

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Ysgol Cefneithin C.P. School on Monday, 14th November, 2016, at 7.00.p.m.

101.0. Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- **Members Present:** Cllrs Wyn Edwards (Chair), Darren Price, Nia Lewis, Tina Jukes, Simon Martin, Brian Kirby, Aled Owen, Clive Green, Anthony Rees, Ellis Davies, Terry Davies and Terry Jones.
- **Others:** Mr Anthony Hamilton- Shaw (CARIAD), Llew Thomas Clerk to the Council, Mr Hefin Jones, Translator and four members of the general public.
- **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Huw Davies, Janice Price and Gavin Griffiths,

101.1 Welcome

- The Chair extended a warm welcome to everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
- He introduced Mr. Anthony Hamilton-Shaw, from the charity CARIAD, who was in attendance to give a presentation relating to the provision of defibrillators.
- Following discussion and with the agreement of members it was resolved that the order of business be changed to allow the presentation from CARIAD to be considered first.

102.0 Agenda Item 4. Presentation by CARIAD relating to defibrillators.

102.1 Background

- Mr A Hamilton Shaw provided an outline explaining the need for and the benefits which derive from providing defibrillators within a community. The main points of the presentation are summarised below: -
 - (i) No of Incidents: Across the U.K. some 8,000 people and 240 children annually lose their life as a result of a heart attack outside of the hospital environment.
 - (ii) Survival Rate: For individuals in such circumstances the survival rate is 3% but rises to 74% where they are within 150 yards of a defibrillator.
 - (iii) Compatibility. The type of defibrillator provide by CARIAD is used widely in schools, by the ambulance service and fitted to every fire engine in Wales.

102.2 The CARIAD Package:

- (i) The charity provides defibrillators at a cost of £900 per unit for internal use, or £1,300 per unit for external use including the provision of a suitable cabinet. VAT is not payable on the units given that CARIAD is a registered charity.
- (ii) The units would be subject to a regular inspection by CARIAD, Welsh Ambulance and Fire Services.

- (iii) CARIAD would replace the gel pads after use or at the specified maintenance period. Following an incident, they would also download and forward E.C.G. results to the relevant hospital.
- (iv) Unlimited number of training sessions on the use of the equipment would be provided by the charity free of charge for a period of 7 years from purchase.
- (v) CARIAD would undertake a mapping exercise to determine the most suitable and beneficial locations for the placement of the items within the Cefneithin, Foelgastell, Drefach and Gorslas areas.
- (vi) The charity would also prepare and submit an application to the Big Lottery for funding of £5,000 towards the cost of units. Previous applications having a 100% success rate.

102.3 Questions and Answers

(i) Location.

- It was explained that to be effective the defibrillator needed to be placed no more than three minutes or about 150 metres (one way) from the patient.
- The mapping process would identify locations within the 150mtr circle which the defibrillator would serve. The location would also be logged with, and could be used by the ambulance service.

(ii) Lockable Cabinet.

- CARIAD indicated that in 5 years none of the 1,000 or so defibrillators which they had placed had been vandalised or been stolen.
- Cabinets with codes were available but it was maintained that in an emergency situation communicating and relaying the code could present difficulties and cause delay.
- Based on their experience the charity did not see the necessity to provide a secure cabinet and if a non-protected defibrillator was stolen or damaged the charity would replace free of charge.

(iii) Heated Cabinet.

- These were available and cost some £400.00 and operated at temperatures from -5 C to -30 C and helped protect and ensure the gel surrounding the pads were in a good condition. Operational costs were estimated at £5 per annum.

(iv) Grant Funding.

- It was explained that the grant of up to £5,000 funding towards the cost of the defibrillators was available every 12 months.
- This provided an opportunity to prepare and implement a strategic long term plan for the provision of defibrillators for the area.
- In making an application it was not necessary to specify the specific location of the defibrillator – the area was sufficient.

(v) Cefneithin Hall.

- The attention of members was also drawn by the Chair of Y Neuadd, Cefneithin, who was in attendance as a member of the general public, to the fact that the Neuadd was in

the process of making a grant application through CARIAD for the provision of a defibrillator.

- The application would now be delayed pending the receipt of the analysis from CARIAD on the optimum placement points for the items within the community.

102.4 Resolved

- Following discussion, it was proposed and agreed, without amendment, that: -
 - (i) CARIAD prepare a draft grant bid submission to the Big Lottery by the Community Council for a grant for the provision of defibrillators with heated external cabinets at Cefneithin, Foelgastell, Drefach and Gorslas.
 - (ii) CARIAD undertake and forward to the Community Council for consideration a mapping exercise analysing and identifying the optimum locations for the Council to decide upon the locations at which defibrillators would be placed.

