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Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at
Cefneithin C.P. School on Monday, 11th April, 2016, at 7.00.p.m.

144.0 Item 1 Record of those Present/ Apologies

Councillors: Terry Davies (Chair), Wyn Edwards (Vice Chair), Clive Green, Darren Price, Aled Owen, Brian Kirby, Janice Price, Ellis Davies, Tina Jukes, Nia Lewis, Simon Martin, Terry Jones.

Officers: Mr Llew Thomas Clerk to the Council and Mr Hefin Jones Translator.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Huw Davies and Gavin Griffiths.

144.1 Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 7.00 p.m.
- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

145.0. Item 2 Declaration of Interest.

145.1 Planning.

- As a member of the County Council's Planning Sub Committee Cllr Davies declared an interest in respect of each of the applications being considered.

146.0 Item 3: To consider the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March,2016.

- Under the direction of the Chair members proceeded to consider each page of the minutes individually for accuracy.
- **Resolved.**

It was proposed by Cllr S Martin and seconded by Cllr C Green and agreed by all present that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the proceedings and decisions.

147.0 Item 4: Address and Demonstration Defibrillator.

- The Chair advised that, due to unforeseen circumstances, it was not possible for the representatives who were going to make the presentation to attend.
- Members felt that the presentation should be re-scheduled and that the opportunity should also be taken to increase knowledge on the matter within the community. It was agreed that the most effective way of doing so would be through arranging meetings at the village halls and to invite the organisations using those facilities to send representatives to view the presentation and join in the discussion.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk liaise with Cariad and each of the relevant village hall organisations to progress the matter. It was also agreed that members should attend the event in their area.

148.0 Item 5: General and Park Matters.

148.1 General Matters.

148.2 Employees - Changes in National Insurance Rates

- The County Council had indicated that changes in NI employer and in employee contributions would apply during the 2016/17 financial year and would increase contributions for both parties.
- **Resolved:** That the item be received and noted.

148.3 Employees - Caretaker Cleaner Arrangements Gorslas Park.

- Following a meeting between the Chair, Clerk and Mr Mark Rodway, the caretaker cleaner for the public convenience at Gorslas, agreement was reached that Mr Rodway would cease to be an employee of the Council as from the 31st March,2016.
- **Resolved:** That the action taken be noted.

148.4 Dispensation for Members.

- The County Council's Monitoring Officer had written to confirm that dispensations had been granted for members to speak and vote with regard to matters related to both the three recreational parks and also as members of school Governing Bodies. The dispensations had been granted until the end of members' current term of office.
- **Resolved:** That the action be noted.

148.5 Printer Lease.

- The company have been advised that the Council does not intend to renew the lease.
- **Resolved:** That the action taken be noted.

148.6 Contingency Clerking Arrangements.

- The proposal that the Council receiving the service would meet the Clerking cost has been relayed to Llanddarog Community Council.
- **Resolved:** That the action taken be noted.

148.7 Electronic Notice of Meetings.

- A request for members to advise the Clerk of their preference in respect of receiving electronic communication has been included with the papers for this meeting.
- A number of members returned their forms indicating their preference were returned to the Clerk at the end of the meeting.

148.8 Planning - Developments of National Significance.

- Welsh Government have been advised of the Council's wish to be registered as a consultee in relation to such developments.
- **Resolved:** That the action taken be noted.

148.9 Park Matters.

148.10 Litter Picking Arrangements

- Litter Picking Arrangements. T.B.M has confirmed acceptance of the temporary contract.
- **Resolved:** Noted.

148.11 Schedule of Works.

- An overview of the progress made in implementing the schedule was provided for members.
- It was noted that adverse weather, and the school holiday period, had delayed works.
- The position in relation to the overall works identified as being required would be reviewed following completion of the schedule of priority works.
- Resolved. Action taken noted.

148.12 Play Equipment Inspection Arrangements.

- The Chair indicated that it had been agreed with the County Council that the annual charge for the maintenance inspections be £2,500 for the 2015/16 year.
- It had also been agreed with the Council that they would continue to undertake inspections of the three parks for the 2016/17 financial year at a cost of £2,500 for the year.
- **Resolved:** To approve the arrangements and charges.

