

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Drefach Welfare Hall on Monday, 13th November, 2017, at 7.00p.m.

116.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- **Members:** Cllrs Wyn Edwards (Chair), Simon Martin (Vice Chair), Clive Green, Anthony Rees, Tina Jukes, Aled Vaughan Owen, Terry Jones, David Evans, Darren Price, Janice Price. Andrew King, Wynne Jones and Iestyn Llwyd.
- **Others:** Mr Ryan Moses (member of the public), Llew Thomas Clerk to the Council and Mr Hefin Jones, Translator.
- **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Brian Kirby and Nia Lewis.

117.0 Welcome

- The Chair welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 7.00p.m.

118.0 Agenda Item 2 Declarations of Interest

- Declarations of personal but not prejudicial interest were declared in matters relating to the proposed new school by Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen, as members of the County Council, and by Cllr Janice Price, as a member of the Governing Body of Gorslas C.P. School.
- The meeting was advised that dispensations had been received to enable the above named to participate and vote in any matter relating to the proposed new school
- **Resolved:** To note the information provided.

119.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- **Resolved:** That it was not necessary to exclude members of the press and public.

120.0 Agenda Item 4 Consider the Minutes of the October Meeting.

- Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes for accuracy.
- It was proposed by Cllr T Jones and seconded by Cllr. I, Llwyd that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th October, 2017, were correct.
- **Resolved:** That the minutes be approved and confirmed as an accurate reflection and record of the discussions and decisions made.

121.0 Additional Item. Address by a Member of the Public Mr Ryan Moses.

- Following discussion, it was agreed that the order of business would be changed to allow Mr Moses to address the meeting.
- Mr Moses thanked the Council and drew members attention to the following: -
 - (i) Mr Moses's property is on Cefneithin Road adjacent to Gorslas Park.
 - (ii) Members were advised that over the previous 12 months there had been a series of anti-social incidents involving a group of youngsters who frequent the park.

- (iii) These ranged from verbal abuse to damage to Mr Moses's property, the public conveniences as well as equipment in the park.
 - (iv) It was felt that the situation had got worse since the change in the arrangements meant that the toilets were no longer locked in the evening.
 - (v) This had led to the baby change unit being used by youngsters as a shelter allowing them to remain in the park, on occasions, until 4.00 a.m.
 - (vi) It was also reported that the historic tank trap was being used as a seating /gathering area by youngsters. They had dislodged several of the bricks and used them to damage Mr Moses's property and that of the Community Council.
 - (vii) Police had been called, and after a delay of approximately 30 minutes, had attended on each occasion. The group were known to the Police and had been spoken to however the behaviour had continued.
 - (viii) Appreciation was expressed to Mr Gavin Griffiths for his help in providing sporting and other activities for the group at his own expense.
 - (ix) It was acknowledged that, as a result, there had been an improvement in behaviour over recent days.
 - (x) Mr Moses volunteered his services to work as a volunteer with Mr Griffiths or other organisations to help make alternative provision for the youngsters and, if required, to open and lock the toilets/ car park.
- Members of the Council appreciated, and were very sympathetic, to the difficulties which Mr Moses was experiencing.
 - A local member relayed details of an incident she had witnessed in the park. Having spoken to the young people involved details had been obtained of 17 youngsters associated with the group. The information had been relayed to the Police.
 - The Chair advised that the Council were taking the matter seriously and had highlighted the issues the park to the Police at the recent P.A.C.T meeting.
 - The Council was also examining other options which might help address the problem such as CCTV and car park barriers. It was not clear at this time whether or not the proposed new school would or could impact on the lower park area.
 - Members advised Mr Moses to keep reporting each incident to the Police.
 - The matters could also be reported to the Crime Safety Partnership details of which were available on County Council website.
 - Prior to considering fitting CCTV cameras to his property he seeks advice from the Police Crime Prevention Officer.
 - That there be an open invitation to Mr Moses to attend PACT meetings. The November meeting being held on the 30th of the month at Cross Hands Hall
 - **Resolved:**
 - (i) A reminder be sent to the Police regarding a joint meeting with the Community Council and Mr Moses.
 - (ii) Tank Trap. Cost be obtained in relation to fencing the area.
 - (iii) That discussion on other elements related to anti-social behaviour be included under items 123.7 and 123.8.