103.0 Non - Agenda Item. Address by members of the Public

103.1 Suspension of Standing Orders.

- **Resolved:** It was proposed by Cllr T Davies, seconded by Cllr Clive Green and unanimously agreed by members that standing orders be suspended to allow the members of the public present to address the meeting.

103.2 Co - Ordination and Integration

- Mr Darren Sedgewick introduced himself as the Chair of the Management Committee of Y Neuadd, Cefneithin and indicated it was the wish of the committee to see a greater co-ordination and integration of provision between the Community Council and the Management committee of Y Neuadd.

103.3 Division of Responsibilities

- It was indicated that the committee were unclear as to where responsibility lay for the control and maintenance of the building, car parking and areas associated with the hall building and grounds under the current arrangements.
- The committee had concerns relating to the condition of the vehicle parking area, kerbs, access gates as well as railings on the access platform to the building.
- The Community Council Chair replied that these areas had been defined in the original lease granted by the Community Council to the Welfare Association however that lease had expired and the Community Council was in the process of drawing up a new one.
- It was noted that a payment of £50 per annum was being made in respect of the previous lease agreement and with the lease expired the question was raised as to what purpose the payment was being made.
- In response it was noted that the Community Council had recognised that the Hall had gone through very difficult times in previous years and the payment had not been collected . Additionally, to ensure that the facility was available to the public, the Community Council had provided assistance to meet the insurance costs.
- A new lease agreement would cost some £ 750.00. but would clarify matters.

- **Resolved:** Following discussion it was proposed and agreed, without amendment, that:
 - (i) the Community Council proceed to instruct that a new lease be drawn up.
 - (ii) Advice be taken as to the most suitable and practical period for which the new lease should be granted.

103.4 New Multi Use Games Area

- Clarification was sought as to which organisation or body would be responsible for the control and security of the new facility and whether or not there was an intention to provide lighting to allow evening use or CCTV for security purposes.
- An offer to provide and locate a CCTV camera on the hall at Cefneithin which would monitor the new MUGA was made by the Chair of Y Neuadd
- The Chair replied on behalf of the Community Council that responsibility for the MUGA rested with the Community Council. Whilst there were no plans to provide CCTV coverage or lighting the concerns relating to damage resulting from vandalism were noted the position would be kept under review.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

103.5 Cefneithin Park – Letters to Residents.

- Representatives noted that some 16 letters had been issued by the Community Council to residents whose properties border the park in relation to the removal of a temporary structure and debris from the park.
- It was confirmed by the representatives that the items had been removed.
- It was indicated that some residents were not clear as to whether or not the term structure included gates or steps providing access from properties to the park.
- The Clerk advised that as the item was covered by sheeting it had been difficult to find a suitable term but with structure being considered the most appropriate.
- The Community Council Chair noted the concern of residents in relation to gates and steps accessing the park but reminded residents that prior to the provision of such items the householders should write to and obtain the permission of the Community Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

103.6 Cefneithin Park – Drainage

- Residents indicated that for properties which were at the lowest point of the landfall and which bordered the park had experienced difficulties with water from the park.
- This had led to back gardens becoming unusable, wooden structures rotting prematurely and in one instance some three years ago, a conservatory being flooded.
- It was highlighted that in response to concerns the Community Council had provided a French drain within the park draining into an adjoining field. Due to lack of maintenance the drain was blocked and attempts by residents to clear it had been unsuccessful.
- **Resolved.** That the Clerk contact the specialist drainage contractor who had undertaken work at Gorslas Park recently to make an assessment of the situation.

103.7 Cefneithin Park – Other Matters.

- Residents also indicated that there was a concern relating to a number of other items such as, the location of the park boundary, unauthorised access, grass cutting, section 106 monies, safety concerns related to the wooded area, lack of knowledge and understanding by residents as to who owned and controlled the park and of who their local Community Councillor was.
- **Resolved:** That a meeting be arranged between the group and the five Cefneithin ward members, the Chair and Clerk to discuss and clarify any outstanding issues. The group to forward by e mail a number of possible dates and times for the meeting to the Clerk.

103.8 Closing Remarks

- The Chair conveyed the gratitude and appreciation of the Council for the hard work of the management group for Y Neuadd in turning around the fortunes of the venture.
- It was noticeable that the hall was always busy providing a variety of activities catering for different groups within community. On behalf of the Community Council he wished them every success in the future.

104.0 Agenda Item 2 Declarations of Interest

104.1 Planning: Cllr T Davies declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in relation to his role as a County Councillor serving on the County Council planning sub-committee.

104.2 Correspondence Mobile Mast Placement: Cllr W Edwards and Cllr Aled Owen a personal and prejudicial interest as members of Drefach Cricket and Football Club. Cllr Nia Lewis a personal and prejudicial interest due to the close proximity of the mast to her home.

