

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

131.0 Item 1: Apologies/ Record of those Present

Present: Cllrs: Wyn Edwards (Vice Chair), Clive Green, Darren Price, Janice Price, Ellis Davies, Tina Jukes, Nia Lewis, Anthony Rees, Simon Martin, Huw Davies and Terry Jones.

Officers: Mr Llew Thomas Clerk to the Council.

Others: PCSO Beth Thomas and Mr Hefin Jones Translator.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs: Terry Davies, Aled Owen and Brian Kirby.

131.1. Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 7.00 p.m.
- As Vice Chair Cllr Wyn Edwards took over the duties of Chair for the meeting in the absence of Cllr T Davies.
- Accordingly, Cllr Edwards as the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

132.0. Item 2 Declaration of Interest.

132.1. Planning.

- Cllr Darren Price declared an interest in respect of application W 33283 and W 33412.
- Cllrs W. Edwards and N. Lewis declared an interest in respect of application W 33488.

132.2 H.M. Courts and Tribunals.

- Cllr Wyn Edwards declared an interest in the item as a serving magistrate.

133.0 Item 3: To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 8th February, 2016.

133.1 Considered

- Minor amendments to the minutes had been received from Cllr Green prior to the meeting and had been corrected. The revisions had been included in the final version of the minutes
- Under the direction of the Chair members proceeded to consider each page of the minutes individually for accuracy.
- **Resolved.**
 - (i) It was proposed by Cllr Darren Price and seconded by Cllr Clive Green and agreed by all present that, subject to the amendments highlighted above, the minutes were a true and accurate record of both the proceedings and the decisions made.
 - (ii) That a copy of the annual budget be forwarded to Cllr Ellis Davies who would kindly place it on the Council's website.
 - (iii) That in relation to the two separate update reports currently prepared by the Clerk, one of which was on the more expensive coloured paper, that for future meetings there would be one report only produced on standard white paper which would reduce costs.

134.0 Item 4 General and Park Matters.

134.1 General Matters

134.2 Dispensation for Members.

- In accordance with the requirements for the code for members an application has been made to the County Council for dispensation to be granted to each member of the Community Council in respect of their membership of a Welfare Association. A request has been made for the period of dispensation to be extended to apply until the next usual Community Council election period.
- School Governors. Councillors who are appointed by the Community Council to a school Governing Body must declare a personal interest if the Community Council discusses an issue relating to that school. Legislation however specifically allows them to take part in the Community Council discussion relating to that school.
- School Governors. A Councillor who is a member of the Governing Body of a school but has not been appointed to that position by the Community Council must declare that they have a personal and prejudicial interest should a matter be placed before the Community Council regarding that school.
- Accordingly, dispensations in respect of membership of school governing bodies have been sought in respect of: -
 - a) Maes Y Gwendraeth – T. Davies.
 - b) Cefneithin C.P. – S. Martin.
 - c) Drefach C.P. – D Price.
 - d) Gorslas C.P. – T Davies, J.A. Price, E. Davies, H Davies and G. Griffiths.
- **Resolved:** To note and accept the action taken.

134.3 Welsh Government Consultation Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill.

- Following consideration by the Sub-Committee a response was sent on behalf of the Council to Welsh Government.
- The key issues contained in the response related to: -
 - a) Concerns that the new Principal Authorities would be too large.
 - b) The effect on the unique cultural, linguistic and character of communities if Community Councils were made larger.
 - c) Transitional arrangements. Equality of treatment for Community Councils.
 - d) Community Area Committees would add an un-necessary complexity.
 - e) Increased powers for Community Councils and training provision was welcomed if accompanied by sufficient resources. Requirement for 2/3 of members to be elected was not achievable.
 - f) Electronic poll welcomed as was the aim of increasing public involvement at meetings. Effective if advance notice of subject matter provided.
- **Resolved:** To note and accept the action taken.

134.4 Highway Matters- Heol Blaenhirwaun.

- In response to the enquiry from the Community Council Mr John McEvoy confirmed that the bollards used would be those prescribed for the public highway and will not exceed a

height of 4 feet. The department has forwarded an electronic copy of the plan for information. Work has commenced on site w/e 4th March,2016.

- **Resolved:** To note and thank Mr John McEvoy for his work in progressing the matter.