148.13 Operational Arrangements

- A number of incidents at the three parks had highlighted the need for the Council to be able to respond promptly and flexibly to urgent situations as they arise. Responding to such incidents had been adversely impacted by the decision of the long standing maintenance contractor not to continue with the litter picking or general maintenance arrangements.
- To address the issue, the Chair requested that the Council consider granting permission for the Clerk, with the approval of the Chair or in their absence the Vice Chair, to commission and instruct works to be undertaken by suitably competent contractors, up to the value of £1,000.00 in total where the works are required either to meet Health and Safety requirements or to protect the Council's assets or interests.
- **Resolved:** That the proposal be approved as outlined by the Chair.

148.14 Minor Maintenance - Temporary Arrangements.

- As indicated the long standing contractor had terminated the general maintenance arrangements.
- Temporary arrangements had been made with T.B.M contractors to undertake minor maintenance on behalf of the Council. Members were asked to formalise an arrangement whereby T.B.M. contractors undertake such work on behalf of the Council until the 30th September,2016.
- **Resolved:** That, subject to the provision of satisfactory performance, that T.B.M. contractors undertake general maintenance works on behalf of the Council , for which they have the necessary competencies, until the 30th September,2016.

148.15 Minor Maintenance – Notice Boards.

- Members indicated that continued difficulties with water ingress issues being experienced in relation to the Council's public notice boards at Gorslas, Drefach and Cefneithin.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk instruct T.B.M contractors to undertake remedial works.

148.16 Gorslas Park.

- **General:** As indicated a contractor will be undertaking the cleaning/caretaking arrangements for the toilets at Gorslas as from the 1st April,2016.
- **Litter:** Additional litter picks were undertaken for the school half term breaks.
- **Maintenance/Running Completed:**
 - (i) Repairs to Ladies Toilet Door Vent.
 - (ii) Clearing blocked pipes toilet block and replacement coupling.
 - (iii) Provision of PPE gloves and Toilet Rolls.
- **Maintenance/Running Additional Requirements.** (Added to Schedule of Future Works)
 - (i) Disabled Toilet Assistance Required Help Light.
 - (ii) Placement of protective grill for disabled toilet light and separate lighting sensor.
 - (iii) Toilet Store: Heavy rusting of door bottom and mid-section surrounding lock.
 - (iv) Toilet Block General: Repair of chipped plaster and painting of facility

(v) Toilet Door Vents: Several repairs have taken place recently which seem to relate to the playing of football against the door/toilet block.

- **Equipment:**

- (i) Aerial Runway. Members drew attention to the need to repair the aerial runway facility at Gorslas Park which had been out of action for some time. A quotation in the sum of £ 1,120 had been received for the repair.

- (ii) Gazebo: Following the removal of the previous facility a quotation had been received for a replacement gazebo.

- **Resolved:**

- (i) That the reported maintenance issues which had arisen be confirmed and noted

- (ii) The Clerk place an order for the repair of the aerial runway.

- (iii) Further discussion take place in relation to the options for a replacement gazebo.

148.17 Drefach Park

- **Litter:** Additional litter picks were undertaken for the school half term breaks.

- **Maintenance/Running Additional Requirements.** No new items reported as requiring attention.

- **Equipment:** No new items reported as requiring attention.

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

148.18 Cefneithin Park

- **Litter:** Additional litter picks were undertaken for the school half term breaks.

- **Maintenance/Running Additional Requirements.** No new items reported as requiring attention.

- **Equipment:** No new items reported as requiring attention.

- **Dog Control Signage:** Advice had been sought from the County Council in relation to both the powers available to the Council, as well as the appropriate signage to prohibit dogs from accessing the Council's parks.

- The County Council were currently progressing proposal relating to dog control within Carmarthenshire with the main points being summarised below for members: -

- a) Community Councils can prohibit, and prosecute, individuals who breach orders prohibiting dogs from parks or parts of a park.

