

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron  
Community Council Meeting held on  
Monday 12 January 2026**

**Present:**       **Councillors**  
Mrs T Hardwick – Vice Chairperson  
Mr S Bates  
Mr W Erasmus – (Remotely)  
Mr A Hamilton - (Remotely)  
Mr R Hardwick  
Mr M Jones - Late  
Mr M Osborn  
Mrs D Thomas  
**Clerk**  
Mrs Y Hamilton

**3379. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from L Holloway, H Talaat and S Morgan.

**3380. Disclosure of personal interest**

S Bates expressed an interest in relation to a letter addressed to the Community Council from H Bates. To be discussed later in the meeting.

**3381. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2025**

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

**3382. Matters arising from the minutes**

<b>Previous Minute Ref</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	<b>Current Position</b>
3357 (i), 3368	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.	<b>Update:</b> It has been decided that planting of the Orchard will take place on 13 February and has been organised by Swansea Council and Friends of the Park. Some of the children from Pengelli Primary School will also help out.
3357, 3368	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. Action: A Stevens and M Jones will discuss this issue outside the meeting and report back.	<b>Update:</b> Ongoing

**3383. Ten-minute Public Questions**

Nothing to report

**3384. Local Members Report**

Nothing to report

**3385. Friends of the Park Update**

M Jones reported on the following: -

- (i) Orchard Project – see above
- (ii) They are hopeful that Clive Vickery will assist with any funding applications going forward.
- (iii) A Xmas tree has been planted but is very small at the moment and will take a couple of years to grow so will still need to have delivery of Xmas trees for the coming years. This

was donated by Martin Bignell, Swansea Council.

- (iv) AGM will take place on 5 May 2026.
- (v) The Easter Egg hunt will take place on 28 March 2026.

### **3386. Planning Applications**

No applications received

### **3387. Financial Update**

#### **Committed Spend already approved since our last meeting**

£289.98 – 2 light up reindeers from Xmas budget 2025

£42.00 – Training

£4.25 – Bank charges

The budget monitoring report was shared with Members.

Swansea Council provided a quote for the hanging basket scheme for 2026 at a cost of £2192 for what we had last year which included 2 x base unit planters, 4 x barrier troughs, 2 x tier planters and 1 x small planter. All would be maintained by Swansea Council. W Erasmus asked what we paid last year. The Clerk advised that last year we paid £2052. **Decision:** R Harwick proposed that we go ahead with the quotation and was seconded by S Bates.

Clerk read out a letter received from H Bates regarding a fundraising event she was organising on behalf of her late husband and kindly asked if we could donate a raffle prize. The proceeds would go to Ty Olwen. Haydn Bates was a valuable member of the community and was a Community Councillor for a number of years. **Decision:** R Hardwick proposed that we donate a cash prize of £25.00. This was seconded by T Hardwick. All member agreed apart from S Bates who had already declared an interest and did not participate in any discussion.

She informed Members that she had received a letter from Welsh Government notifying us that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2026-27 is £11.60 which is an increase from last year's figure of £11.10 per elector.

#### **St David's Day Celebrations**

Project Title – Dathlu Dewi Sant Grovesend 2026 – A Community Celebration of Welsh Culture  
Further to our application to the St David's Day 2026 Pilot Support Fund, the Clerk informed Members that our application has been successful, and the assessment panel has agreed to award financial assistance to the amount of £4,785. The Clerk has set up a working group including representation from the following groups: - Pengelli Primary School, Friends of the Park, Llys Y Tywysog Care Home and Pengelli AFC / Pengelli Sports and Social.

The event will take place on 27 February 2026 and will start off with activities taking place at Pengelli Primary School, followed by Welsh food served at the Miners Welfare Concert and then an afternoon concert.

### **3388. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) One Voice Wales Updates: -
  - E-Bulletin issue 15 information shared with Members
  - Upcoming Online Events – Cost of Living Crisis Project
  - Request to ensure Councils send a Councillor to be represented at the AGM scheduled to take place on 21 January. L Holloway will be attending.
  - One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales will host a joint event on 19 March 'Improving our local places – Welsh Case studies and planning updates
  - Provided an update on the Swansea Local Development Plan 2
- (ii) Training Updates: -
  - R Hardwick will attend the Code of Conduct Training on 31 March 2025.

- Y Hamilton and M Jones will attend the Biodiversity workshop on 13 January 2026 to assist with writing up an action plan for 2026 – 2028.
- (iii) Police States – Beat of Grovesend – 10 occurrences in total for the month of December  
No ASB reports, 2 violence against the person reports, no dwelling burglary report – there are no current trends which are a cause for concern within the locality.
- (iv) Welsh Government Update – the Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2025 has now come into force.

**3389. Health and Safety**

M Osborn informed Members that the roundabout in the park was seizing up and asked if the zip line has undergone a service. **Action:** Clerk to report to the Parks Department, Swansea Council

**3390. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair**

Nothing to report

**3391. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 9 February 2026 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.