134.5 Printer Lease - Ricoh

- As discussed at the last meeting Ricoh have advised the Council that the current lease on the printer/copier is coming to an end shortly. Additionally, there would be a £75 charge for moving the printer from its current location to that of the new Clerk.
- In accordance with the Council's instructions specifications were prepared and quotations sought for outright purchase or leasing from the current provider as well as two other local suppliers. Additionally, quotations were sought from 3 printers for the provision of copies. Costs including initial purchase and replacement inks for 9,000 copies over a three-year period are provided below:
- Summary

Supplier	Model	Features	Total Cost
Ricoh	MP301SPF	Mono Laser Printer/ Copier/Scanner	£ 466.02
PC World	HP 8620	Colour Printer/Copier/Scanner	£ 435.93
Morgan and Morgan	Brother MFC L2700	Mono Laser Printer/ Copier/Scanner	£ 355.10
Lewis Printers	N/A	Copying including labour.	£ 1914.26

- **Resolved:** Proceed to purchase Brother MFC L2700.

134.6 Cariat Defibrillators

- **Demonstration:** Confirmation had been received from Cariat that a representative will be able to attend the meeting of the Council on Monday 11th April,2016 at Cefneithin CP School. It would assist the demonstration if it were possible for the demonstration to feature as one of the first items on the agenda.
- **British Heart Foundation.** Advice was sought in relation to the assistance available to the Council should it wish to purchase a defibrillator. The BHF advised as follows: -
 - (i) Funding: BHF. Applications can be made in April for the 2016/17 programme.
 - (ii) Funding: Charities which support the provision of defibrillators are: -
 - a. The Oliver King Foundation.
 - b. SADS UK and
 - c. Arrythmia Alliance.
 - (iii) The average cost of a defibrillator is £1000.
 - (iv) A list of suppliers was provided which included:
 - a. WEL Medical
 - b. Zoll Medical Uk Ltd.
 - c. Phillips
 - d. Physio Control
 - e. Cardiac Services Ltd
 - f. Cardiac Science Corporation
 - g. Medtronic Ltd

- (v) BHF recommend that the Council contact the local NHS Ambulance Service for advice and support and, if purchased, to enable them to record its location on their system helping to provide a co-ordinated response to an emergency.
- (vi) Guide: The BHF have provided an electronic copy of a guide to the use and location of a defibrillator. The guide covers the use of the equipment, training, legal issues, and support from the Ambulance Service. Further information is available on the website or an electronic copy of the document is available from the Clerk.

- **Resolved:** That the update be noted.

134.7 Contingency Clerking Arrangements.

- The Clerk to the Council has indicated that Llanddarog Community Council had met and were agreeable in principle to the proposal.
- Llanddarog Council had asked for a meeting of the two Clerks to establish the detail of how the arrangement would work.
- **Resolved:** Following discussion members resolved that the Council for whom cover was being provided would meet the cost of any additional hours worked by the Clerk providing the cover and that discussions proceed on that basis. The Clerk would advise Llanddarog Community Council accordingly.

134.8 Electronic Notice of Meeting/ Papers

- Following an enquiry advice was received from One Voice Wales in relation to the issuing of agendas and supporting papers by e-mail to members. This would be environmentally friendly, quicker and less costly.
- The advice received indicates that the electronic provision serving of the summons to attend and supporting papers does not meet the requirements specified in law Schedule 12 of the 1972 Act.
- It does indicate that any Council wishing to serve such notices electronically must change their standing orders accordingly to reduce the success of a successful legal challenge. Provision would also have to be for hard copies to be provided for members who did not wish to receive notification or papers by e-mail.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That the Standing Orders of the Council be changed to facilitate the sending of agendas and papers by e mail.
 - (ii) That the Clerk contact each member of the Council individually to ascertain their preference for communication by e mail or by hard copy.

134.9 Park Matters

134.10 Gorslas Park.

- Minor Works: It had been noted that a branch had become dislodged and fallen into the park during the recent bad weather. The branch has been removed.
- Equipment: The contractor had received, and fitted, the item of ironwork from Tumble Forge which enabled them to completing the specified repairs.
- Resolved: To note the information provided and approve the actions taken.

134.11 Drefach Park

- Litter: To assist with littering issues an existing bin had been re-located.
- Minor Works: Instructions had been issued for the catch on the wooden gate which accesses Brynglas and the excessive growth on the boundary hedge in the same area to be attended to.
- Glyn Mair: As decided at the last meeting a response had been sent to Mr S Jones.
- **Resolved:** To note the information provided and approve the actions taken.

134.12 Cefneithin Park

- Signage: It was reported to the Clerk during the month that several members of the public were using the park for dog walking.
- When challenged all had indicated that, due to the location of the signage, it had appeared to them as if the prohibition applied only to the designated children's play equipment area and not the whole park.
- **Resolved:** To examine the possibility of provide an additional sign to be placed in a prominent place in the area between the parking space and the playing field.

