

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on Monday 13 July 2026

Present:

Councillors
Mr L Holloway – Chairperson
Mr S Bates
Mr R Hardwick
Mrs T Hardwick – Vice Chairperson
Mr M Jones
Mrs S Morgan
Mr M Osborn
Mrs H Talaat

Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

3457. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from A Hamilton and County Councillor A Stevens. W Erasmus and D Thomas were absent.

3458. Disclosure of personal interest

None

3459. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2026

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

3460. Matters arising from the minutes

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3357, 3368, 3382, 3395, 3408, 3421, 3434, 3447	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, 3434, 3447	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. Clerk informed members that the Council had reached out to Hamiltons Contracting Services to provide a quote and has given the go ahead for the work to be carried out.	Update: Clerk informed Members that A Hamilton had completed the work; however, it was suggested that following further discussions with Chris Dale from Rights of Way, it was agreed that a better solution would be to extend the existing ramp, reduce the gradient, and add an additional ramp to provide access to the park from both directions. As a result, the need for a handrail was removed. Concern was raised from Members that for Health and Safety reasons the need for a handrail was still required. Action: Clerk to contact A Hamilton for further comment.
3423, 3434, 3447	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 (iii), 3447	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.	Update: Clerk has requested a copy of the area that is included within the contract to confirm which areas should be cut.
3454	M Jones drew Members attention to the former shop premises at 1 Station Road and the condition of the building frontage. The Clerk reminded Members that this matter had been discussed approximately one year ago. At that time, the Environmental Department advised that they would contact the property owner to request that the frontage be tidied; however, they had no powers to enforce such action. Decision: It was agreed that a Community Councillor would attempt to contact the owner to ascertain whether the issue could be addressed, or whether there were any circumstances preventing the necessary work from being carried out.	Update: It was noted that the front had been cut so no further action was required at this time.

3461. Ten-minute Public Questions

The Clerk read out an email from a member of the public advising that he had contacted GoSafe to inform them of speeding within the village and advised that they would not take any action and would not even issue a warning letter. This is in addition to a further email from W Davies asking if there were any update on the speeding issues. The Clerk responded to state that no volunteers had been put their names forward. She added that we would publish a section regarding this on our next newsletter and has published information on social media and our notice boards.

3462. Local Members Report

Due to the absence of A Stevens the Clerk reported on the following: -

- Following a site visit with the Contractors and M Jones regarding the installation of the Climbing Track he shared further work and an image of what it will look like. The total cost will be £31,566.00; however, they have agreed to fund the shortfall. The Chair thanked the Councillors for their very generous donation. The work is scheduled to take place in September and the Contractor will confirm an exact start date at the end of August.

3463. Friends of the Park Update

M Jones reported on the following: -

- Site visit with A Stevens and the Contractor had taken place – comments above. Friends of the Park are very pleased with the extra funding provided by Councillors.
- Currently in discussions to put large planters in the park for members of the public to take responsibility of maintaining the upkeep. Further discussions to take place.
- The Dog poop bag dispensers have been delivered and will be put up around the park in the coming days.

3464. Planning Applications

No new planning applications received.

3465. Financial Update

Committed Spend already approved since our last meeting

£90.00 – Rent – Apr-Jun

£4402.85 – Expenditure for Summer Fayre 2026

£4.67 – Bank charges

£396.00 – Zurich Insurance

£142.98 – Dog poop bag dispensers

Income received

£1500.00 – C C Swansea – Donation for Summer Fayre 2026

£70.00 – Donation from stall holders for Summer Fayre

£71.39 – Contribution from Friends of the Park for Dog poop bag dispensers

Clerk received the following invoices: -

Audit Wales – Audit fees for 2024/25	£300.00 – All Members agreed to pay the invoice
Swansea Council – Hanging Baskets	£2192.00 – All Members agreed to pay the invoice
Swansea Council – Wildlife Flowers	£255.92 – All Members agreed to pay the invoice
Heartbeat Trust UK – Defibrillators	£2125.00 – All Members agreed to pay the invoice. Town Councillors to pay us for their share of the costs.