122.0 Agenda Item 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

122.1 Cefneithin Park – Hall Lease.

- It was reported that there had not been any further progress in this matter.
- **Resolved:** To contact the County Council and seek an explanation as to the delay.

122.2 Gorslas Park. Titan Swing and Gyro Rotator.

- Awaiting guidance and inspection report from County Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

122.3 Operational Issues Contract for Cleaning the Public Convenience Gorslas.

- The temporary contract with DANFO has been extended until the 31st March,2018, on the same terms and conditions and subject to satisfactory performance.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

122.4 Cefneithin Park Anti-Social Behaviour/ Damage to Neighbouring Property.

- Fencing Panels – work planned to be undertaken during November.
- Secure by Design. Police advise that due to change in responsibilities the function no longer falls within the unit's responsibilities.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken and to

122.5 Gorslas Park Equipment Valuation.

- Initial ROSPA report received. Awaiting meeting relating to safety surface costs.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

122.6 Drefach Park. Multi Age Play Equipment

- The item has been re-installed and operational from Wednesday 18th October,2017.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

122.7 Footpath F 31/16 Heol Yr Ysgol through Ty Canol Farm.

- The County Council have been advised of the possible change in circumstances.
- No date has been set for a meeting.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

122.8 Cefneithin Development Fund Programme.

- The footpath and majority of bases had been put in place.
- Seats and benches were put in place during week ending 20th October,2017.
- Levelling the wooded area commenced during week ending 20th October,2017.
- It was estimated that there was a day's work to complete the work.
- Due to the weather seeding would take place in early Spring.
- **Resolved:** To receive note and approve the information provided.

122.9 Defibrillators.

- The Clerk met the National Public Access Defibrillation Officer on Thursday 19th October,2017. Visits were made to the three wards to ascertain possible locations.

(i) **General.**

- Recommended supplier British Heart Foundation.
- All external fitting - electrical power source required.
- British Heart Foundation will award £600 for eligible bids towards the cost of one defibrillator.
- Standard Cost. In the region of £1,200 to £1,600 each.
- Cabinet: Non- lockable.
- No maintenance as such but requirement to verify presence periodically.
- Training session will be provided by the ambulance service.

(ii) **Gorslas Ward.**

- Village Shop – external fitting.
- Park Toilets – external fitting.
- Church Hall – external fitting.

(iii) **Cefneithin Ward.**

- External Maes Y Gwendraeth.
- Dyfed Menswear.
- Y Fron (ascertain possibility of power from public lighting)

(iv) **Drefach Ward**

- Neuadd Y Gwendraeth.
- Brynglas site (if power available from public lighting)
- Park entrance (if power available from public lighting)
- New shop.

(v) The Council were welcome to contact the service for any additional advice.

- During discussion Cllr Andrew King volunteered to provide training for users.
- **Resolved:** That members bring firm proposal for the siting of 1 defibrillator per ward to the next meeting and include a possible site at Foelgastell.