134.13 Park and General Maintenance – Temporary Arrangements.

- Termination: Notification had been received from Mr Jeff Thomas proprietor of Jeff Tipper Hire that the company would no longer be undertaking the litter and general maintenance works for the Council as from the 29th February,2016.
- Temporary Arrangements: To ensure continuation of provision the following temporary arrangements had been put in place: -
 - (i) Litter Pick. T.B.M. of Betws, Ammanford had been contracted to undertake the work for a period of two weeks as from Saturday 12th March,2016.
 - (ii) General Maintenance. Minor maintenance items could be undertaken by T.B.M. with larger maintenance items being undertaken by the County Council. No fixed arrangements had been made with either party with items being considered on a case by case basis. An emergency instruction had been issued to T.B.M. to repair a door vent at Gorslas toilets which had become dislodged
- The Clerk advised members that following the first litter pick by the new contractor he had undertaken an inspection of all three parks on Sunday,13th March which showed that both the litter pick and re-fitting of the door had been undertaken to a high standard. As a consequence, the facility had been returned to full operational working.
- **Resolved.**
 - (i) That, subject to satisfactory performance, the temporary contract be extended to the 30th September,2016.
 - (ii) The Clerk contact neighbouring Authorities and One Voice Wales to obtain specimen tender documentation.
 - (iii) Draft tender specification documentation be considered by the Sub-Committee prior to consideration by the full Council.
 - (iv) A letter of thanks be sent to Mr Jeff Thomas proprietor of Jeff's Tipper Hire for the service they had provided to the Council over a number of years

134.14 Schedule of Works

- The Clerk advised members that a copy of the report from the County Council's Park Equipment Inspection Officer had been received that morning which had highlighted certain areas within the play area of each of the three parks which required attention.

- Additional maintenance items which required attention in the three general parks area had come to the attention of the Clerk.
- To assist members a copy of a schedule prepared by the Clerk which detailed the issues and the works required was presented.
- Cllr Ellis Davies indicated that he wished for his disappointment to be recorded that he had raised certain of these issues previously and had received assurances that the work had been undertaken to the required standard.

Resolved:

- (i) That due to the short notice members take the schedule away and consider the content with feedback being provided to the Clerk by Friday 18th March, 2016.
- (ii) That action be taken immediately to prevent and secure access to any equipment where there was a high risk of injury.
- (iii) That, in view of the nature of the works, the sub-committee meet as soon as possible to prioritise and commission any works deemed necessary as a safety priority.

135.0 Item 5: Urgent Local Issues.

135.1 Footpath Access FP31/06 Glynderi Foelgastell onto Carmarthen Road

- An issue was raised in connection with the difficulties caused for users of the footpath through a landowner being reluctant to allow access through their land. The matter was being progressed by the County Council's footpath Officer,
- Following a request for an update the Community Council have advised that some initial discussions took place with the landowner at Morfa Bach in 2010 but that the matter was not resolved and the associated works were not carried out.
- The County Council have indicated that they will re-open negotiations with the landowner should the Community Council feel it to be valuable to open up the path.
- **Resolved:** That the matter be noted.

135.2 Damaged Kerb, Footpath and Steps – Heol Yr Ysgol

- It was reported that roadside kerbs at Heol Yr Ysgol had become dislocated and were in danger of falling into the road. There was also evidence that, in the same area, the pavement had sunk there was damage to access steps.
- In view of the possible danger of injury the matter has been reported on the 4th March, 2016, to the County Council's Highway Inspectors. Acknowledgement was received on the 7th March with the access step issue referred to the Housing Dept.
- **Resolved:** That the matter be noted.

135.3 Wayside Seat Outside Drefach CP School.

- As part of the monitoring programme Cllr Nia Lewis had reported that the wayside seat outside Drefach CP School was in an unsafe condition with the concrete structure having been compromised and in danger of collapsing. The structure and seat has been removed to ensure the safety of the public.
- Whilst costs will be obtained for a replacement bench, to maximise the opportunity for any financial saving, members may care to consider bringing forward the date of the bi-annual inspection conducted by the Rights of Way Examiner and the Wayside Seats Examiner to identify any other works or benches which need replacing.
- **Resolved:** That the reports be provide to the next meeting.

136.0 Item 6 Members Report.

136.1 Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.Course 16th February,2016.

