

**Decisions made at the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 14 July 2025**

Present:

Councillors
 Mrs T Hardwick (Vice Chairperson)
 Mr M Jones
 Mr W Erasmus
 Mr S Bates
 Mr M Osborn
 Mrs S Morgan
 Mrs H Talaat
 Mr R Hardwick
 Mr A Hamilton (Late)

Clerk
 Mrs Y Hamilton

Prior to the start of the meeting T Hardwick welcomed R Hardwick to our meeting. He had previously submitted an application for the position of Co-opted Community Councillor. He introduced himself and gave a brief background of his life and gave us his reasons of wanting to become a Community Councillor. **Decision:** All Members agreed to him becoming a co-opted Community Councillor and welcomed him to the group. R Hardwick signed the Acceptance of Office form and was looking forward to joining the Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2025

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

Previous Minute Ref	Matters arising	Current Position
3239 (i), 3244, 3258, 3271, 3284, 3297	L Holloway mentioned that he felt entering our village was not very defined and suggested putting white fences up at the entrances into the village depending on what the costs would be. Members agreed that this would look good and could also help with the speed issues through the village as it would kind of give off a warning that you were now entering a village, for example. Action: Clerk to enquire on what the costs would be and if it would meet Swansea Council's planning policies, etc. Update: A Stevens spoke to Highways and advised that this was a possibility but would want to do a site visit to see where the best position would be. He was also waiting for information regarding the costs to install and would get back to us with further details.	Update: Clerk shared information with Members that she had received from A Stevens re: the costs to install gateway signage. Members felt that the costs were extremely high and unless funding could be sourced would not be affordable at this time. Decision: It was agreed to put this on our wish list / issues log for further discussions in the future. Action: Clerk to put this out to social media to seek views from members of the public.
3279 (iii), 3284, 3297	W Erasmus proposed that we put some LED lights up on the street lights during the Xmas period and suggested that we apply for funding for this. Action: Clerk to contact Swansea Council to find out if it is possible and what the procedure is. The Clerk contacted street lighting who advised that we were unable to put any lights on wooden poles which were positioned in the middle of Grovesend. There was a possibility of putting them up as you enter / leave Grovesend. Action: Clerk to continue communicating with Street Lighting for further details. Clerk sent some suggested lamp-post numbers to Street Lighting to get an estimate of costs.	Update: Clerk provided Members with an update of costs that she had received from Street Lighting and a schedule of works. Decision: Members felt that it was something that we could not take part in this year due to costs but suggested contacting Bowen Hopkins to see if they could provide a cost for comparison. Agreed to add this to our wish list / issues log for future discussions. Action: Clerk to contact Bowen Hopkins and to put this out to social media to seek views

Funding requests

Clerk received an email from the Trustees asking if they could use the £1k annual funding commitment to purchase new chairs for the welfare hall as the current ones had served their time and many were in dis-repair and were becoming a Health and Safety concern. **Decision:** Following a discussion T Hardwick proposed that we agree to the £1k annual funding to be used to purchase new chairs. This was seconded by H Talaat. All Members agreed.

Clerk received a letter from Girlguiding – Grovesend Rainbows, Brownies and Guides which she read out to Members during the meeting. They have thanked us for our continued support over the last few years and expressed that our donations have made such a difference to girls in our area. However, due to the day to day living crisis they have asked if we are able to provide any further donations to go towards the rent, craft materials or trips over the next few months. **Decision:** Following a discussion and the current banking situation, S Morgan proposed that we give a financial donation of £150 and ask them to re-apply in 3 months-time once we receive the next scheduled precept payment. This was seconded by S Bates. All Members agreed.

Training costs

Decision – All Members agreed to pay for the Biodiversity Part 1 – Module 25 training for H Talaat, New Councillor induction training for S Bates and Chaining Skills training for T Hardwick.

Assessment of biodiversity actions (Section 6)

We have to completion and publish a Section 6 report by the end of 2025. L Holloway has attended some training and H Talaat is due to attend in the next couple of weeks. Clerk presented Members with our previous report for discussion.

Decision: It was agreed that following the training we will look at developing our previous reports for approval at a future meeting.

H Talaat informed Members that Pengelli Primary School were looking at opening a shop next year under the sustainability project and would be selling things like washing powder, etc (long lasting goods). This would obviously cost to set up and was wondering if this was something that the Community Council would support if the Eco-committee were to submit their business plan to a future meeting. **Decision:** Members initial thoughts were that this was a good idea and would be interested to hear more about it. **Action:** Clerk to invite the school committee to a future meeting to present their business plan.

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 8 September 2025 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.