123.0 Agenda Item 6 New Matters Parks and General

123.1 Parks. Storm Damage Monday 16th October, 2017

- Following the high winds on Monday 16th October, 2017 an inspection of the three parks was undertaken on the morning of Tuesday 17th October.
- Two large branches had fallen in Gorslas Park with one blocking a footpath. The branch was moved to allow the path to be used and an instruction issued to the contractor to remove the items as soon as possible.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

123.2 Cefneithin MUGA Signage

- In accordance with advice from the ROSPA report signage has been put in place to prohibit climbing and to warn of the dangers of injury from a fall.
- The issue of other signage required remains to be resolved.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

123.3 Gorslas Toilets - Anti Social Behaviour

- Report that on 21st or 22/10 a toilet holder was vandalised and an attempt made to set a fire in the cubicle.
- Report on 23rd October, of an incident whereby youngsters were seeking to damage the toilet doors. Matter was reported to the Police and discussed at PACT meeting.
- Further incident on 3rd November with toilet holder being vandalised requiring the fitting of a new unit.
- **Resolved:** That the matter be included under item 123.7 and 123.8.

123.4 Gorslas Notice Board Damage.

- Repairs to the value of £55 were made following damage on the 20th October,2017.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

123.5 Gorslas Park – Car Park Area. Anti-Social Behaviour

- It was reported that a resident living next to the park had been subjected to regular incidents against him and his property over the previous 12 months.
- The matters had been reported to the Police but without success.
- The Community Council has written to the Police seeking a site meeting with the Council and the householder. Awaiting response.
- The matter was also highlighted by the members attending the monthly PACT meeting and the householder advised of the opportunity to attend the meeting in person or the Cuppa with a Copper events.
- **Resolved:** That note be taken of the issues raised and that in conjunction with the other related issues they be included under item 123.7 and 123.8.

123.6 Gorslas Park – Basketball Court Area.

- A report was received on the 1st November,2017, of a danger to the public arising out of broken glass bottles left on the court.
- An instruction was issued the same day to the contractor to remove the glass.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

123.7 Gorslas Park – Anti Social Behaviour – General

- In response to an increasing number of such incidents involving damage and nuisance caused to neighbours by persons and vehicles using the park information has been sought in relation to physical measures which may be of assistance.
 - (a) CCTV Coverage.
 - Estimated costs were provided by the Clerk in respect of the provision and maintenance of CCTV for each park.
 - (b) Automatic timed closing barriers
 - Details of the cost of providing barriers at Gorslas Park Car Park were provided.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) Obtain tenders for the provision of CCTV cameras at Gorslas Park and information relating to the general effectiveness of cameras in reducing crime.
 - (ii) Defer consideration of the car parking barriers option until the position relating to the proposed new school had been finalised.

- (iii) County Councillors Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen pursue with the County Council the possibility of Youth Service Provision in the Gorslas area.
- (iv) Invite the Police Commissioner to attend a future meeting of the Community Council to discuss ways of working together to help address the issues.

123.8 Gorslas Toilets Cleaning Contract – Options for Future Provision.

- Costings have been received from DANFO in relation to the options for door operation at the Toilets.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To establish a rota of members to lock the toilets at 6.00p.m. each evening.
 - (ii) Purchase a safe box to keep the toilet keys and ask the local shop to retain the keys.
 - (iii) Resolve to ask the cleaning contractor to unlock the toilets between 10.00 a.m. and 10. 30a.m each day.
 - (iv) The matter be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

123.9 Gorslas Park – Public Consultation on Proposed New School.

(a) General

- A well-attended public consultation took place at St Lleian’s Church Hall on Wednesday 18th October,2017 between 3.00p.m. and 7.00p.m.
- The event had been publicised in the local press, the school had distributed letters notifying parents of the event with the Community Council assisting by distributing letters to householders and placing a notice in the Gorslas square notice board.
- Attendees were provided with a questionnaire asking whether or not they supported the proposal to place the new school and providing an opportunity to submit any comments or observations they would care to make in relation to the proposal.
- The County Council will summarise the responses received which will be included as part of their processes in relation to the progression of the proposal.
- Copies of the questionnaire have been provided to the Community Council details of which are provided below.

(b) Summary of the main issues arising out of Responses Received.

