

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

Present:

Councillors
Mrs L Holloway (Chairperson)
Mr S Bates
Mr W Erasmus – remote attendance
Mrs T Hardwick
Mr R Hardwick
Mr M Jones
Mrs S Morgan
Mrs H Talaat – remote attendance
Mrs D Thomas

Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

County Councillors
Mr A Stevens

Public Attendance
Jacquie Long
Deborah Williams
W D Merriman
Jason Statham
W B Davies
Elaine Richards
Julie Rees
Paul Williams
Sharon Williams
Simone Hopkins
Christina Williams

3351. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from A Hamilton and M Osborn.

3352. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3353. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2025

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

3354. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3347 (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.	Update: Clerk submitted an application for funding.

3355. Ten-minute Public Questions

L Holloway welcomed the public to the meeting and opened up the session inviting public questions.

(i) Further to the previous meetings W B Davies requested that his email be recorded on the minutes verbatim.

Email received from W B Davies on 19 August 2025:

Hi Yvonne, I've, over the last few weeks, been looking at the Two Notice Boards we currently use to provide information for Residents of Grovesend and Waungron. On these "visits", the Board in the Top Club only had Photos of Jan and Andrew and the Board by the Park was so faded it was almost impossible to read. During these "visits" I had observed very little footfall of which not one person looked at the Boards.

I spoke to several of these people and asked if they ever looked at the Boards with the reply of "sometimes or never". I've spoken to several people since then who live in different streets of Grovesend and Two from Waungron. Replies varied from "Where are the Boards?" and I'm not walking to read these Boards.

Isn't this enough to warrant the issuing of door to door leaflets to ensure the residents receive information as to the progress of the forthcoming LDP issues.

*Thank you,
W.B. Davies*

Furthermore, he asked why the September minutes has not been uploaded onto the website. Upon checking the website, the Clerk opened the minutes that she was sure she had uploaded but had actually uploaded the October minutes in error. She apologised to W B Davies for the error and agreed to upload the correct minutes as soon as the meeting finished.

He suggested that we do an informal newsletter to send out to the residents as and when an update is made in regards to the LDP. W D Merriman also raised a few questions in the relation to the LDP.

Decision: L Holloway thanked both W B Davies and W D Merriman for bringing their ongoing concerns to the meeting and agreed that we would look at the most cost effect way of communicating any updates to the public as soon as we become aware but also reiterated that the LDP have their own website <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/LDP2> that would provide their own updates and further stages of the LDP includes public notices near the proposed site.

(ii) A member of the public brought up the subject of the environment and asked why one of our Councillors was dumping animal by-products and food waste including sacks of coffee and animal bones into the river causing serious public health concerns as well as mistreating animals. Several members of the public in attendance wanted to ask Councillor Wayne Erasmus to respond to his actions, with photos of the incident shared. W Erasmus responded by stating that he was unable to comment on the subject due to an ongoing court case but added that he had a good defence and would respond in due course. The public asked how could there be a good defence when animals in his care were dying and other animals were feeding on the dead animals to survive.

Another member of the public stated that W Erasmus was up for cruelty and neglect to the animals and advised that the stream was contaminated with Salmonella. W Erasmus stated that waterway was only a ditch and was not classed as a river or a stream. Another member of the public stated that animals were drinking from the stream and that local farms around the area had been put into lockdown.

A Stevens highlighted the code of conduct and informed the public that he had been sent photos of the situation. He stated that a process had to be followed but suggested that the public should raise their concerns to Trading Standards, Natural Resources Wales, elected Members within the area and where it was felt there had been a breach by any member of the code of conduct, this should be raised to the Ombudsman. It was noted that the Councillors in Pontarddulais were also aware of the situation.

A member of the public queried how Councillor Wayne Easmus was permitted to still be a councillor. It was advised that the process was for the matters to be raised to the Ombudsman who would make a determination on the complaint, however as this was an ongoing matter the Community Council was unable to comment further.