104.3 Correspondence – Placement of advertising banners at Cefneithin and Gorslas Parks. Cllrs Ellis Davies, Brian Kirby and C Green as trustees of Cross Hands Cinema.

104.4 Members took no part in the discussion or decisions relating to the items for which they had declared an interest.

105.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr W. Edwards and seconded by Cllr T Davies that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from the discussion relating to the tenders received for the provision of safety surfacing for the Titan Swing and Rotor as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'
- **Resolved:** The motion being agreed unanimously

106.0 Agenda Item 5. Consider the Minutes of Meeting held on the 10th October, 2016.

- Under the direction of the Chair members proceeded to examine and consider each page of the minutes of both meetings for accuracy.

- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr C. Green and seconded by Cllr T. Jones and agreed by all present that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th October, 2016, were a true and accurate record of proceedings and decisions.

107.0. Agenda Item 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

107.1 Asset Register

- A revised draft asset register by ward has been completed and distributed to members prior to the meeting.
- **Resolved:** The Chair requested that members scrutinise carefully the papers which they had received and bring any changes to the December meeting.

107.2 Model Financial Regulations

- The matter will be considered by the sub-committee in due course.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

107.3 Section 106 Monies Cefneithin Park.

- The earth works, drainage and base impact surface had been completed.
- An issue had however arisen in relation to the suppliers of the artificial grass surface which would delay completion by some two weeks i.e. mid-December.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

107.4 Parks. Update Titan Swing and Rotator Swing at Gorslas Park.

- As resolved under agenda Item 2 the press and public were excluded from the discussion relating to this matter.
- Tenders had been received and advice taken in relation to the suitability of the products and scope of works to ensure value for money in the long term.
- It was indicated that it was the intention to seek funding from the section 106 monies in respect to the proposed works.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To make application for section 106 funds to carry out the works.
 - (ii) Should the funding not be granted that the Community Council meet the cost.
 - (iii) That subject to a decision on the availability and any requirements attached to section 106 monies the contract be awarded to tenderer D at the price quoted.

107.5 Gorslas Park

- Teen Shelter. Signage advising users of the dangers of climbing and falling from the structure have been received and are to be fitted shortly.
- Aerial Runway. An instruction has been issued to Parks and Play for the tightening of the aerial runway and the re-positioning of the safety stop.
- **Resolved:** To receive and approve the actions taken.

107.6 Drefach Park

- Multi Use Equipment. Draft drawings have been received for the replacement item which will be discussed with the relevant inspectorate before commissioning.

- **Resolved:** To receive and approve the actions taken.

107.7 Community Council Website.

- Discussion on this item took place under agenda item 15.

107.8 Overgrowth- Heol Blaenhirwaun.

- As resolved at the last meeting the concern raised by members was relayed to the County Council.
- Cllr Wyn Edwards confirmed that the work had been completed.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

107.9 Planning Application Feedback.

- Enquiries were made of the County Council in relation to the cessation of the previous practice of notifying Community Councils of the outcome of applications. To date a response has not been received.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

107.10 Pavements and Steps Heol Yr Ysgol

- Concern had been relayed to the County Council in relating to the condition of the above and the injuries which could befall users if the steps were not attended to.
- Confirmation had been received that works to replace the kerbs would commence as soon as possible.
- In spite of reminders being sent regrettably a response had still not been received in respect of rectifying the steps.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

107.11 Bus Service 701 Aberystwyth to Cardiff.

- No further information had been received in relation to the above however it was noted that reports in the press indicated that the service was due to re-start shortly.
- Members confirmed that they had also received confirmation that the service would resume and that the service would include a stop at Cross Hands.
- Cllr E Davies indicated that he was of the view that had the Community Council not raised and championed the inclusion of a stop at Cross Hands it was doubtful if the service would have included the provision.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and welcome the information provided.

107.12 Public Service Board- Wellbeing. Llannon Community Council.

- As agreed at the last meeting an invitation has forwarded to the Llannon Community Council to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss their experience and approach to Wellbeing agenda.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

107.13 Drefach Cross Hands Governing Body - Minor Authority Representative.

- The County Council have been notified that Cllr Nia Lewis has been nominated as the Community Council's representative to serve on the Governing Body.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

107.14 Arrangements Christmas Celebrations Seasonal Decorations Licence/ Unmetered Supply.

- Tenders had been invited for the supply and delivery of one 30ft + tree and two 15ft trees to sites in the three villages.
- The two strings of lights for the Christmas tree at Drefach had been received.
- **Resolved:** That the Community Council: -
 - (i) Proceed to purchase the Christmas Trees for the three villages at the price quoted of £ 405.00 excluding VAT for the supply, delivery and, in the case of Gorslas Square the erection of the tree as soon as a matter of urgency.
 - (ii) That the services of Charles B Sams be engaged to connect the Christmas lights.
 - (iii) The relevant applications be made to Western Power and Carmarthenshire County Council in relation to the siting of the tree and the provision of power.