- The course outlined the definitions of sustainable development, provided a policy summary, a decision making template and guidance on developing an action plan.
- Key features:
 - (i) The Act means that public bodies must do what they do in a sustainable way
 - (ii) The Act defines Sustainable development as being a development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
 - (iii) A public Body must take account of how actions impact on the wellbeing goals set for Wales. The goals are for a Wales which is:-
 - Prosperous;
 - Resilient;
 - Healthier;
 - More Equal;
 - Has Cohesive Communities;
 - Vibrant Culture and Welsh Language;
 - Globally responsible.
 - (iv) The need for Bodies to take an integrated approach
 - (v) A decision making template was provided by way of example as well as an example of developing a sustainable Action Plan.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the report.

136.2 Meeting: Gwendraeth Group of Councils Asset Transfer Meeting 9th March,2016.

- Cllr Clive Green informed the meeting that he had stepped down from the position of Chair with Cllr J Gilasbey ,Kidwelly Town Council, now holding the position.
- Group members had raised the issue of asset transfer as being their highest concern.
- Cllrs Wyn Edwards and Brian Kirby had attended the meeting together with the Clerk.
- Cllr Edwards reported that representatives from Pontyberem and Llannon Community Councils, Kidwelly Town Council and Kidwelly Sports Association were present and had provided valuable feedback in relation to the process. The Clerk of Llanon was also able to share experiences of the other Authorities which he Clerked covering some 20 potential transfers.
- It was noted that there were different models of delivery for the asset transfer process: -
 - (i) Pontyberem would be the lease holders and undertake all maintenance works.
 - (ii) Llannon would hold the head lease but sub leases would be held by the different sporting and recreational associations.
 - (iii) In Kidwelly the lease was held by a separate Sports Association with the Town Council making a significant financial donation.
- All reported the process as being lengthy with none having received a lease but some were operating under licence.
- The legal aspect was being handled by Powys County Council solicitors and frustratingly there was a standard lease which, as an example banned the display of banners at sports fields, and which was not workable given that the fields were to be used for sporting purposes. The removal of the clause had to be negotiated separately for each site.

- It was indicated that due to increased costs it was likely the band D charge in Llannon would rise by £ 70 in a year. Pontyberem had already increased charges incrementally to cater for the expected increase in costs.
- The matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the group and it was hoped that it would be possible to share details of leases and tender documents/specifications as a part of that process.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the report.

137.0 Item 7 PACT

137.1 PACT Report Meeting 25th February, 2016.

Present: 9 members of the public + PCSO Beth Thomas.

Crimes last month: Total of 16, with 12 being detected to date.

Locations of crimes:

Gorslas Council area- 5. Cefneithin - criminal damage to vehicle; 2 x common assault.

Drefach area: - Possession of cannabis; theft in Capel Seion.

Pontyberem Council area - 5 .

Llanon Council area - 9. Cross Hands - 3 ; Tumble - 3 ; On the A48 - 3 .

Penygoes - 1 .

Llanarthne - 0 .

Llanddarog - 0 .

Changes at Cross Hands Station - Sgt. Templeton has been moved to Acting Inspector, before taking up the post of Inspector at Ammanford Station.

At Cross Hands Station in future there will be 6 PCs with 3 PCSOs.

Community involvement: PCSOs have been teaching First Aid to Year 5 pupils at local primary schools.

Joint operations at Llechyfedach Primary School with the assistance of the school children and the Fire Service. On 13 January 34 speedy drivers received warnings and 3 persons were spoken to by Fire Officers regarding the dangers of not wearing a seat belt.

On Black Lion Road, Gorslas, speed cameras have been there every day this week.

Before the end of March there will be a week-long exercise with the Traffic Police to deal with speeding vehicles. It is not possible to do a SID Ops (Speed Indicator Device Operation) at Gorslas Primary School as there is insufficient road space to stop vehicles. However, a similar exercise will be undertaken with the school children.

John McEvoy has been out to witness the problems of oil spillage and agricultural vehicle parking which was reported at the last meeting.

Community Speedwatch for Black Lion Road, Gorslas: Only two people from area were present at the meeting despite many more stating at the last PACT meeting that they would be present. Details of what was involved and the role of volunteers were explained.

Priorities: Speeding generally.

This weekend there will be a Fair in Pontyberem Park.

Next meeting: 31 March 2016.

Resolved: To receive and note the report.

137.2 Report PCSO Beth Thomas

- PCSO Beth Thomas provided details of the current organisational and operational position in the area which included: -
 - (i) Officers were currently under the command of a sergeant based at Ammanford.

