

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 18 May 2026**

Present:

Councillors
 Mr L Holloway – Chairperson
 Mr S Bates
 Mr W Erasmus – Remotely
 Mr A Hamilton
 Mrs T Hardwick – Vice Chairperson
 Mr R Hardwick
 Mr M Jones
 Mrs H Talaat
 Mrs D Thomas

Clerk
 Mrs Y Hamilton

3431. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from S Morgan and M Osborn. County Councillor A Stevens sent his apologies.

3432. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3433. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2026

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

3434. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3357, 3368, 3382, 3395, 3408, 3421	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.	Update: Ongoing
3415, 3421	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	Update – Clerk waiting for a response from Swansea Council
3423	He suggested that the bench in Waungron had seen its days and could do with being replaced. Action: A Stevens to let Clerk know the cost to replace this to see if we have the funds available in this financial year.	Update: Clerk to ask A Stevens for costs to replace the bench.

3435. Ten-minute Public Questions

No members of the public were present; however, the Clerk received emails from a couple of residents: -

- (i) Following the St David’s Day Celebration W B Davies asked if we could show how the funds were spent. The Clerk provided a detailed breakdown of how the funds were used and explained that the grant was separate from the precept and was allocated specifically for this event. She advised that the costs had also been independently verified by the funding body and sent over a detailed report of the event to provide more information on the day.
- (ii) She received a further email from W B Davies requesting that we discuss the speeding issues throughout the village following a ‘near miss’ on the stretch of road between Grove Farm Road and Waungron. He shared information that he had received back from Swansea Council advising that there

have been no collisions in the last 5 years where injury has occurred within Grovesend and Waungron and in these circumstances it is unlikely that road safety measures will be prioritised. They suggested raising concern with GoSafe. During our meeting we discussed the concerns. **Decision:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the GoSafe team to find out more about the Community Speedwatch Scheme and what involvement it would require. It was also suggested that individuals who are experiencing issues with speeding should report these incidents with the licence plate (where possible) to the police, as an increased number of complaints may encourage further action to be taken. **Action:** Clerk to raise this issue in a Facebook post to draw community attention on how to report these incidents.

(iii) Clerk received a message from a resident asking why the grass has not been cut for nearly 2 months. **Action:** Clerk to contact Swansea Council to ask when the grass is scheduled to be cut and how frequently it will be done.

3436. Local Members Report

No report received

3437. Friends of the Park Update

M Jones reported on the following: -

(i) Further work between the Clerk and M Jones was ongoing regarding the Climbing Track project. Clerk submitted an application to the Lottery Funding

(ii) The AGM took place on 5 May 2026 – Karl Bradley was appointed Chairperson and Mike Jones was appointed Vice Chairperson.

(iii) A new Orchard sign has been erected in the park.

3438. Planning Applications

No new planning applications received

3439. Financial Update

Committed Spend already approved since our last meeting

£235.50 – Vision ICT

£243.00 – One Voice Wales Membership

£4.25 – Bank charges

£375.00 – Deposit for Gaming Squad – Summer Fayre 2026

The Clerk submitted a VAT refund application and we received a refund of £2088.87 on 21 April 2026.

Audit of Accounts – Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2026

Prior to the meeting the Clerk sent to Members all documents relating to the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2026. This year's audit includes a basic audit. In addition to the standard documents requested from Audit Wales they have also requested the following documents: - a copy of the annual report for 2024-25, an explanation of the budget monitoring and how we set our budget and a copy of the internal auditor's report and the agreed terms of reference. During the meeting the documents were discussed. **Action:** Clerk to publish the audit notice on our notice boards and website for public inspection between 6 and 31 July 2026. **Decision:** T Hardwick proposed that the annual return for year ended 31 March 2026 be approved and was seconded by L Holloway. All Members approved the annual return.

Planning of this year's Summer Fayre was underway and the Clerk has set up a small group to help with the organisation of the event. The County Councillors has agreed to give a donation of £2000 to help with the event and a donation of £100 from Krislyn Motors and £300 from Friends of the Park has also been committed. Our main aim is to fully fund this event to allow everyone to have food and fun for free. We have also submitted an application to Swansea Council for the Summer Wellbeing Grant and awaiting a decision. Clerk requested that if we have a shortfall of committed funds that we could potentially use some of the VAT refund received. **Decision:** Members agreed to this if required.

The Clerk received the quote for this year's wildflower planting at a cost of £213.27 plus VAT.

Decision: All Members agreed to the quote.

She read out an email she had received from 2 parents of children in year 6 at Pengelli Primary School asking if we could help with the costs of their leaver's celebrations. A discussion was held and Members felt that the pupils of Pengelli Primary have worked really hard in supporting and being fully involved in our Community Events, in particular their commitment to our St David's Day Celebration event.

Decision: It was agreed that we would give a donation of £200 towards the venue.

3440. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) One Voice Wales Updates: -
 - E-Bulletin issue 22, 23 and 24 information shared with Members
 - Funding newsletter – Potential Grant Opportunities shared with Members
 - Upcoming Online Events Cost of Living Crisis Team
 - The Voice - Issue 2
 - One Voice Wales launched the One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge. The statements were read during the meeting. **Decision:** All Members agreed to sign the pledge. **Action:** Clerk to sign and return a copy of the Civility and Respect Pledge and upload onto our website.
- (ii) Police States – Beat of Grovesend – 9 occurrences in total for the month of April
2 ASB reports, 41 violence against the person reports, no dwelling burglary report – there are no current trends which are a cause for concern within the locality.
- (iii) Prior to the meeting the Clerk shared with Members a copy of the Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2028. **Decision:** M Jones proposed that we accept the action plan and was seconded by R Hardwick. All Members agreed. **Action:** Clerk to upload onto our website and share with One Voice Wales.

3441. Health and Safety

Issued discussed above during the meeting i.e. speeding within the village and the handrail.

3442. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

T Hardwick asked if we could look at the costs to purchase poo bags and storage box to be positioned within the park. **Decision:** All Members thought this was a good idea. **Action:** Clerk to get some costs and report back.

3443. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 8 June 2026 at the Miners Welfare Hall.