W Erasmus advised once again that he was unable to comment until after the Court Case but that there were two sides to a story. He was asked if he would consider standing down until the matter had been concluded which he refused stating that he would not be bullied. L Holloway informed the public that as it was now a multi-agency between all bodies then the situation was being addressed in accordance with process.

L Holloway thanked the public for bringing the matter to the attention of the Community Council and expressing their concerns. Most of the public in attendance left the meeting at this point and thanked the Community Council for allowing them to come along to the meeting to raise their concerns.

3356. Local Members Report

A Stevens reported on the following: -

- (i) They attended a lovely remembrance service and parade at St Catherine's church on 9 November which was a moving service bringing the community together to remember those who gave everything.
- (ii) Yellow lines had been commissioned by Llys Y Tywysog.
- (iii) He had reported graffiti that had been scratched into the back of the noticeboard by the park. Clerk also informed him that she had tried to clean the front of the noticeboard but it was stained and would not come off. To look at replacing the front.
- (iv) The football club had contacted him to see if there was any help to upgrade the changing rooms. There is a grant available and will see what they can do.
- (v) The sweeper had been through Waungron to clean up the leaves. Further work will be carried out by the Cleansing Ward Operative Team.
- (vi) In terms of Highways the small resurfacing scheme would be starting back shortly so advised to let him know of any potential areas required resurfacing works.
- (vii) A budget was available for dropped kerbs. **Action:** L Holloway to forward information to A Stevens.
- (viii) Work would be starting on the junior pump track at Melin Mynach in December.

3357. Friends of the Park Update

M Jones reported on the following: -

- (i) Orchard Project – A site as now been agreed. **Action:** M Jones to double check with the football team to check it will not have an impact on them.
- (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) Currently in talks with M Bignell, Swansea Council regarding the planting of a permanent Xmas tree.
- (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.

W D Merriman asked if the trees in the park could be cut down as it was affecting the football games. W Erasmus interrupted and said that he was constantly turning up to meetings and repeating himself. L Holloway asked W Erasmus to be cautious of his comments.

Action: A Stevens and M Jones will discuss this issue outside the meeting and report back.

3358. Planning Applications

No applications received

Planning Application Decision Made

Application No: 2025/1823/FUL

14 Plas Newydd, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4WN

Proposal: Rear and side ground floor extension

Decision: Approved by Planning Department, Swansea Council

3359. Financial Update

Committed Spend already approved since our last meeting

£27.37 – Remembrance Wreath

£150.00 – DJ for Halloween Disco

£27.00 – Training

£4.25 – Bank charges

£150.00 – Donation to the Chapel for Remembrance Service

£22.26 – Sweets for Halloween Competition

£150.00 – Halloween Competition

£50.00 – Donation to Royal British Legion

Funding requests and decisions agreed

Clerk received an email from Pengelli Primary School asking if we could support them once again by donating Selection boxes to the pupils. **Decision:** This was proposed by R Hardwick and seconded by T Hardwick. Members agreed.

Clerk received a letter from Girlguiding Grovesend Rainbows, Brownies and Guides seeking financial support towards rent and craft materials over the coming months. Members agreed that this was enjoyed by lots of youngsters and was good for the children. **Decision:** L Holloway proposed that we give a donation of £150.00 and was seconded by T Hardwick. Members agreed.

On behalf of Friends of the Park, M Jones requested a donation for the sponsorship of the Xmas tree. £200.00 had previously been agreed for this yearly donation. **Decision:** Members agreed to sponsor the Xmas tree.

Clerk received a letter from Wales Air Ambulance requesting a financial contribution to support with their running costs. This was noted by Members.