- (ii) SID operation had been planned for Drefach but due to road works had been cancelled and moved to Cross Hands. Following completion of the works a future speed check in the area would allow a comparison to be made between speeds before and after the introduction of the speed control plateau.
- (iii) A speed exercise at Tumble had been unsuccessful due to drivers receiving advanced warning of the check.
- (iv) The issue of speeding at Black Lion Road had been raised by residents and the Police were in discussion with residents on setting up a neighbourhood speed watch. For the scheme to be adopted there would have to be 6 names put forward who would then be vetted by the Police. Currently the Police had received 5 names from the community.
- (v) A litter pick was planned for the Cross Hands area for the 27th April, 2016, in conjunction with Dan Snaith from Keep Wales Tidy.
- (vi) It was highlighted that the Police Commissioner had a fund for supporting community projects up to £5k. Details on the website.
- Members raised the issue of speeding in the Cefneithin areas with vehicles overtaking within the speed restriction areas. The meeting was advised that the area was not one where Police reports indicated that there was a problem with speeding but the matter would be noted and fed into future speed watch operations.
- Members also raised concern in relation to the dangers presented by vehicles delivering to the new KFC establishment at Cross Hands reversing into the site from the main road due to a lack of a suitable and available turning area. Given the proximity of the entrance to the roundabout exit it was only a matter of time before a serious accident would happen. Cllr Ellis Davies put forward a proposal which could help address the issue. The PCSO indicated that the on-site parking arrangements were outside their jurisdictions however she would relay the concerns to senior officers for discussion with the County Council engineers.
- To assist with future planning the Police requested details of any planned large events which the Council were aware of. Members advised that the Gorslas carnival was planned for the 2nd week of September, 2016. The dates had not been finalised for the Cefneithin carnival.
- The Chair thanked Beth Thomas on behalf of members for her attendance and for the information provided which had been both informative and interesting.
- **Resolved:** That the information received be received and noted.

138.0 Item 8 Correspondence

138.1 Landsker Business Solutions

- The company are currently conducting a community consultation about the proposed plans at the Bishops Park and Carmarthen County Museum.
- The project plans to conserve and revitalise the historic Park and thereby increase its attraction to the general public, local clubs and societies and schools.
- Subject to obtaining the necessary grants the development will begin in early 2017 and will coincide with a planned new cycle path from Abergwili to Llandeilo.
- It is essential for local residents to have their say in order for the project to meet the real wants and needs of those who value the place and will use it in future.
- Therefore, we have devised a simple survey which will take approximately 5-6 minutes, and is available at <https://landskerbusinesssolutions.typeform.com/to/FGIna1> or via Facebook at www.facebook.com/Landsker/ or on paper or over the telephone.
- Paper surveys must be returned to Landsker Business Solutions by 1ST April 2016. All entrants will be entered into a prize draw to win a new Amazon Kindle.

- Further details are available by contacting Ashley (@landsker.co.uk) or Christina (@landsker.co.uk) on 01994 240631.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.3 Welsh Govt. Natural Resources Wales March Newsletter

- One Voice Wales has forwarded a copy of the above newsletter to the Council. An electronic copy of which is available from the Clerk to the Council or may be accessed online at gov.wales/environment.
- In summary the newsletter details the way in which progress made in Wales over the period and provide details of community sustainability projects and funding. It also details current consultations relating to technical changes in guidance relating to planning and Welsh Language/ Species Control/ Water abstraction/ and Public participation in National Development Framework.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.4 Invitation to Hold a Great British Fish and Chip Supper on Friday 20th May,2016, to support spinal cord injured people.

- One Voice Wales have forwarded a request from SIA to hold an event on the 20th May,2016 to raise funds for the SIA.
- Further information and a fundraising pack is available by calling Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or online at www.siafishandchips.co.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.5 Banc Y Mansel / Hedgerow Cwm Mawr Lodge

- Confirmation has been received from Cllr T Jukes that reflectors have been fitted at Banc y Mansel together with the painting of the posts white as requested.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.6 Gorslas Park – Litter Complaint

- Daniel Snaith an officer working for Keep Wales Tidy has contacted the Council in relation to a complaint which the organisation had received from local residents regarding the levels of litter at the park.
- The organisation had originally raised the matter with the Community Council some time ago but had not received a response. The residents had recently contacted the Council a second time raising their concerns a second time. Details were not provided as to the nature of the complaint.
- The Clerk has replied on behalf of the Council indicating that following the appointment of a new contractor and an inspection of the parks had been undertaken by the Clerk on Sunday 13th March,2016, which confirmed that litter had been removed and the work had been undertaken to a satisfactory level with the parks being clean and tidy.
- They were also advised that a review of the suitability of the current arrangements would be made with the new contractor over the next two weeks to ascertain their suitability.
- Keep Wales Tidy were invited to support the Council in its efforts to keep the three parks for which it is responsible litter free through the provision of free advice on location of bins, signage and sources of funding.
- Additionally an invitation was extended for the complainant to contact the Clerk directly by telephone or e-mail to discuss the matter.

- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.7 Local Government Ethical Framework

- Welsh Government advise that, having consulted upon the proposed amendments, the following come into effect as from the 1st April, 2016
- Model Code of Conduct (Wales) Regulations 2016.
 - a) Makes minor changes clarifying that the responsibility for maintaining a Register of Members interests' rests with the Community Council's Proper Officer and not the County Council.
 - b) Requires an expression of interest made for the first time to be included on the register.
 - c) Removes requirement for member to report a potential breach of Code of Conduct to the Public Services Ombudsman.
 - d) A member participating in consideration of a ward matter is under an obligation to act in the wider public interest.
- The remaining regulations deal with aspects and functions of Standards Committees within County Councils.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.8 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2016/17.

- The Panel's full report is available at www.remunerationforwales.org.uk
- The report recognises the current financial pressures on Councils and does not recommend an increase in payment rates for councillors.
- The Panel advises that its remit has been extended as from January, 2016, to include the salaries of Chief Officers.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.9 H.M. Courts and Tribunal Service. Response to Proposal to Revise Provision.

- Cllr Wyn Edwards declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion.
- A document summarising the response to the proposals has been received.
- In total 152 responses were received throughout Wales with 131 opposing.
- There were two specific proposals affecting Carmarthenshire. The re-location of the Carmarthen Civil and Family Tribunal and Probate Hearing Centre to Llanelli. Following consultation, it has been decided to retain the service at Carmarthen. The second proposal to close the Carmarthen Law Courts and re-locating Court hearings to Swansea and Magistrate hearings to Llanelli was upheld and will proceed.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.10 Planning Wales Act 2015 – Developments of National Significance.

- The above legislation introduced a new category for planning, Developments of National Significance (DNS) with applications being decided by Welsh Government.
- An amendment to the Act requires Welsh Government to notify the Community Council if a DNS application has been received in its area if the Community Council has registered such a requirement.
- Members views are sought on whether or not the Council wishes to register for notification of DNS.
- **Resolved:** The Clerk advise W.G. that the Council wishes to register for consultation.

138.11 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales 2018

- The Boundary Commission for Wales will undertake the review
- The findings will be implemented for the 2020 Westminster Parliamentary Elections.
- It is recommended that constituencies have to be within +/- of the U.K. average.
- The review will be based on the number of registered on the parliamentary electors as at 24th February,2016.
- Initial proposals will be published later in the year. Further information is available by email from bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk or by telephoning 029 2046 4819.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.12 Consultation: Carmarthenshire C. C. Supplementary Planning Guidance

- Notification has been received from the Head of Planning that the County Council of Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for consultation. When approved they will represent a material consideration in the determination of any planning application. The guidance covers: -
 - a) Archaeology and Development;
 - b) Leisure and Open Space Requirements for New Developments;
 - c) Nature, Conservation and Biodiversity;
 - d) Placemaking and Design;
 - e) Rural Development
- The draft guidance is available to view at the Council's libraries during normal opening times and also at 3 Spilman Street Carmarthen, Town Hall Ammanford, The Hub, 36 Stepney Street, Llanelli and Planning Services, Llandeilo.
- Consultation will end on the 8th April,2016.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.13 Consultation: Carms C.C. Second Priority Criteria for Accessing Social Housing.

- Legislation requires Councils to offer housing to households who meet the "First Priority" criteria set by Government. The First Priority Criteria cannot be changed.
- If places are not granted to first priority households, then allocation will be made based upon the Second Priority Criteria which are set by the County Council. The criteria are: -
 - a) Threatened with homelessness in 56 days.
 - b) Serious need to move to provide support and care, including foster carers.
 - c) Serious medical condition or disability need that would improved by re-housing.
 - d) Living in a mobile home, caravan or converted vehicle which, due to medical condition, does not meet their needs.
 - e) Overcrowding where household is lacking one bedroom
 - f) Existing social tenants who are under-occupying their home and want a smaller property.
 - g) Working families who have an income under the threshold for Working Families Tax Credit (£16,000 p.a. in October,2015
- If more demand for properties under second priority than places available then the following criteria will apply: -
 1. Additional housing need factor
 2. Time lived in ward.
 3. Time on register.
- a) Questionnaire and policy document is available online at Carmarthenshire.gov.uk..

- **Resolved:** That due to the tight deadline members respond individually on line.