- b) Prosecution would be for trespass and is a matter for individual organization. It is both costly and very time consuming.

- c) The County Council resolved, for animal welfare reasons, not issue an order prohibiting dogs form all parks. Sites are considered individually with the availability of alternative nearby facilities for exercising dogs off the lead considered.

- d) The County Council will make use of CPN to deal with offending dog owners or site specific PSPO's.

- e) To introduce controls as a starting point: -

- (i) Strong evidence is needed to support the requirement for such an order. This would include statistics on the number of incidents caused by out of control dogs in play areas/parks.

- (ii) Evidence is required that any proposed measure is proportionate in relation to the problems evidenced.

(iii) The animal welfare issues provided in the guidance have to be adhered to. The guidance requires there to be public land available where dogs can be exercised off the lead. Restrictions which fail to do this will not withstand a legal challenge.

- f) The County Council consulted upon dog orders during the Autumn of 2015 following which they have taken forward proposals with the following elements: -
- (i) A requirement that people clean up after their dog if it defecates on public land. This will apply to all publicly accessible land in the County.
 - (ii) A requirement for people to place their dog on a lead of not more than 2 meters in length, when directed to do so by an authorized officer of the Council. This will also apply to all publicly accessible land in the County.
 - (iii) A provision prohibiting dogs from all outdoor enclosed children's play areas in the County
 - (iv) A link is provided to a frequently asked questions and DEFRA guidance on the Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Police Act 2014.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/373429/dog-ownership-practitioners-manual-201411.pdf

- Discussion took place in relation to a previous decision by the Council, in response to concerns raised by individuals, to prohibit dogs from its parks.
- The possibility of changing or adopting a restriction on dogs from entering only the play area of the park was also discussed.
- **Resolved:** That further advice on the matter be sought and that the Clerk invite the relevant Council Officer be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council.

149.0 Item 6: Section 106 Monies.

- To review the position in relation to the draw-down of section 106 monies.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk approach the County Council to seek the draw-down of section 106 monies based upon the schemes currently being considered by the Community Council.

150.0 Item 7 Urgent Local Issues.

150.1 Footpath Access FP31/06 Foelgastell onto Carmarthen Road.

- The County Council have been asked to re-commence negotiations with the landowner into allowing access for users of the footpath.
- An option of an alternative compromise route was made to the County Council for their consideration.
- **Resolved:** To accept and note actions taken.

150.2 Damaged Road Kerbs and steps at Heol Yr Ysgol.

- Officers from the County Council's Environment and Housing Departments have visited the site indicating that the matters will be attended to by early Autumn.
- **Resolved:** To note actions taken.

150.3 Wayside Seats.

- A report of issues in relation to a seat at Y Glyn Cefneithin have been included within the schedule of maintenance works.

- The Chair reminded the wayside seat examiners that they had been asked to forward copies of reports on the condition of seats in their area to the Clerk and for inclusion in the forward works programme. The report for the Drefach area had been received and the schedule updated accordingly.
- **Resolved:** To note the position and actions taken.

150.4 Bus Shelters

- Cross Hands Road- Metal Framed Shelter. It had been noted that a Perspex Roof Panel had been broken. In view of the urgency of the matter Qualitek Engineering had been instructed to replace the relevant part at a cost of £285.
- **Resolved:** To note and approve the actions taken.
- Cross Hands Road – Concrete Shelter. Members had previously reported and issued an instruction, that the issue of the trip hazard presented by the uneven floor to the shelter be addressed. A cost of £150 had now been obtained for the work.
- **Resolved:** To instruct that the works be undertaken forthwith.

150.5 Drainage Capacity- Treventy Road entering Cross Hands Road.

- Members raised concerns relating to the capacity of the drain from Treventy Road which empties into the road drainage pipe on the Cross Hands Road.
- It was noted that, in spite of the generally low total rainfall, the drainage pipe was currently operating at half capacity. Concerns were therefore expressed that should there be heavy rainfall the excess would overflow onto the roads.
- **Resolved:** County Councillors T Davies and D Price agreed to investigate the matter and report back to members.

