

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron  
Community Council Meeting held on  
Monday 16 March 2026**

**Present:**

**Councillors**  
 Mr L Holloway - Chairperson  
 Mrs T Hardwick – Vice Chairperson  
 Mr W Erasmus – Remote Access  
 Mr A Hamilton  
 Mr R Hardwick  
 Mr M Jones  
 Mrs S Morgan  
 Mrs H Talaat – Remote Access  
 Mrs D Thomas

**Clerk**  
 Mrs Y Hamilton

**3405. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from S Bates and M Osborn. County Councillor A Stevens gave his apologies.

**3406. Disclosure of personal interest**

None

**3407. Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2026**

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

**3408. Matters arising from the minutes**

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3357, 3368, 3382, 3395	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

**3409. Ten-minute Public Questions**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk informed Members that she had received another email from K Roberts regarding the dog mess in the park. This was noted by Members and to continue to monitor the situation and to try and think of other ideas to help the prevention of this.

**3410. Local Members Report**

Prior to the meeting A Stevens emailed the Clerk and reported on the following: -

- (i) The yellow lines by Llys Y Tywysog should now be in place.
- (ii) Installation of dropped curbs on Coalbrook Road was completed on 13 March to improve access for pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with pushchairs.
- (iii) Street names – bilingual signs. If there are any street names that are damaged / worse for wear to let them know.

**3411. Friends of the Park Update**

M Jones reported on the following: -

- (i) Orchard Project – Planting of the Orchard took place on 13 February. Six trees were planted in total – 3 apple and 3 pear. Pupils from Pengelli Primary School were also involved and thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a lot.

- (ii) The Easter Egg hunt will take place on 28 March 2026 at 11:00 a.m. If any volunteers are available on the day to help out, please let them know.
- (iii) A number of quotes had been obtained for various projects. Further details to be given as and when. The Clerk had shared information from a company who could help apply for funding for a Climbing Track as an addition to the park. **Action:** Clerk to work with M Jones to send out a consultation on Facebook asking for opinions. To contact Swansea Council to find out if permission is required.
- (iv) Refurbishment of Changing Rooms – A meeting to be scheduled to discuss removal of fencing to make the venue look more inviting although security would need to be addressed first. Grant funding may also be available. Further details to follow.

### 3412. Planning Applications

No new planning applications received

### 3413. Financial Update

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

£90.00 – Rental of meeting room January - March– Grovesend Miners Welfare Scheme

£4.25 – Bank charges

£4756.35 – St David’s Day celebration

The budget monitoring report was shared with Members.

The Clerk informed Members that following our application for the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme 2025/26 to install welcome gates at the entrances to the village was unsuccessful. They advised that the funding round was highly oversubscribed and the overall standard of applications was very high. **Action:** Clerk to request further feedback.

Cloud Backup renewal cost of £75.00 – **Decision:** All Members agreed to the cost for the coming year

One Voice Wales Membership Costs for 2026-2027 - £243.00. **Decision:** W Erasmus abstained from the vote to approve this for the coming year. All other members agreed to renew the membership

Easter Disco booked for 29 March at 5.00 p.m. at Miners Welfare Hall. **Decision:** Following approval of the DJ costs at the last meeting it was discussed that we purchase a Cadburys Cream Eggs for every child and to hold an Easter Bonnett Competition with a large Easter Egg for the winners. This was proposed by R Hardwick and seconded by M Jones. All Members agreed.

She had received a request from Pengelli Primary School to see if we could donate Easter Eggs for the pupils. **Decision:** A discussion took place following their efforts at the St David’s Day Celebrations and to thank them for all their hard work it was agreed that we would purchase Easter Eggs for the School.

#### St David’s Day Celebrations

Grovesend came alive on 27 February as Grovesend and Waungron Community Council proudly delivered Dathlu Dewi Sant Grovesend 2026 — a vibrant celebration of Welsh culture, made possible thanks to funding from the Welsh Government

The day was packed with sport, arts & crafts, storytelling, folk dancing (with Urdd Gobaith Cymru), a traditional Welsh lunch, and a fantastic concert featuring Pengelli Primary School, Robbie Lee and Alex Jacob as Tom Jones — all expertly compered by Sharon Leech.

From cawl and bara brith to music and community spirit, the event brought all generations together — completely free and open to all.

This wasn’t just a celebration — it will hopefully be the start of a new annual tradition for Grovesend.

The spirit of Dewi Sant is alive and well!

Thank you to everyone involved for making this possible including: - Pengelli Primary School, Friends of the Park, Pengelli Sports and Social, Llys Y Tywysog Nursing Home, Chris Chapman, Bec the Bake, Kingsbridge Print, and Pengelli AFC. **Action:** Clerk to do a report and send of evidence of expenditure, etc to Welsh Government.

#### **3414. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) One Voice Wales Updates: -
  - E-Bulletin issue 18 and 19 information shared with Members
  - Webinar – Lunch and Learn session on 24 March
  - Joint newsletter from Age Cymru and One Voice Wales
  - Community Boundary Reviews – Following the webinar attended by the Clerk and L Holloway organised by One Voice Wales and SLCC a number of documents have been shared including Welsh Government Guidance and presentations relating to the Transfer of Undertakings and other elements required attention as part of the process
  - On 5 March One Voice Wales launched its Manifesto for the Community and Town Council sector in Wales ahead of the election to the Senedd in May
  - One Voice Wales National Awards Ceremony 2026 will take place on 1 July 2026 at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground
- (ii) Police States – Beat of Grovesend – 12 occurrences in total for the month of February  
No ASB reports, no violence against the person reports, no dwelling burglary report – there are no current trends which are a cause for concern within the locality.
- (iii) Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has presented the Annual Remuneration Report for 2026-27. The only change for members of community councils is to the optional financial lost compensation, which has been increased by 6.4%. Other payments for community council members are unchanged.

#### **3415. Health and Safety**

The drains on Coalbrook Road have been cleared.

M Jones mentioned that a member of the public had approached him to ask whether a handrail could be positioned by the kissing gate on Box Road. A Hamilton suggested the cost would be £250-£300 to supply and install this. **Action:** Clerk to contact parks department

#### **3416. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair**

M Jones attended the Its Your Swansea event on 12 March at the Swansea Bay Building Society Arena and had some useful discussions with a number of different organisations across Swansea Bay.

A Hamilton asked if anyone knew why strips have been cut out on the common at the bottom of Station Road. **Action:** Clerk to contact A Stevens to see if it has anything to do with the potential nature reserves.

#### **3417. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 13 April 2026 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.