

Decisions made at Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Monday 14 September 2026

Present:

Councillors
Mr S Bates
Mr R Hardwick
Mrs T Hardwick – Vice Chairperson
Mr M Jones
Mrs S Morgan
County Councillors
Mr A Stevens
Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton
Public Attendance
E Richards

Apologies were received from L Holloway, A Hamilton, M Osborn and H Talaat. W Erasmus and D Thomas were absent.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2026

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

Matters arising from the minutes

Update: Prior to the meeting A Hamilton shared an explanation as to why a handrail was not installed and the preferred solution of reducing the gradient and extend the existing ramp. He also expressed that this was not a public right of way and the work completed by the Council provides a significant benefit to the community. Decision: A couple of members were still concerned with this approach but agreed to monitor the situation.

Update: Clerk provided a quote she had received from Swansea Council to replace the bench. Decision: Members agreed to the cost to replace the bench but asked if we could hold the quote until nearer to the end of the financial year.

Update: Members went through the draft newsletter and agreed that it was eye catching and covered a lot of details. Clerk provided Members with a quote she had received and explained that the adverts would also generate an income. Decision: T Hardwick proposed that we accept the draft and was seconded by S Bates. All members agreed to go to print and approved the newsletter. Action: Members to let Clerk know who is available to deliver.

Financial Update

Committed Spend already approved since our last meeting

£2192.00 – Swansea Council – Hanging baskets
£255.92 – Swansea Council - Wildflowers
£1743.43 – Expenditure for Summer Fayre 2026
£8.50 – Bank charges
£200.00 – Pengelli AFC
£2125.00 - Defibs
£200.00 – Audit Wales
£310.00 – Garden Competition
£100.00 – Internal Auditor
£70.00 - Halloween

Income received

£1125.00 – C C Swansea – Donation for Defibs
£6305.00 – C C Swansea – Donation towards Climbing Frame
£80.00 – Donation from stall holders for Summer Fayre
£300.00 – Donation from Friends of Pengelli Park for Summer Fayre
£7833.33 - Precept

Clerk received the following invoices: -

Kingsbridge Print – 560 A4 12pp format newsletters - £397.00 – **Decision:** All Members agreed to pay the invoice.

-The Clerk informed Members that she had worked additional hours in connection with public liaison activities and requested payment for 8 hours of additional work. She explained that she had, in fact, worked considerably more hours than those claimed. **Decision:** Members agreed that the payment was acceptable and confirmed the additional hours worked.

-The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed the new pay scales for 2026-27 to be implemented from 1 April 2026. **Decision:** All Members agreed to the new pay rate on the same scale and to be backdated from 1 April 2026.

-The total cost of the climbing track was £26305.00 plus VAT. Following the Lottery funding of £20000.00 plus a donation of £6305.00 from County Councillors there was still a balance of £5261.00. **Decision:** It was agreed that this would be paid by Grovesend and Waungron Community Council.

-Clerk requested that the budget provisionally set for Halloween events be increased to £450.00 due to the Halloween Disco also being provided. **Decision:** Following an account of estimated costs to run all the events confirmed T Hardwick proposed that we accept the request to increase the budget as long as we have the funds available. R Hardwick seconded this. All Members agreed.

-She had received a funding request from Cerebral Palsy Cymru's Annual Council Appeal. **Decision:** Members noted this.

Remembrance Service

This year's Remembrance Service is 8 November but following previous years it was agreed that we would put on a service midweek. **Decision:** It was decided that this year the service would be 4 November at 6:00 p.m. It was agreed that the following donations would be made - £150.00 donation to Mount Pleasant Chapel and £50.00 donation to the Royal British Legion. **Action:** Clerk to contact the British Legion to see if they could attend with a Beuglar and Flag Bearer. Clerk to contact Pengelli Primary School to see if they could take part in the service. Clerk to contact D Merriman and C Knox to see if they would read the names of the fallen soldiers. Clerk to advertise the event.

Halloween Competition

A discussion was held regarding the annual Halloween competition, following feedback received from last year's event. Last year's prizes were: - 1st Prize – £75.00, 2nd Prize – £50.00, 3rd Prize – £25.00. It was noted that boxes of chocolates would also be provided to the runners-up. **Decision:** It was agreed that the judging for the Halloween competition would take place at 5:00 p.m. on 31 October 2026. It was also agreed that a Halloween Disco, in conjunction with Pengelli Sports and Social, would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 1 November 2026. A Best Decorated Pumpkin Competition would also be held as part of the Halloween activities. **Action:** The Clerk to advertise the competition on the organisation's social media pages and website.

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 12 October 2026 at the Miners Welfare Hall.