151.0 Item 8 Members Report.

- The Chair reported that he had attended the first ever St David's parade in Carmarthen which had proved to be a successful and colourful event.
- **Resolved:** To note the action taken.

152.0 Item 9 PACT Report Meeting 31st March ,2016, Cross Hands.

Present: Only 6 members of the public, plus PCSOs Beth Thomas and Sharee Treharne.

Actions since last meeting:

Ten applications received from people in Gorslas to become part of a Community Speed Watch Partnership. Applications currently going through vetting.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Operations have been carried out near Tumble Primary School - 3 people stopped.

Also at Cross Hands Primary School - 7 stopped. An exercise, similar to a SID Op, was carried out on Black Lion Road, Gorslas, where 2 persons were stopped for speeding and 2 other persons were spoken to by the Fire Service for not wearing seat belts.

Now that the new platform has been installed near Drefach Primary School, a SID Op will be planned for the near future.

There has also been regular monitoring of parks in the area.

Crimes in past month: 30 in total with 7 detected (23%).

Location of crimes:

Gorslas area - 9. (Theft and common assault in Gorslas. Criminal damage in Foelgastell. A common assault, a sexual assault and a theft in Cefneithin. An assault in Maesybont. A burglary and an attempted burglary in Drefach.)

Pontyberem area - 7 (1 in Bancffosfelen; 1 in Mynyddcerrig; and 5 in Pontyberem.)

Penygroes area - 3.

Llanon area - 6. (All 6 in Tumble.)

Llanddarog area - 1.

Llanarthne (NBG) - 1.

- **Resolved:** To note and accept the report.

153.0 Item 10 Correspondence.

153.01 Cor Mynydd Mawr.

- Cllr Ellis Davies has forwarded an invitation from Cor Meibion Mynydd Mawr for the Chair and partner/guest to attend its 50th Anniversary Dinner at Tumble Memorial Hall.
- **Resolved:** To note and action the invitation.

153.02 Queens Birthday Celebrations.

- The Council has received a FOIA enquiring as to the amount of money the Council will be making available to celebrate the Queen's birthday celebrations and how any such expenditure is to be funded.
- **Resolved:** To respond detailing the Council's budgetary position.

153.03 Walk for Life – April 24th 2016.

- A request has been received from the Kidney Wales Foundation advising and asking the Council to consider organising a Walk for Life event on the 24th April to raise funds for the organisation.
- **Resolved:** The information was received and noted.

153.04 National Assembly for Wales and Police Crime Commissioner Elections.

- The County Council has forwarded a copy of a poster and leaflet raising awareness of the elections and encouraging the public to vote. They ask the Council to place the poster and leaflet in a prominent place in the locality.
- **Resolved:** The information was received and noted.

153.05 HAGSMP Playground equipment and inspection.

- A leaflet advising the Council of the equipment and the inspection services which the company provide have been provided together with contact details of a representative based in Pembrokeshire.
- **Resolved:** The information was received and noted.

153.06 Nottingham University Survey Regional Attitudes to Europe

- A survey had been received from a 2nd year research students survey seeking the Council's / residents views on Europe.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

154.0 Item 11 One Voice Wales.

154.1 Asset Transfer Guide Update

- The updated best practice guide on Welsh Government's website is now available and can be accessed via <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/communities/community-asset-transfer/best-practice-guide/?lang=en>
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

154.2 Blog – NSA Afan Employment and Enterprise Academy and Pontypridd Muni Arts Centre Projects.

- The latest blogs in respect of the above are now available via the associations website.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