107.15 The 30th Anniversary Celebrations.

- The Sub-Committee is open to suggestions in relation to the above.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

108.0 Agenda Item 7 New Matters Parks and General

108.1 Cefneithin Park.

108.2 Damage to Safety Surface.

- The Clerk advised that the Park Inspector had contacted him by telephone on Friday 21st October,2016 to report that a portion of the safety surface had been vandalised requiring the item of equipment to be de-commissioned.
- Following discussion with the inspector and Parks Department the County Council undertook the repair that same morning allowing the item to return to service that day and in time for the weekend period. The cost will be in the region of £300.
- The prompt and helpful action of Mr A Williams and Mr Ian Edwards from the County Council in re-arranging works to accommodate the repair was much appreciated.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

108.3 Insurance Cover MUGA

- As a result of the provision of the MUGA the Clerk advised the Council's insurance of the addition of the asset to the Council's property portfolio at a value of £70k.
- The company have responded that the Council and have indicated that the Council has cover currently for £75k worth of play equipment.
- Accordingly, there would be no need to increase the level of insurance cover in respect of this item. A fact which was confirmed by the company in a telephone call to the Clerk on the 7th November,2016.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

108.4 Drefach Park.

108.5 Boundary Hedge Tree Growth.

- Cllr Clive Green relayed to the Clerk the concerns of residents of no's 39 and 41 Brynglas that engineers had advised them that the presence of large trees and the associated foliage was interfering with their television reception.
- As there is a footpath which is owned and maintained by the County Council the issue has been referred to the housing department who arranged for the hedge to be trimmed by the grounds maintenance division.
- The Clerk also sought legal guidance from One Voice Wales in relation to responsibility for boundary hedges and tree growth.
- The advice indicated that there was no legal right to receive a television signal.
- In respect of responsibility for trees then that would rest with whichever party planted the tree but would transfer to a new owner upon purchasing the land.
- The position will be monitored and costs obtained for the cutting back of the trees.
- The Clerk advised that the County Council had indicated that they would cut back the growth on the footpath and was of the view that the work had been carried out.
- In response to an enquiry the Clerk indicated that he could not confirm as to whether or not the work was restricted to the section of hedge along the length of the park or would extend along the section owned by a private landowner.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the actions taken.

108.6 Drainage Issues – Garden Plot.

- It was reported that difficulties with poor drainage in the park had resulted in a number of trees planted in that area failing to grow as they should.
- A request was made for the contractor undertaking the assessment of works necessary at Cefneithin to also assess the situation in respect of the garden plot at Drefach Park.
- **Resolved:** That the assessment include the garden plot area at Drefach Park.

108.6 Gorslas Park.

108.7 Disabled Toilets – RADAR Door Lock

- It had been reported to the Clerk that it had not been possible to lock and secure the disabled toilet door due to damage.
- A new lock has been purchased at a cost of £185.50 and has been fitted.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

108.8 Disabled Toilets – Assistance Lights

- As part of the facility an outside light is provided which alerts passers-by that the person is in need of assistance.
- The unit has been identified as not working and had to be replaced.
- As there have also been several incidents of the outside lights being damaged by individuals kicking a ball against the building and unintentionally breaking the assistance

and other lighting units the contractor has been instructed to place guards over the outside lights to prevent a re-occurrence. The cost is £279.00.

- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

108.9 Parking.

- Concern was expressed over the fact that there are instances of individuals leaving a vehicle in the area dedicated to parking by users of the park. It was suggested that signage advising users that the parking was for a limited time be introduced.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

108.10 Public Convenience Vandalism

- It had been reported to the Clerk on the 10th November that an attempt had been made to set fire to the toilet holder in the gent's cubicle at Gorslas and the cubicle vandalised.
- Since the incident, the gent's toilet cubicle had remained locked and a new stainless steel holder ordered. The matter reported to the police and a crime number obtained.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the information provided.

108.11 Unsociable Behaviour Noise Nuisance

- The group were advised that reports had been received of considerable and persistent noise nuisance emanating from the area of the park near the public convenience.
- **Resolved:** That the nuisance be reported to the Police together with a request that they include a walking patrol of the park on their routine patrol.

108.12 Large Trees

- The Clerk drew the attention of members to previous discussions relating to the need to cut back certain of the large trees bordering properties on Church Road to prevent the possibility of damage to properties or persons should they fall as a result of a storm.
- Discussion also took place in relation to the concerns of residents bordering Drefach park on the effect of park trees on their television reception.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That given the time of year and the possibility of bad weather standing orders be suspended in relation to this matter and a price obtained for the work.
 - (ii) To maximise the efficient use of resources it was felt beneficial that a quotation be also obtained for the work necessary at Drefach Park.
 - (iii) Powers be delegated to the Sub Committee to authorise the work to be undertaken depending on the quotation being acceptable.