3360. Xmas Celebrations

Santa Parade and Xmas tree light switch – from 5:00 p.m. on Friday 28 November

Children's Xmas disco – from 5:00 p.m. on Saturday 29 November at Miners Welfare Hall

The route for the Santa Parade has now been finalised and will be as follows: -

Starting at Dolgoed Farm on Box Road before turning left onto Grove Farm Road. Turn right onto High Street. Turn left onto Station Road. Go to end of Station Road and come back before turning left onto High Street and then left onto New Road. Turn right onto Plas Road and then turn left onto Plas Newydd. Come back on Plas Newydd and turn left onto Plas Road. Turn left onto Coalbrook Road. Turn around by Krisslyn Motors and go back up Coalbrook Road / High Street. M Jones advised that Pengelli Primary School will be making decorations for the Xmas tree and M Huntley will judge the competition and provide the winners of each year group with a selection box and give celebrations for each class involved. L Holloway suggested we contact the Eli Project to let them know of our event and to give a donation of selection boxes.

Decision: L Holloway proposed to use up to the allocated budget already agreed to spend on the Xmas Celebrations. This was seconded by S Bates.

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

Action: Clerk to contact Eli Project to let them know of our events and to find out numbers of children attending the project.

3361. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) One Voice Wales Updates: -
 - E-Bulletin issue 11 and 12 information shared with Members.
- (ii) Training Updates: -
 - **Action:** Biodiversity Update - M Jones and the Clerk attended a workshop and will draft a report that needs to be published by the end of the year for sign off at the next meeting.
 - **Action:** D Thomas and R Hardwick to attend Induction for new Councillors and Code of Conduct Training. H Talaat to attend Biodiversity Training.
 - Welsh Government will be holding 3 workshops on exploration of the Local Resolution function (LRP). **Action:** Members to let Clerk know if they wish to attend.
- (iii) Consultations
 - The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has opened the consultation on the Draft Annual Remuneration Report 2026-27. It opened on 23 September and closes on 18 November. Details shared with Members.
 - Welsh Governments is consulting on changes to local government elections rules in Wales. One Voice Wales will be preparing a response and welcome views of the Community and Town Councils by 6 January 2026. Details shared with Members.
- (iv) Written Statement by Jayne Bryant MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government was published on 28 October 2025 – Review of community arrangements of the City and County of Swansea. Work will now be undertaken to progress the drafting of the Order required to implement this decision with the changes coming into force on 6 May 2027. 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) Remembrance Service – was very well attended. Pengelli Primary School sang beautifully. L Holloway thanked all who was involved in the service including W D Merriman for reading out the names of the fallen soldiers. Clerk read out a thank you letter she had received from the Chapel and an email from the Royal British Legion for the donations given. A Stevens sent his apologies for the service has he was in Council meeting.
- (vii) Halloween Competition – Once again lots of residents took part in the Competition. Judging took place in the evening of 31 October. It was a very difficult decision as lots of effort had been made.
- (viii) Police States – Beat of Grovesend – 8 occurrences in total
No ASB reports, 3 violence against the person reports, no dwelling burglary report – there are no current trends which are a cause for concern within the locality.
- (ix) She had submitted a grant application for funding to celebrate St Davids Day 2026. This was a grant that the Welsh Government had announced and encouraged community groups to apply to the 2026 St David's Day fund for activities to celebrate the day of Wales' patron saint Dewi Sant, on 1 March.
- (x) Prior to the meeting she shared an Environmental Policy with Members for approval at the meeting. **Decision:** Members agreed to adopt the policy.

3362. Health and Safety

Mr L Holloway asked again whether the footpath on Coalbrook Road could be widened as it is noted that the Active Travel Route has done this in many other areas and is probably a safe route to school as it is the only way from children to get to Penyrheol Comprehensive School if they are walking.

3363. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

- (i) H Talaat informed Members that the school were in the process of planting an orchard. A Stevens said he would be happy to meet with the school to assist with the development.
- (ii) L Holloway informed Members that we had received a number of emails from members of the public expressing their concerns about W Erasmus and that the Ombudsman had also been in contact regarding a number of complaints received. W Erasmus accused L Holloway of breaking the code of contact; however, L Holloway was informing Members within his position as

Chairperson and did not accept that he had broken the code of conduct.

3364. Date of next meeting

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