Decisions made at the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on Monday 12 October 2026

Present: **Councillors**
Mr L Holloway - Chairperson
Mr S Bates
Mr W Erasmus – Remotely - Late
Mr R Hardwick
Mrs T Hardwick – Vice Chairperson
Mr M Jones
Mrs H Talaat
Mrs D Thomas
County Councillors
Mr A Stevens
Clerk
Mrs Y Hamilton

Apologies were received from A Hamilton, J Curtice and N Matthews. M Osborn and S Morgan were absent.

Disclosure of personal interest
Mike Jones expressed an interest in item 3488: Matters arising from the minutes in relation to storage of Grovesend and Waungron Community Councils stock.

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2026
The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by T Hardwick and seconded by M Jones.

Matters arising from the minutes
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. **Update:** Clerk provided Members with some quotes for storage costs. The cheapest she could get it was £520.00 per year. **Decision:** R Hardwick proposed that we give a donation of £350.00 to M Jones for continuing to keep our stock in a container at his premises. H Talaat seconded this. All Members agreed to this and thanked M Jones for providing storage in the many years prior. **Action:** Clerk to put together an inventory of stock.

Financial Update and discuss the precept
Committed Spend already approved since our last meeting
£4.25 – Bank charges
£60.00 – Hire of room for meeting July and September
£397.00 – Newsletters
£117.21 – Halloween
£ - Additional admin hours
£ - Salary
£ - Expenses

Income received
£100.00 – Adverts for newsletter – CDH Grass cutting and Friends of Golden Grove Park

£300.00 – C Minich Swansea and County Councillors – Donation towards Halloween and Xmas Events

Clerk received the following invoices: -
£31,566.00 – Redlynch Leisure Installations Ltd – **Decision:** Members agreed for the invoice to be paid for the installation of the climbing track.

She had received a funding request from Wales Air Ambulance. **Decision:** Members noted this.

Precept 2026–2027
The Clerk provided Members with details of the previous year's estimated expenditure and asked them to consider their priorities and any projects they wished to undertake during the 2026–2027 financial year. Members were advised that provision would also need to be made for potential election costs. **Action:** The Clerk to prepare a draft budget document for circulation to Members ahead of the next meeting, identifying areas where potential savings could be made. All Members to review the draft and provide any comments or suggestions to the Clerk prior to next month's meeting.

Xmas Celebrations – Santa Parade / Xmas Tree Light Switch and Xmas Disco
A working group has been set up between Friends of the Park and Yvonne to pull together this year's event. Discussions so far has included making contact with a brass band to see if they are available to attend the Xmas Tree Light Switch and perform some Xmas Carols. We are hoping to have hotdogs / mince pies available on the evening. Further discussions to take place and an update will be provided at the next meeting. The budget allocated for this event was in total £2000.00 which included £1500.00 for the parade and disco; £300.00 for selection boxes for Pengelli Primary School and £200.00 for sponsorship of the tree. **Decision:** All Members agreed to continue with the budget already allocated and requeste that the Clerk provide a spreadsheet of expenditure at the next meeting. **Action:** Members to let the Clerk and/or M Jones if they are available to help out with the organisation or on the day as volunteers will be required.

Clerk's Report
The Clerk reported on the following: -
Clerk informed Members that she had received an invite from the Clerk, Gorseinon Town Council to attend a meeting on 20 October with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in relation to this year's Christmas Lantern Parade which will take place on 26 November. **Decision:** Clerk and T Hardwick will attend the meeting.

Date of next meeting
It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday 9 November 2026 at the Miners Welfare Hall.