- There were 82 responses received in total. An overview of the responses received is provided below: -
 - (i) Siting of School in Park.
 - In Favour: 66%
 - Against: 27%
 - No preference: 7%
 - (ii) No concerns expressed over proposals.
 - Of the responses received 38% did not express a concern in relation to the proposal with 17% expressing a positive comment.
 - (iii) Traffic/Road Safety Concerns.
 - Highest scoring concern raised by 32% and mostly related to Church Rd.
 - (iv) Car Parking Facilities.

- Second highest concern raised by 29%. Relates to provision at school and use of the Gorslas Park Car Park.

(c) Update

- **Pre-planning application consultation** on the proposal to establish a 210 pupil and 30 nursery age pupil school at Gorslas Park has commenced.
- **Statutory consultation** on the change in size, from 110 pupils to 210 pupils and nature of educational provision for the proposed new school has commenced on Monday 6th November, 2017, and will last until 17/12/17.
- **Resolved.**
 - (i) Pre-Planning Consultation. To respond and convey the concerns highlighted in the consultation questionnaires regarding traffic flow and also car parking. A copy of the report summarising the responses to be included in the submission.
 - (ii) Statutory Consultation. To seek confirmation as to whether or not the proposal for a 210-pupil school was based on the Gorslas catchment area only or had included pupils residing in Cwmgwili who were attending other schools due to geographical proximity.
 - (iii) That County Councillor Darren Price obtain details of the timetable of works relating to the Gorslas by-pass.
 - (iv) Members examine the Traffic Impact Assessment produced as part of the consultation process.

123.10 Maintenance Report.

- A copy of proposed maintenance arrangements had been circulated by the Clerk.
- **Resolved:** That the Sub-Committee review the report and prepare recommendations for consideration by the full Council.

123.11 Rights of Way Examination.

- **Resolved:** That Cllr Iestyn Llwyd be appointed as the rights of way examiner for the Gorslas Area.

124.0 Agenda Item 7 Urgent Local Matters.

124.1 Footpath Heol Yr Ysgol

- Attention was drawn to a footpath upon which it seems as if a house has been built. Further details would be provided at the next meeting.
- **Resolved:** To note and receive the information provided.

125.0 Agenda Item 8 Members Reports Outside Organisations.

125.1 Gwendraeth Group of Community Councils Meeting. Report by Cllr Clive Green

- Cllrs Clive Green and Brian Kirby attended the meeting on the 24th October, 2017, which was held in Kidwelly.
- Cllr Green reported that a presentation on SMART meters had been given by Paul Thomas, an Energy Officer with Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli. This had been followed by a stimulating discussion on the topic.

- The conclusion was that current meters were company specific. A universal model was under development but unlikely to be available before the end of 2018.
- The conclusion reached was to recommend waiting until late 2018 before considering the installation of a SMART meter.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

125.2 Cross Hands Hall and Cinema. Trustees AGM. Report by Cllr Clive Green

- Cllr Clive Green had chaired the meeting on the 26th October, 2017.
- Three new Trustees had been appointed, Community Councillors Wynne Jones and Kim Thomas plus Mrs Dianne Jones (Gorslas).
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information

125.3 Ffair Nadolig Drefach in Hebron Vestry on the 24th November, 2017.

- An invitation was given to members to attend the event which is to start at 6.00p.m.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information received.

125.4 Carmarthenshire C.C. Update County Councillor Darren Price

(i) County Matters. Cllr Darren Price

- Local Development Plan. Consultation on land use starts in January, 2018, Good practice examples were available and limited support from the County Council for Community Councils to develop a strategic vision.
- Budget. Reduced funding available to County Councils. Meetings underway to finalise and publish in December 2017 a five-year budget plan.

