

Decisions Made at Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 13 October 2025

Present: **Councillors**
Mrs L Holloway (Chairperson)
Mr S Bates
Mr W Erasmus
Mrs T Hardwick
Mr R Hardwick
Mr M Jones
Mrs D Thomas
 Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton
 Public Attendance
None

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

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from A Hamilton, M Osborn, S Morgan and H Talaat.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2025

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

Remembrance Service - Decision: T Hardwick proposed that we purchase a remembrance wreath to go alongside the banner at a cost of £27.37 and to give a donation of £150.00 to the church and a further £50.00 to the British Legion. This was seconded by S Bates. All Members agreed.

Halloween Competition - Decision: L Holloway proposed that we provide £20.00 worth of mixed sweets to give out on the night, boxes of chocolates for the runners up and suggested the same prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place the same as last year, being £75, £50 and £25. This was seconded by T Hardwick. All Members agreed.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk informed Members that she had received an email from W B Davies asking what the procedure was for uploading our minutes onto the website. She advised him that it was our policy to upload the minutes as soon as they get approved at the next meeting. She explained that she did however upload any decisions and actions prior to the next meeting so that individuals can still see what has been discussed and agreed prior to the next meeting. **Decision:** Majority of the Members felt that this was sufficient but would monitor this policy and update as necessary, if required.

Precept

Prior to the meeting the budget monitoring report was shared with Members and a potential expenditure report for next year's spend and a discussion took place. Through the increase in our precept, we can invest appropriately into our community and ensure that we cement many of our yearly activities although it was also agreed that we did not want to increase over the suggested % threshold. The suggested estimated spend totalled £27426.29 although the Clerk advised that there was a reserve of approximately £4k that could potentially be used in the coming year and therefore

the total could be reduced slightly. W Erasmus proposed that we increase the precept to £23500.00.

Decision: A vote took place and all agreed to set the precept at £23500.00

Funding requests and decisions agreed

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Clerk received an email from J Whitton asking for a financial contribution towards the DJ cost of a Halloween disco that they were organising in the Welfare Hall on 1 November 2025. He also asked if we could judge the Halloween fancy dress competition. **Decision:** R Hardwick proposed that we give £150 towards the cost of the DJ and prizes for the best dressed fancy dress. This was seconded by S Bates. All Members agreed. It was also agreed that T Hardwick and R Hardwick would judge the competition.

Xmas Celebrations

A discussion took place regarding this year's Xmas Celebrations and it was suggested that we follow the same format as we did the previous year due to the positive feedback we had received.

Decision: It was agreed that the Santa Parade and the Lighting of the Xmas tree would take place on Friday 28 November and the Xmas Children's disco will take place on Saturday 29 November. Timings to be confirmed.

This will be a joint event between the Community Council, Friends of the Park and Pengelli Sports and Social.

Action: Clerk to meet with M Jones who will be representing both the Community Council and Friends of the Park regarding the logistics of the event.

Action: M Jones to do a costing exercise for the event and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Grant funding for the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme was open to communities that live within five miles of waste transfer stations or landfill sites to fund a biodiversity focussed project. **Decision:** It was decided that we would apply for funding for the gates to be placed at the entrances to our village to try and alleviate speeding. **Action:** Clerk to submit the application prior to the deadline with help from L Holloway.

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 10 November 2025 at the Miners Welfare Hall. Remote access is available for anyone wishing to attend remotely.