109.0 Agenda Item 8 Item 8 Urgent Local Issues.

109.1 Footpath 31/12. Rear of Garden plots to Bridge.

- Cllr B Kirby advised that the path is slippery and hazardous to users and also that that stream that where the footpath crosses the stream there is a considerable amount of debris which needs to be cleared.

- The rights of Way maintenance team have responded and confirmed they have issued instructions for the clearance of debris from the path.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the information provided.

109.2 Footpath 31/16 Heol Yr Ysgol to Ty Canol Farm

- It was reported that the footpath that leads from Heol Yr Ysgol to Ty Canol Farm is in need of clearing at the Heol Yr Ysgol end.
- The rights of Way maintenance team have responded and confirmed they have issued instructions for the clearance of debris from the paths.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the information provided

109.3 Activity Ty Canol Farm – Planning Permission.

- Concern was expressed by Cllr B Kirby as to whether or not there was a requirement for planning permission for developments at the property where three caravans and a small marquee and a chalet have been established.
- The enquiry has been relayed to the County Council's planning department however a response has not been received to date.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the information provided

109.4 Accident Gorslas Square

- Cllr Ellis Davies advised the meeting that there had been an accident at Gorslas square involving two articulated lorries which had put certain of the traffic lights out of action.
- Cllr Davies wished to thank Cllr T Davies and the relevant County Council Department for their prompt action in re-locating the school crossing patrol to Gorslas Square to ensure the safety of children and adults crossing the road at that point.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

110.0. Agenda Item 9 Members Report.

110.1 Cross Hands Cinema Trustees.

- Cllr Clive Green advised the meeting that at a meeting on the 20th October, 2016, he had been re-elected as Chair of the Cross Hands Cinema Hall Trustees.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and congratulate Cllr Green on his re-appointment.

110.2 Remembrance Memorial Service.

- Thanks, were given by Cllr T Davies to the Chair for attending the remembrance ceremony on Sunday at the Church Hall where a memorial plaque to those from the three villages who lost their lives in the conflicts.
- Discussion also took place in relation to whether or not the memorial plaques to those from the area who had lost their lives in the wars had been re-located from the site of the former Ysgol Y Gwendraeth to the new school.
- **Resolved:** Cllr T Davies would make enquiries of the Headteacher of Maes Y Gwendraeth School.

111.0 Agenda Item 10 PACT Report.

- Present: 8 members of the public + 2 PCSOs (Bethan & Sheree)
- The third PCSO based at Cross Hands is currently covering staff sickness at the Ammanford Police Station.
- Actions on matters raised at previous meeting:
 - (i) - action taken on parking in Gate Road, Penygroes
 - (ii) - off road bikes problem in Pontyberem is being monitored
 - (iii) - ASB in Tumble; youths spoken to
 - (iv) - speeding past Llechyfedach Primary School, mainly in the morning. This has been referred to Traffic Division.
- Crimes last month: 25
- Locations: Cefneithin 0; Gorslas 0; Drefach 3. (2 in Capel Seion) Crimes were: harassment (Drefach), harassment (Capel Seion), dangerous dog (Capel Seion). Pontyberem 4; Llanarthne 4; Cross Hands 4; Maesybont 1; Tumble 3; Llanddarog 0.
- Issues raised:
 - (i) Problems of the new traffic lights near the chip shop in Cross Hands being regularly ignored.
 - (ii) A house at Blaenhirwaun at night is showing a very bright halogen light outside its front door, potentially blinding traffic approaching Cross Hands from Drefach.
 - (iii) All eleven primary schools within the police's area have been visited and talks given to pupils about: Halloween and bonfire night
 - (iv) " Clowns "Two sightings locally; one in Cross Hands and one in Llechyfedach.
 - (v) Safety and good behaviour for Halloween.
 - (vi) Safety and danger of fires, given jointly with the Fire Service, for Bonfire Night.
- SID (Speed Indicator Device) exercises have recently been undertaken in conjunction with some of the area's primary schools. Joint exercises with Police, County Road Safety Team and school children.
- In Drefach 10 vehicles were stopped and drivers spoken to by the school children, and one person was booked.
- In Cross Hands 18 vehicles were stopped and one driver booked. The Police were thanked for their continuing efforts to get drivers to obey the speed limit.
- Next meeting: 24 November 2016 at 7pm in Cross Hands Hall

112.0. Agenda Item 11 Correspondence.

(i) Consultation.