(ii) Ward Matters. – Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen

- Drefach Brynglas. Flood prevention scheme completed.
- Drefach. Number of young people had been placed in training opportunities with Carms C.C.
- Cefneithin: School visits had been undertaken.
- Cefneithin: Involvement in considering request to plant wild flowers at Y Glyn.
- Foelgastell: Parc Y Gelli issue near to being resolved.
- Foelgastell: Gap identified in street lighting between Foelgastell and Cefneithin.
- Gorslas: New school Consultation.
- Black Lion Road: Speeding
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

126.0 Agenda Item 9 PACT Meeting Cross Hands Hall on the 26th October, 2017.

- **PRESENT:** Beth (PCSO) plus 17 members of the public.
- **STAFFING UPDATE:** To cover Sharee's secondment, a new PCSO has been appointed. He is Alan Davies and he will attend the next PACT meeting in November.
- **RECENT WORK:** All local schools have been visited for children to receive talks on Halloween and Bonfire Night.
- A SID exercise outside Llechyfedach School recently resulted in 13 warnings being issued.

- Beth gave an update on the previous month's priorities and also advised of oil thefts in Llanddarog and Foelgastell (distraction thefts).
- Recent problems of anti-social behaviour in Gorslas Park were raised and Beth gave an update on the present position.
- Other matters raised were: litter problems on the side of the road from Cross Hands Square up to Llechyfedach; and parking on pavements.
- No Cuppa with a Copper at Cefneithin Hall as there is a new floor being laid.
- NEXT MEETING: 30/11/17.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
 - (ii) As there still had been no reply from the Chief Constable to invite the Police Commissioner to a future meeting of the Council and place the change in data collection on the agenda for discussion.

127.0 Agenda Item 10.0 Correspondence.

127.1 Consultation

No	From	Subject	Resolved
127.2	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-planning application consultation on the proposal to establish a new 210 pupil and 30 nursery age school at Gorslas Park. • Details available online at http://www.asbriplanning.co.uk/statutory-pre-application-consultation/ • Closing date 20/11/17 	Respond as resolved item 123.9
127.3	Boundary Commission for Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose to create a new county constituency called Caerfyrddin and made up of communities within the current Carmarthen East and Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire constituencies. • The Gorslas ward would be included in the new Caerfyrddin county constituency. • Closing Date 11/12/17 	Receive and note
127.4	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Panel established to review future of Local Councils. The review will take a year to complete. • Panel seeking views on <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) What should Community and Town Councils be responsible for (ii) How should they operate. (iii) What is standing in their way for deliver for the local community. (iv) How do Councils ensure they best represent their local community? 	Receive and note

127.5	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consulting on Proposals to change legislation to restrict the ability of a person to register land as a town or village green for the purposes of frustrating or preventing lawful developments in Wales. Further details on Welsh Govt website or from Clerk Closing Date: 02/02/18 	Receive and note
127.6	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inviting comments on amendments to the Local Authority Capital Finance and Accounting (Wales) Regulations 2003. In summary the changes refer to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) loan capital transactions, share capital transactions and bonds. (i) Securitisation being placed on an equal footing to borrowing and other forms of credit. (ii) Extend to 2020 treatment of back pay. (iii) The impact of changes from January 2019 relating to a single model for lessee accounts. Details Welsh Govt website or from Clerk Closing Date 12/01/18 	Receive and note
127.7	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on increasing the pupil capacity of Gorslas CP from 110 pupils to 210 pupils as from 1st September,2019 Closing Date: 17/12/17 	Respond as resolved item 123.9
127.8	Hywel Dda Community Health Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inviting feedback on activities for current year and priorities for 2018/19. Details available from Clerk. 	Receive and note
127.9	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of a series of roadshow events which will provide an opportunity to input into the 2018-2023 Corporate Plan. 	Receive and note
127.10	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee are undertaking a consultation on its inquiry into Local approaches to removing poverty. The Well Being of Future Generations Act and public service boards. Electronic link available from Clerk. 	Receive and note
127.11	Boundary Commission Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2018 review of Parliamentary Constituencies has been published. Available on the Commissions Website Deadline for response 11/12/17 	Receive and note