154.3 Consultation Welsh Government: Proposed Changes to Planning Policy Relating to Historic Environment.

- One Voice Wales has forwarded a copy of a link to the following consultation document relating to proposed changes in planning regulations relating to Historic Environment.
<http://gov.wales/consultations/planning/proposed-changes-to-planning-policy-wales-chapter-6-the-historic-environment/?lang=en>
- In summary the proposals seek to: -
 - (i) A new objective to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage Sites
 - (ii) The protection and enhancement of registered historic parks, gardens and the conservation of registered landscapes.
 - (iii) Archaeological remains refer to conservation rather than protection
 - (iv) An emphasis on the positive management of change to historic buildings rather than the avoidance of harm.
 - (v) A specific requirement to take climate change into account in decision making.
 - (vi) Updates the role of Welsh Ministers through CADW and Local Authorities with a requirement for pre application consultation for certain applications.
 - (vii) Local Development Plans. Emphasis on the use of historic environmental records.
 - (viii) New role on Local Authorities to identify and consider local archaeologically sensitive areas or lists of assets of special local interest in their LDP.
 - (ix) For sites of World Heritage sites requirement to consult CADW if the development impacts on the Universal Value of the site. Strengthens requirement to record and archive archaeological remains.
 - (x) Regulations to require design and access statements proportionate to the significance of the building to protect and enhance listed buildings retaining them for sustainable use.
 - (xi) Requirement for any supplementary local planning guidance to be a material consideration and to consult with CADW should it affect registered historic park or garden and the new requirement to register historic landscapes.
 - (xii) Enables developments which follow the recognition, made in Conservation Principles, if the public benefits of preserving or enhancing historic asset decisively outweighs the harm to other material interests.
- Closing Date for Consultation 13th June,2016.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

154.4 Live Project 2016- Cardiff University – Planning and Placemaking.

- Post Graduate students, with a link to One Voice Wales, have contacted the Council seeking information as to how training received by members in relation to planning and place-making can effectively equip community and town councils to retain, share and pass on knowledge to enable effective engagement with the planning system.
- Members wishing to share their experiences can do so via a questionnaire using the following link: <http://goo.gl/forms/L66csWoMXN>

154.5 Welsh Government Finance Consideration of Consultation on Draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill.

- The sub committee report is available for members to view online at <http://www.assembly.wales/laid%20documents/cr-ld10644/cr-ld10644-e.pdf>.
- The following is a summary of the main recommendations and conclusion: -
 - 1) That a bill be introduced during the fifth term of the Assembly.
 - 2) The bill should require the Ombudsman to work with Commissioners and the Auditor General for Wales to produce information sharing protocols.
 - 3) The Ombudsman should contribute evidence to a fully costed Regulatory Impact Assessment to accompany the Draft Bill.
 - 4) To work with regulators, future commissioners and statutory advisers created by Acts of the Assembly, in order to ensure effective and co-ordinated working.
 - 5) To carry out, on own initiative, investigation whether it relates to action taken before or after the Bill receives Royal Assent.
 - 6) That listed authorities would not have to comply with a model complaints handling procedure if that would be inconsistent with any statutory requirement.
 - 7) The definition of “private health services” be broadened to encompass medical treatment and nursing care and to demand costs from private providers.
 - 8) A disqualification period for the Ombudsman from a list of various roles.
 - 9) That social and palliative care as a standalone regime.
 - 10) A duty on the Ombudsman to prepare and publish a Welsh language strategy.
 - 11) A duty on Welsh Ministers to carry out a review of legislation after five years.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

154. 6 Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF)

- The Framework is available on Welsh Government website via the following link: <http://gov.wales/consultations/healthsocialcare/outcomes-framework/?lang=e>
- It accords with the Well Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 and details the impact which policies and programmes are having on health and wellbeing.
- The framework will be updated regularly and in line with Future Generations Act and can thus help in future policy/ service development.
- **Resolved:** Following consideration of the above it was agreed to formally note and receive the information provided.

154.7 Election Hustings Swansea May 5th 2016

- The Institute of Welsh Affairs Swansea Bay Branch will be hosting a husting in the Principal Lecture Theatre of Swansea University's on the 5th May,2016.