No	From	Subject	Notes
112.1	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on how the National Infrastructure Commission should be set up and run. • Details on website at: https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/national-infrastructure-commission-wales 	Respond by 09/01/17
112.2	Carms CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the removal of three public call boxes in the area. Option to buy for £1 each. • Foelgastell. SA14 7EN. No calls past 12 months. • Heol Y Parc. SA14 7DE. 49 calls past 12 months. • Capel Seion Rd. SA14 7BN. No calls past 12 months 	Respond by 25/11/16
112.3	Jonathan Edwards MP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to BT proposal to remove call boxes. • Invitation to make representations on behalf of the Council 	ASAP
112.4	Pegasus Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group is working with Shared Access on a planning application to site a telecommunications structure at Drefach Cricket & Football Club, Cae Gwyn Terrace Drefach. • The structure will be 15m tall and deliver next generation 4G communications infrastructure improving fast internet connection to residents and businesses. • The proposal will comply with the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection • The Council's views are sought for input into the design stage. 	Respond by 15/11/16
112.5	Cllr N Lewis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter relaying the concerns raised by the residents of Heol Cae Gwyn in relation to the proposal. They are: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Health concerns- unknown dangers from radiation from the mast including online reports of Tumours/cancers, dizziness, headaches and rashes. (ii) Location. The proposed location is in a "bowl" surrounded by dense woodland. Trees would restrict transmission with only 80 houses benefitting from the scheme. (iii) None of the residents spoken to in relation to the proposal use the networks and would not benefit from the proposal. (iv) Difficulty in selling properties and a reduction in property values as a result of the mast. 	T.B.D

		(v) The mast would be sited 100m from a house whereas online guidance recommends a minimum distance of 500m.	
112.6	Hywel Dda Community Health Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Standards have been set for each Community Health Council. Each Board can however set its own local priorities and activities. The Board of Hywel Dda CHC want to gather the views of individuals and organisations on such matters. Details and response forms are available at http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/904/page/88383 	No Response Date Stated.
112.7	Older persons in Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the groups work, in association with its partners they are seeking views on how easy it is for older persons to walk within their communities. They are seeking views via a short survey which is available online at http://www.ageingwellinwales.com/en/age-friendly-streets 	No Response Date Stated
112.8	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on the new Welsh Language Strategy. Information and guidance on how to submit views available online at http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=232 	Closing Date 30/11/16
112.9	Planning Aid Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking views on establishing a Planning Network for Community Councils to share knowledge and good practice, engagement and increase capacity. Views on line or may be submitted to the Clerk. 	Closing Date 16/11/16

- Resolved:** To receive and note the correspondence relating to the above items and to respond as follows in respect of the following items: -

- Item 112.2/112.3. That the Community Council has concerns in relation to the removal of the telephone box at Heol Y Parc.
- Item 112.4. That the Community Council supports the objections made by the local residents and the Drefach Welfare Association.

(ii) General Correspondence

No	From	Subject	Notes
112.10	Community Energy Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autumn Newsletter is available on the association's website or an electronic copy from the Clerk. 	N/A

112.11	Carmarthenshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking donation of toys to cater for children from birth to 16 years of age for those families in financial hardship. • Donations can be made at Council Offices in Llanelli, Carmarthen or Ammanford. 	Respond by 09/12/16
112.12	Llangollen International Eisteddfod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking Authorities who contributed in 2016 to consider doing so again for 2017. 	N/A
112.13	Home Start Dinefwr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The not for profit organisation provides support to families facing the challenges of bringing up children in the Dinefwr area. • As a voluntary group, they are seeking donations to help meet costs but also would welcome anyone who could volunteer their time to help them. 	N/A
112.14	Llanelli Centre for the Deaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club has a centre where the deaf community drawn from across West Wales, their friends and families can meet. • The centre is seeking funds to allow it to provide a meeting/activity room so that parents and toddler groups can be set up. 	N/A
112.15	Wales Air Ambulance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise they have opened a new facility at Dafen. • Invitation for members to attend between 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Alternative times upon request. 	N/A
112.16	Cancer Information and Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides counselling and emotional support to cancer patients, their families and friends including home visits and a 365-day helpline. • They have supported 1800 individuals visiting 300 homes in the County. • The charity asks for a donation to help it meet the growth in demand for its services. 	N/A
112.17	One Voice Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise that the next Area Committee meeting is to be held on the 15th November,2016 at Llandovery. 	N/A
112.18	Locality Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consists of Health and Social Care Professionals aimed at providing care for older adults particularly those with physical or sensory impairment. • A Community Resilience Officer has been appointed for the Gwendraeth Area and the option exist of inviting them to meet with the Council. 	N/A