127.12 General Correspondence

No	From	Subject	Resolved
127.13	Carms CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation for representatives to apply to sit on Admission Forum • Closing Date 03/11/17 	Receive and note
127.14	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking to identify burial authorities in Wales. • Return completed by deadline of 03/11/17 	Receive and note
127.15	Carms CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking donation for the Christmas Toybox and gift hamper scheme. • Collection point details available from Clerk. • Closing Date 06/12/17 	Receive and note
127.16	Carms CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of 5-day road closure from Monday 30/10/17 on a 170 mtr stretch of the C2060 near Gorslas. 	Receive and note
127.17	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting entries to the “Capturing planning in images – competition to capture Wales. Details on website. • Closing Date 10/11/17 	Receive and note
127.18	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to register for Flanders Wales Symposium organised by Cardiff University on 09/11/17 	Receive and note
127.19	Ombudsman Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casebook on complaints and reports by the Ombudsman for the period July to September,2017. • Copy available from Clerk 	Receive and note
127.20	Cardiff University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of Work In Wales. Electronic link to the report available from the Clerk 	Receive and note
127.21	Carms C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek nominations for local sporting hero. • Closing Date 25/11/17 	Receive and note
127.22	Wales Centre for Public Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise that as from the 1st November,2017 they will be part of Public Policy Institute for Wales. 	Receive and note
127.23	Christmas Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite members to visit the Christmas Story event which is held at the English Baptist Church in Lammas Street, Carmarthen between the 11th and 16th December. 	Receive and note
127.24	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of publication of an updated scheme providing a new basis for relationships with local government. 	Receive and note
127.25	Barclays Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of the introduction of open banking as from January, 2018, which will allow account holders to decide to share data or make payments through third parties. 	Receive and note
127.26	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by Minister regarding 21st Century Schools and Education Programme. • New Curriculum Focus on Leadership, Professional Learning and Self-Improving System. 	Receive and note

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have schemes submitted to the value of £ 2.3bn which they are supporting, subject to suitable business cases. Funding on joint basis with Local Authorities/ others. 	
127.27	St Lluan Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To convey thanks to the Chair and the two County Councillors, for their attendance, participation and contribution to the Remembrance Day Service 	Receive and note
127.28	Welsh Ambulance Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment event for Chair Vacancy. 20/11/17 All Nations Centre Cardiff. 	Receive and note

128.0 Agenda Item 11 One Voice Wales.

128.1 Consultation Event – Review of Community and Town Council Sector

- A series of consultation events relating to the above as part of the process of formulating a response on behalf of its members to the proposal.
- A meeting to gather views is to be held on Monday 4th December, 2017 between 7.00p.m. and 9.00p.m at St Clears RFC, St Clears, SA33 4AA
- Resolved:** That the Chair attend to represent the Community Council. Any other member interested in attending contact the Chair.

128.2 October Newsletter

- A copy of the latest newsletter has been circulated electronically to members however a hard copy is available upon request to the Clerk.
- Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided

128.3 Training Courses in County Autumn 2017.

- 14/11/17 Devolution of Services/Community Asset Transfer- Llanerch.
- 28/11/17 Devolution of Services/Community Asset Transfer- Carmarthen.
- Further details available from the Clerk.
- Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

128.4 Training Courses Attended

- The Clerk had attended the Understanding Law training session held at St Peters Civic Hall Carmarthen on the 24/10/17.
- The course was most useful covering a range of issues including corporate responsibilities, ensuring decisions are made lawfully, items which could and could not be delegated, and legislation which impacts on Local Councils.
- It was indicated that there would be a focus on increasing the powers and duties of Community Councils with the review proposing mergers.
- It was also likely that there would be an increasing drive to professionalise the role of the Clerk through examinations and membership of SLCC.
- Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

128.5 Innovative Practice National Award 2018.

- The award offers an opportunity for Councils to showcase the services they provide for communities.

