

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 12 February 2024**

Present:

Councillors
Mr P Card (Chairperson)
Mr L Holloway (Vice Chairperson)
Mr M Jones
Mrs T Hardwick
Mr A Hamilton
Mr I Llewelyn
Mrs H Talaat
Mr W Erasmus
Mrs J Gray

Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

County Councillors
Mr A Stevens
Mrs J Curtice

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr J James and Mrs S Morgan and County Councillor Mrs N Matthews

Mr W Erasmus objected to the way the Councillors were addressed in the minutes and felt that all Members should be addressed as Councillors and that the County Councillors should be addressed as County Councillors throughout the minutes. **Decision:** A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk would list who the Councillors and County Councillors are at the start of the minutes. The majority of the Members were happy to be addressed as Mr / Mrs as it has always been done this way and did not wish for this to be changed.

The Clerk informed Members that the bench was due to be delivered this week and advised that Mr A Stevens had managed to negotiate the installation costs down to £450. **Decision:** Members agreed to the cost for installation.

Decision: All Members approved the newsletter and the community survey with the minor amendments and for it to be sent for designing and printing at the agreed costs provided.

On behalf of the PTA, Pengelli Primary School Mrs H Talaat mentioned that they are organising an Easter extravaganza and has asked if we could donate Easter Eggs for the event. **Decision:** Mr P Card proposed that we would donate £150 towards the cost of the Easter Eggs. This was seconded by Mr I Llewelyn.

The Clerk read out a letter she had received from the Sport Club regarding organising an Easter disco for the children of the Community and would we be willing to sponsor the event. A discussion to place as to what costs would be involved and whether we wanted to sponsor the event. **Decision:** It was agreed by all that we would like to sponsor the event and to cover the cost of Easter Eggs; a DJ and a character visit. This was proposed by Mr P Card and seconded by Mr I Llewelyn.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk shared a poster that had been designed by Mrs H Talaat. The following categories would be judged: - Overall Large Garden, Overall Small Garden, Vegetable Garden, Hanging Basket. Members were positive that this will be a success and come hopefully be the first of many. **Decision:** It was decided that the competition would be best judged some time in July when everything will be in full bloom and entries to be given in by 30 June. It was agreed that

we would invite someone from the local garden centre to be involved with the judging.

Swansea Council has sent the Private Works contract with the new contract costs for 2024/25. The cost is £791.30. **Decision:** All Members agreed to the costs for the coming year. **Action:** Clerk to return to contract.

Following the changes to the Clerks hours and terms and conditions a new contract and job description was shared with Members. **Decision:** This was approved by all Members and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

She informed Members that she had received the invoice following the recharge by Electoral Services at a cost of £75.00. **Decision:** All Members agreed to pay the invoice.

At one of our previous meetings, it was suggested that we invite the School Council from Pengelli Primary School to attend one of our meetings. **Decision:** It was agreed that we would invite them to attend our next meeting. **Action:** Clerk to send them an invitation.

Prior to the meeting The Clerk shared Part 1 – Theme C on the Finance and Governance Toolkit with Members and the following policies were shared: - Community Engagement Strategy; Welsh Language Measure 2011; Social Media Policy and Complaints. A discussion took place and many questions were raised in relation to the Welsh Language policy and whether or not we should be putting everything bilingually. **Decision:** It was decided that we would not adopt this policy at present and would seek further advice on guidance. Mr P Card proposed that the other policies be adopted and Mrs T Hardwick seconded this. **Action:** Clerk to get further guidance and advice regarding the Welsh Language Policy.

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 11 March 2024 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.