The Clerk read a letter received from Pengelli AFC thanking the Council for its continued support and requesting financial assistance to help the club continue to grow. Members discussed the request and expressed their support for making a contribution towards the club's running costs. During the discussion, it was also suggested that the Council write to Pengelli AFC to ask whether the club would be willing to work alongside the Council at local community events, recognising the benefits of working together to support village activities. **Decision:** T Hardwick proposed that the Council award a grant of £200.00 towards the club's running costs. The proposal was seconded by R Hardwick and approved unanimously. **Action:** The Clerk to write to Pengelli AFC advising them of the Council's decision and inviting them to consider working with the Council at future community events.

Following the grant application submitted to Swansea Council regarding the Summer Wellbeing Grant we have now been informed that our application for £1500.00 towards the Summer Fayre has been successful. This is good news and hopefully will make the event an even bigger and better success.

3466. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following: -

- (i) One Voice Wales Updates: -
 - E-Bulletin issue 26 information shared with Members
 - Issue 03 of Y Llais The Voice shared with Members
 - Funding newsletter – Potential Grant Opportunities shared with Members
 - Cost of Living Crisis Project – Information and Resources shared with Members
 - Information shared relating to Biodiversity Packages and upcoming rounds of applications to apply
 - Carried out a Social Impact Assessment of the contribution community and town council are making to communities across Wales working with independent researchers, Wavehill.
- (ii) Police States – Beat of Grovesend – for the month of June – 11 occurrences in total
0 ASB reports, 5 Violence Against the Person reports. Two of these occurrences are linked and for crime reporting purposes will generate more than one report, no dwelling burglary report – there are no current trends which are a cause for concern within the locality.
- (iii) Community Dog Safety & Wellbeing Project – Request for feedback – from John Burns Foundation. **Action:** Clerk to forward to M Jones.
- (iv) Request for feedback from Swansea Council in relation to shaping Swansea's Events Strategy.
- (v) The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has submitted an online questionnaire asking Community Councillors for information about our area, our views and experiences of being a Councillor. The feedback will help DBCC make recommendations on whether there is an appetite for a review of the size and structure of such Councils across Wales. **Action:** All Community Councillors are encouraged to complete the survey.
- (vi) Democratic Services, Swansea Council has submitted a questionnaire relating to awareness and training needs to the Councillors Code of Conduct. **Action:** All Community Councillors are encouraged to complete the survey.
- (vii) The Clerk read out an email received from the Clerk of Gorseinon Town Council asking if we would like to be involved in the Christmas Lantern Parade due to take place on 26 November. A discussion took place and Members thought this would be a really good idea depending on what would be involved. **Action:** Clerk to contact Gorseinon Town Council to find out what would be expected.

3467. Health and Safety

- (i) Clerk informed Members that she had received a message from a concerned member of the public regarding human faeces had been left in the children's play tunnel in the park. She had immediately

contacted the parks department to address this urgently. They came out the following day and cleaned up the mess including pressure washing the area. The Clerk thanked them for their fast response in dealing with this matter. **Action:** Clerk to publish a notice on Facebook in relation to antisocial behaviour happening around the park and asking for everyone to respect this shared community space.

(ii) H Talaat reported that parents were parking across residents drives on Station Road during the school drop off and collection times and if anything could be done. It was suggested that the school could contact GoSafe to request some support. **Action:** Clerk to share information to H Talaat.

(iii) The recent house fire on Box Road was discussed because the fire services could not access the stop clock for a period of time due to it been covered. This was very dangerous and access should be available at all times. **Action:** Clerk to contact Fire Services to ask them for best practice information to share in our next Newsletter.

3468. Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

(i) Newsletter – **Action:** Clerk to put together a draft newsletter for approval at the next meeting. All to share ideas with the Clerk.

3469. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 14 September 2026 at the Miners Welfare Hall.