- Nominations are sought y 25/01/18 for consideration by a Panel.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note he information provided.

129.0 Agenda Item 12 Planning Matters

129.1 Planning Applications.

No /Ref	Description	Location	Applicant
W/36292	Variation Planning Condition Removal of condition no 7 of W/30575(Change of house type)	Land adj to Waundeg, Heol Dinefwr, Foelgastell, SA14 7EH	D Hunter, Troedyrhiw, Portdafen, Llangennech.Llanelli. Agent: JCR Planning Ltd, Unit 2 Cross Hands Business Workshop, Heol Parc Mawr, Cross Hands, SA14 6RE
W/36307	Full Planning: Residential Development of 5 new houses including new private drives following demolition of existing garage and provision of new replacement garage	Land adjacent to The Paddocks, Heol Y Foel, Foelgastell, SA147ER	Mr Huw Priday, The Paddocks, Heol Y Foel, Foelgastell, SA14 7EL. Berrys, Newchurch Farm, Kinnersley, Hereford, HR3 6QQ.
W/36320	Outline Planning. Residential Development 2 detached units	Land off Heol Yr Ysgol, Cefneithin, SA14 7EA	Sauro Architectural Design Ltd, 9 Elliston Terrace, Carmarthen, SA31 1HA
W/36324	Reserved Matters. Detached dwelling house (submission of details of scale, layout, appearance, access and landscaping pursuant to outline planning permission W/30575	Land adjacent to Waundeg, Heol Dinefwr, Foelgastell, SA14 7EH	D Hunter

- **Application W/34933:** Bron Yr Ynn Drefach.
 - (i) Cllr Clive Green indicated he had received a communication from the Planning Authority in relation to additional information relating to the application with a 10-day deadline for response.
 - (ii) The communication had not been received by the Clerk or by Cllrs Wyn Edwards and Darren Price who had also submitted observations relating to the application.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive and note the applications scheduled.
 - (ii) In respect of application W/34933 following consideration of the additional information it was felt that the changes did not significantly address the concerns raised previously and that the original objections should be re-submitted.

130.0 Agenda Item 13 Finance

130.1 Provision of Financial Assistance: Christmas Celebrations

- Orders had been placed for delivery, removal and where specified, erection of trees.

- Requests for approval from the County Council to place a tree at Gorslas square and to SWALEC to energise the supply square have been submitted.
- The Welfare Association representatives were asked to forward details of the electrical contractor they would use.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

130.2 Payments Made and Income October, 2017

(i) Payments Made to Creditors

Paid To	Description	Amount £
Spencer Environmental	Grass Cutting September	1,476.07
DANFO	Gorslas P Conv Cleaning	558.00
WCVA	Payroll Oct	22.20
Clerk	Wages September and Trav £ 98.10	991.30
Clerk	Wages October	893.20
Bus Shelter Cleaner	Wages QTR 2	52.65
HMRC	Qtr 2 Payments	1,1376.84
Dyfed Pensions	Qtr 2 Payments	1,462.29
Wales Audit Office	Fee Audit of Accounts 2016/17	209.25
Accurate Inspections	Lifespan report play equipment	360.00
One Voice Wales	Delegate AGM	90.00
Canolfan Carwyn	Donation	£1,000.00
DMD Engineering	Fabrication and galvanising Jnr Play Drefach	£ 4,612.80
Drefach Welfare	Hire of Hall	£ 15.00
Pro Print	Signs Cefneithin MUGA	£47.65
One Voice Wales	Training Clerk	£40.00
T.B.M.	Litter Sept/Oct/Trees/B Shelter	£1,190.00

(ii) Income

Received from	Description	Amount £
N/A		

131.0 Agenda Item 14 Date Next Meeting

- The business of the meeting having been concluded the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.
- Date of next meeting Monday 11th December, 2017, at Cefneithin C.P. School.