138.14 Conference: LGA -Understanding Care Pay and Final Pay Cardiff 26th April,2016

- The LGA have invited the Council to send representation to the above which are workshops for both administering authority pension staff and employer payroll staff.
- The cost is £250 per delegate plus V.A.T.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.15 Newsletter Dyfed Powys Police – Neighbourhood News Aman Towy

- An electronic copy of the newsletter had been received by the Clerk and was also available on www.police.uk. Alternatively, an electronic copy is available from the Clerk.
- An update on the current position was also provided by the PACT report to Council.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.16 Newsletter Cynnal Cymru February

- The newsletter reports on changes within the organisation with the focus now being on promotion, training, consultancy and events.
- Details of the courses available and costs are available on the Cynnal website.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

138.17 Commemorative Street and Park Furniture -David Ogilvie Engineering.

- A brochure has been received detailing a range of benches which the company produce and commemorate the mining industry, WW1 and WW2.
- The furniture is made from steel, hot dipped galvanized and painted in 2 pack acrylic. Products carry a lifetime guarantee.
- Indicative costs on the website are circa £ 600 + VAT.
- Further information is available on the website or an electronic copy of the brochure may be obtained from the Clerk.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

139.1 Item 9 One Voice Wales

- An update on the issue **was** provided by Cllr Wyn Edwards who had attended a meeting of the association on Friday 11th March,2016. In summary the main points of discussion were: -
 - (i) One Voice Wales was recognised by Welsh Government as the official body for consulting /on matters affecting Community and Town Councils.
 - (ii) The organisation was seeking volunteers from member Councils who had expertise and knowledge in specific areas to input into that process. Anyone with a wish to do so could contact the Clerk who would forward details to One Voice Wales.
 - (iii) Funding was an issue with the position at present being that individual representatives could be liable for debts. The process of changing the constitution to that of a limited company was in progress but would require the approval of all member Authorities. The issue would therefore be raised at the next Annual Meeting in October. The Chief Executive would however be presenting the matter for discussion at Area Meetings.
 - (iv) The association provided information to members on specific issues which was available to members online.
- **Resolved:** To receive the report and that the Clerk obtain and distribute to members' passwords which would provide access to the online services.

139.2 Response to Welsh Government Consultation Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill. (Reform of County, Town and Community Councils)

- A copy of the response sent by One Voice Wales has been received.
- In general, the organisation was in favour of the proposals in favour of reducing the number of County Councils in Wales. Attention was drawn to key issues including the lack of transitional arrangements for Community Councils and practical difficulties associated with the proposal.
- A full electronic copy of the response could be obtained from the Clerk.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

139.3 Training Programme

- A copy of the training Courses provided by One Voice Wales is available on their website. Details of the courses available within County are given below: -

Date	Subject	Venue
11/04/16	Community Planning	St Johns Ambulance Hall Ammanford
28/04/16	Information and Management (through the medium of Welsh)	St Johns Ambulance Hall Ammanford
19/04/16	Equality and Diversity	Llanerch, Llanelli
T.B.D	The Council Meeting	St Peters Hall Carmarthen
T.B.D.	Effective Grant Applications	St Peters Hall Carmarthen

- The cost is £35 per delegate with the courses running from 6.30p.m. to 9.00p.m.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

139.4 Liaison Forum

- Notification has been received from One Voice Wales of a Liaison Forum meeting to be held on the 24th May, 2016, at County Hall Carmarthen between 6.30 and 8.30p.m.
- **Resolved:** That Cllr Wyn Edwards attend on behalf of the Council

140.0 Item 10 Planning Applications

- Cllrs Wyn Edwards and Nia Lewis declared an interest in application W 33488 and Cllr Darren Price in application W 33283 and W 33412. Accordingly, members did not participate in discussion or decisions relating to those applications.
- Subject to the interests declared above the Council proceeded to consider the following applications: -

140.1 Application No: W/33283

Application Type: Reserved Matters:

Description: Proposed Residential Development

Location: Land off, Heol Rhosybonwen, Cefneithin, Llanelli, SA14 6TF.

Applicant: Enzo Homes Ltd.

Additional Information: Matters relate to W/12703 changes in Access/

Appearance/Landscaping/ Layout/.

Resolved: That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.2 Application No: W/33289

Application Type: Full Planning

Description: Amendment to Planning Permission W/31061 to include revised access layout as agreed under W/27509.

Location: Plot adjacent to Ty Awst, Llys Seion, Drefach, Llanelli, SA14 7BW

Applicant: Chris Prosser, C/O Agent.

Resolved: That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.3 Application W/33368

Application Type: Non Material Amendment.

