The Clerk informed Members that there were some photos of the park in Grovesend on Facebook which looked like the area at top of the park had been destroyed. She contacted the Parks Department who provided a detailed explanation and that it was part of their Cut and Collect trial with the council’s Nature Recovery Team, which is designed to enhance biodiversity across Swansea’s green spaces. This was shared on Facebook to provide those concerned with an explanation.

3350. Date of next meeting

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