112.19	Wales Audit Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The latest copy of the newsletter is available on the Audit Office Website or an electronic copy from the Clerk. 	N/A
112.20	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first edition of Welsh Treasury News is available on Welsh Government website or an electronic version from the Clerk. 	N/A
112.21	Cor Meibion Y Mynydd Mawr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification that the Choir finished its 50th Anniversary celebrations at Pontyberem Hall on Saturday 15th October,2016. The evening was a great success drawing a standing ovation from the crowd and it will long be remembered as a fitting celebration of choral music 	N/A
112.22	Carmarthenshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification that the Annual external audit of playgrounds is underway. 	N/A
112.23	Mr J Seward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for any assistance or local knowledge in tracing the history of Treventy Farm 	N/A
112.24	Eiriol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group deal with mental health advocacy with their quarterly newsletter available online or via the Clerk. 	N/A
112.25	NHS Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking to appoint Vice Chair and Independent members. Details on <https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/7/adv/> 	Respond by 15/11/16
112.26	Gorslas Welfare Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to the Chair to attend the switching on of the Christmas lights at Gorslas square on from 6.15pm onwards on Thursday 1st December,2016. Fireworks display at 7.00 p.m. in the park. 	N/A
112.27	Alfie's Beer Bus (Paul Cammack)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The company is holding a family friendly event at Cross Hands Cinema on Saturday 17th December,2016. The event will have craft stalls, street food, locally brewed beers/ ciders, carol singers and the film "Elf" showing. The company is keen to make it an event for the community and would seek permission to place two 5ft by 2ft banners on the railings outside Cefneithin Park and the other outside Gorslas Park. 	N/A

112.28	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are working on Cymru'n Cofio 1914-18. • Authorities are invited to submit any commemorative event which they are organising for inclusion in the Programme 2017 brochure. 	Respond by 1/12/16
112.29	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity in Democracy Training sessions are offered in support of the programme: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 02/12/16 Llandrindod – 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. (ii) 05/12/16 Neath – 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. (iii) 07/12/16 Newport – 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. 	Not Stated
112.30	Future Generations Commissioner Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner advises that the report” arising out of Commissioners public engagement programme entitled “Talking Future Generations the Conversation so Far is available on the Commissions website www.futuregenerations.wales 	Not Stated
112.31	Cymdeithas Yr Iaith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning the future of our Communities is a one day event held on the 28th January,2017, at the library in Carmarthen and is intended to include discussion on Local Development Plans, the housing market etc. 	Not Stated

- Resolved:
 - (i) To note and receive the information provided.
 - (ii) In response to item 112.23 that any member who had information which could help Mr Seward to contact him direct.

113.0 Agenda Item 12 One Voice Wales.

113.1 Annual Report

- The annual report is available online or an electronic copy is available from the Clerk.

113.2 Training Courses

Date	Day	Location	Subject
01/11/2016	Tuesday	Caersws, SY17 5PH	Module 6 – Local Government Finance
10/11/2016	Thursday	Newtown SY16 2BB	Module 4 – Understanding the Law
17/11/2016	Thursday	Brecon LC3 7HY	Module 10 – Chairing Skills

23/11/2016	Wednesday	Builth Wells, Powys. LD2 3AA	Module 6 – Local Government Finance
24/11/2016	Thursday	St Johns Ambulance Hall Margaret Street Ammanford	Module 17 – Making Effective Grant Applications
01/12/2016	Thursday	St Peters Civic Hall Nott Square, Carmarthen SA31 1PG	Module 15 – Information Management
06/12/2016	Tuesday	Caersws, SY17 5PH	Module 7 – Health & Safety
06/12/2016	Tuesday	St Johns Ambulance Hall Margaret Street Ammanford	Module 9 – Code of Conduct
08/12/2016	Thursday	Builth Wells, Powys. LD2 3AA	Module 8 Introduction to Community Engagement

- Cllr Brian Kirby indicated his desire to attend the Grant Application course.
- As it was likely that training would become mandatory next year members were encouraged to attend courses prior to that requirement coming into being.
- **Resolved:** Any members wishing to attend the courses to contact the Clerk.

113.3 Consultancy Services

- One Voice Wales advises that it offers consultancy services in the following specialisms:
 - (i) Human Resources and Employment Law.
 - (ii) Accountancy Services.
 - (iii) Value Added Tax legislation.
 - (iv) Health Safety and Welfare.
 - (v) Community Engagement and Development.
 - (vi) Community Engagement, Asset Transfer, Partnership Working and funding and project monitoring/evaluation.
 - (vii) Place Plan and Wellbeing statement development.
- Charges apply for the provision of such services.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

113.4 One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Awards 2017.

- The association is seeking nominations from Councils who wish to showcase the services they provide for its community and to receive recognition for their efforts.
- Further details, including the categories for each award are available on the associations website or electronically from the Clerk.
- The closing date for nominations is the 20th January, 2017.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