- The panel will consist of:
 - * Julie James AM, Deputy Minister for Skills, Welsh Labour
 - * Suzy Davies AM, Shadow Heritage Minister, Welsh Conservatives
 - * Bethan Jenkins AM, South Wales West, Plaid Cymru
 - * Sheila Kingston-Jones, Candidate for Gower, Welsh Liberal Democrats
 - * Gareth Tucker, Candidate for Swansea West, Wales Green Party
 - * UKIP representative, TBC
- The event is free and open to all members of the public.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information received.

154.8 Internal Audit – Wellbeing Shared Learning Seminar

- Wales Audit Office – 5th May 9.00 to 13:00
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

154.9 Mid Wales Fire And Rescue Authority Strategic Plan 2016 -2021 and Annual Improvement Plan 2016-17.

- Annual Improvement Plan for 2016-2017 identifies 12 improvement objectives which are aligned to our strategic priorities.
- Both documents were widely circulated and promoted during a period of public consultation between 5 October 2015 and 11 December 2015.
- The Strategic Plan for 2016-21 7 Improvement Actions and our Annual Improvement Plan for 2016-17, are available on the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service website www.mawwfire.gov.uk.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

155.0 Item 12 Planning.

155.1 Declaration of Interest.

- The Chair declared an interest in the issues and took no part in the discussion or decisions relating to planning matters.

155.2 Application No: W/33578

Application Type: Variation of Planning Consent.

Description: Variation of condition No (3) of planning permission W/23782 approved 29/11/12 (Extension of time by 5 years from date of outline planning permission.

Location: Land at Cross Hands East Strategic Employment site(s) adjoining the Cross Hands Business Park North East of Heol Parc Mawr and to the South West of Black Lion Road, Cross Hands.

Applicant: Carmarthenshire County Council.

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

155.3 Application No: W33574

Applicant Type: Full Planning.

Description: Proposed loft conversion and two storey extension at the front of property.

Location: 40 Cross Hands Road, Gorslas, SA14 6RP

Applicant: Ms Nia Bishop.

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

155.4 Application No: W 33616

Applicant Type: Reserved matters application for the siting of 2 detached dwelling houses following outline permission W/26404 approved on 05/04/12 and VOC permission W/33240 to extend period of W/26404 approved 17/08/2015.

Location: Land between Ael Y Bryn & Brynhyfryd, Capel Seion Road, Drefach, SA14 7BN.

Applicant: Sauro Homes Ltd, Ffynnon Fach, Bancffosfelen, Llanelli, SA15 5DW.

Agent: Sauro Architectural Design Ltd, Peter Sauro, 9 Elliston Terrace, Carmarthen, SA31 1HA.

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

156.0 Item 13 Finance.

156.1 Payments to

• One Voice Wales -Well Being	£	35.00
• Spencer Environment Grass Cutting	£	772.34
• J Tipper Final Account 3 Litter/Vent/ Bench/Bin	£	585.00
• Parks and Play Repair/Resurface Multi Use Equip	£	2,364.00
• Wages Caretaker/Cleaner – Final (Revised Arrangements)	£	484.00
• Wages Bus Shelter Cleaner	£	52.00
• Wages/Allowances/ Travel Clerk (Inc. Travelling £ 53.10)	£	1,842.46
• Bowen & Weaving (Supplies for Public Convenience)	£	27.46

156.2 Finance: Receipts

• Carms CC Payment Public Convenience	£	2, 108.89
• Cefneithin Welfare – Lease Payment:	£	50.00.

156.3 Audit of Accounts.

- The Council is required to appoint an auditor to review its accounts.
- The annual audit has, in previous years, been undertaken by Lyn Llewellyn Internal Audit Services. The views of members on their appointment for the 2015/16 audit was sought.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To note the payments made and received.
 - (ii) To appoint Lyn Llewellyn Internal Audit Services to undertake the annual audit.

157.0 Item 14 Annual Council Dinner

- Members views are sought in relation to the above.
- **Resolved:** That the dinner be held at the Cottage Inn on the 29th April,2016, and the Clerk instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

158.0 Item 15: Date and Location of Next Meeting.

- The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.00p.m. Monday 9TH May,2016at Gorslas C.P.

159.0 Closure of Meeting

- The business of the Council having been completed the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.