Description: Non Material Amendment to W/30397(Change of house type Plots 41-48)

Location: Land at Cross Hands West, Cross Hands, Llanelli, SA14 6RD.

Applicant: Persimmon Homes.

Resolved: That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.4 Application W/ 33412

Application Type: Full Planning.

Description: Caretakers Workshop Extension.

Location: Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth, 74 Heol Y Parc, Cefneithin.

Applicant: Carmarthenshire County Council.

Resolved: That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.5 Application No. W33488

Application Type: Full Planning

Description: Construction of concrete blockwork kiosk for cricket scoreboard.

Location: Drefach Cricket and Football Club.

Applicant: Mr Colin Wright.

Resolved: That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.6 Application No. W33468

Application Type: Full Planning

Description: Construction of detached single storey garage adjacent to house consisting of front facing garage door, rear facing door and side facing window.

Location: Ty Clyd, Heol Y Foel, Foelgastell, SA14 7ER.

Applicant: Dr Alasdair Rosie.

Resolved: That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.7 Application No. W/32496 – Appeal Decision

Following an appeal, the planning inspectorate **resolved to approve** an application for the construction of an agricultural implement storage barn at Eppona Cottage, Black Lion Road, Gorslas as per drawings submitted by the applicant.

The decision overturns that of Carmarthenshire County Council which had refused the granting of planning permission for the proposal.

Resolved: To note the decision of the Planning Inspector.

140.8 Carms CC. Road Traffic Order – Road Hump Regulations – Foelgastell

The County Council give formal notice of their intention, under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, to undertake the following works:

Type	Dimensions	Location
Flat Top Raised Plateau	75mm high (<i>subject to the tolerances permitted in the Road Hump Regulations, where the hump will not exceed 100mm in maximum height</i>). Width of the Road 3 metres long flat top	Foelgastell Outside No.1 Llys Y Foel/Yeomans Cottage

- Details of the proposal may be examined at Council offices in Carmarthen and Llanelli.
- The raised plateau will reduce traffic speeds and act as crossing point for pedestrians.
- **Resolved:** That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.9 Carms CC. Consultation - - Prohibition of Waiting Time at Any Time.

Location	Side of Road	Length Affected
Llandeilo Road, Cross Hands	South	From a point 70m south west of the centre of its junction with Meadows Road for a distance of 14m in a south westerly direction
Brynglas, Drefach,	Both	From its junction with Heol Cwmmawr for a distance of 10m in a south westerly direction
Heol Cwmmawr	West	From a point 15 mtrs south east of the centre of its junction with Brynglas for a distance of 30m in a north westerly direction.
Llandeilo Road/ Cross Hands Road A476	West	From a point 45m south of the centre of its junction with Clos-y-Dderwen for a distance of 47m in a south westerly direction
Road leading Ty Newydd Terrace, Cross Hands	Both	From its junction with Cross Hands Road for a distance of 10m in a south easterly direction

- **Resolved:** That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.10 Carms CC Consultation -Revoke in part -Limited waiting Mon-Sat, 8.00a.m to 6p.m.-30 mins waiting – no return within 30mins.

Location	Side of Road	Length Affected
Llandeilo Road, Cross Hands	South	From a point 70m south west of the centre of its junction with Meadows Road for a distance of 14m in a south westerly direction

- **Resolved:** That there were no objections or observations relating to the proposals.

140.11 Planning Environmental/Biodiversity Charge

- It was understood that an environmental charge of £1,000 per new property being levied by the County Council in relation to environmental/bio diversity issues.

Clarification was sought on the basis for such a charge and how that money was subsequently being spent.

- Cllr Darren Price confirmed that a charge was being made and volunteered to obtain a copy of the business case which had been presented to the County Council in relation to the matter.

141.0 Item 11: Finance.

141.1 Payments Made

• Carmarthenshire C.C. Street Lighting	£ 9162.57
• Carms CC. Superannuation former Clerk.	£ 989.26
• Remuneration former Clerk.	£ 1154.18
• Spencer Environment Grass Cutting	£ 772.34
• Cefneithin Welfare Re Christmas Tree	£ 102.00
• FC Book Binding Minute Book	£ 90.00
• Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Translation*	£ 100.00

(* Additional Bills received for 2014/15 but not paid.)

141.2 Finance: Receipts

- An invoice in the sum of £ 2, 108.89 has been issued to the County Council in respect of their contribution towards the cost of the Public Conveniences.

142.0 Item 12: Date and Location of Next Meeting.

- The next meeting of the Council would be at 7.00 p.m. Monday 11th April, 2016 at Cefneithin C.P. School.

143.0 Closure of Meeting

- The business of the Council having been completed the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.