114.0 Agenda Item 13 Planning Applications

No /Ref	Description	Location	Applicant
W/33937	Notification of deferred decision to allow Site Visit. 4 No Residential Units with access and Landscaping	Rear of 33 Church Road, Gorslas	Not stated
W/34516	Discharge of Planning Condition 6 on W/33078 (Foul and Surface Water disposal)	Land at Ty Newydd Terrace, Cross Hands	Neil Atkins Agent: Asbri Planning, Swansea
W/34549	Full Planning. Construction of two detached dwellings	Land, adjacent to Rosebank, Heol Y Foel, Foelgastell, SA14 7EG	JCR Planning Ltd – Craig Jones.
W/34533	Full Planning. Detached bungalow.	Land part of Ty Penybanc, Black Lion Road, Gorslas, SA14 6RU.	Mr M Evans and Mrs. T Greville-Evans
W/34534	Outline Planning. Siting of 3 no detached dwellings and access road.	Land adjacent Ty Penybanc, Black Lion Road, Gorslas, SA14 6RU.	Mr M Evans and Mrs. T Greville-Evans
W/34590	Demolition of Farm House, Outbuildings, Stables, Workshop.	Old Caravan Site, Pen Y Bank, Cross Hands, SA14 6RE.	Alun Griffiths Ltd, Neil Wall, Waterways Hse, Llanfoist, Abergavenny.
W/34603	Outline. Siting of 4no detached dwelling houses,	Land adjacent to Ynysdawl, Heol Cwmmawr, Drefach, SA14 7AE.	Executors of the late Mrs. A.M. Thomas. Agents: J.C.R. Planning Ltd, Richard Banks, Unit 2 Cross Hands, Business Workshop, Heol Parc Mawr, Cross Hands, SA14 6RE
W/34615	Outline: For up to two new homes	Land at rear of 96 Carmarthen Rd (Cefneithin RFC) Cross Hands, SA14 6SU	Mr Wynne Evans Agent: Darkin Associates, 1 John Street, Llanelli.

- W/34603. Planning history shows that a similar application had been refused outline planning permission in 2002. The description should read Heol Cwmbach.

- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided in respect of each application itemised in the schedule.

114.1 Pre-Planning Bron Yr Ynn.

- Members were advised that a pre-planning consultation exercise was being undertaken in relation to some 22 units which would make use of the road through Bron Yr Ynn, which would be widened at certain points, to access the development.
- **Resolved:** To write objecting to the proposals on the following grounds: -
 - (i) That the proposed access point, at the point it joins the main road, would greatly increase the danger for vehicles and pedestrians using the main road and in particular the parents and children walking to and from Drefach CP School.
 - (ii) A road safety assessment had identified that there were significant traffic hazards at this point to parents and pupils walking to Drefach CP School. The dangers were sufficient to require the provision of road safety works. The proposal would undo that good work increasing traffic and hence the dangers to pedestrians, children and other road users.
 - (iii) The proposals would increase the traffic by some 44 vehicles per day along the already narrow access route from Bron Yr Ynn to the main road. This would increase significantly the danger for parents and young children walking that route to and from Drefach C.P. School.
 - (iv) The proposal would create a “rat run” which would increase the danger for pedestrians and the Bron Yr Ynn residents.
 - (v) For the reasons outlined in (iii) above then construction traffic should not be permitted to access the proposed site through Bron Yr Ynn.

115.0 Agenda Item 14 Finance.

115.1 Payments Made to Creditors October

Paid To	Description	Amount £
Rodway	Public Convenience Service Contract –October	201.67
Festive Lighting	2 Strings Christmas Lights	68.40
Bowen and Weaving	Toilet Holder/ Rolls and 5x A4 printing paper	56.40
Towy Works	RADAR Lock Gorslas Toilets	178.08
TBM	Litter Pick Oct and fitting of lock.	450.00
Caloo	Caps for Youth Shelter	32.34

- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

115.2 Income October,2016.

Received from	Description	Amount £
Nil	Nil	Nil

- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

115.3 Grant Assistance.

- Members re-visited a previous decision relating to a request by Cwmaman Town Council to support fund raising for an X-Ray machine at Amman Valley Hospital.
- **Resolved:** In the light of the information presented at the meeting the Clerk was asked to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

116.0 Agenda Item 15 Linguistic Provision Community Council Website.

- It had been noted that the current website indicates that the provision of information through the medium of Welsh has been under-development, and has been so for some time.
- It was suggested that arrangements be made to address the issue by having the pages accessed by the public translated.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk obtain a costing for the translation of the relevant pages

117.0 Date Next Meeting/ Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf.

- 12th December ,2016 at Gorslas CP School.