

# **CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Gorslas C.P. School on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, at 7.00.p.m.**

## **1.0 Record of those Present/ Apologies**

**Councillors:** Terry Davies, Wyn Edwards, Clive Green, Darren Price, Janice Price, Ellis Davies, Tina Jukes, Nia Lewis, Simon Martin, Huw Davies and Anthony Rees.

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Gavin Griffiths, Aled Owen, Brian Kirby, Terry Jones.

Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 7.00 p.m.
- Cllr T Davies, as the incumbent Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

## **2.0 Item 2 Declaration of Interest.**

- There was no declaration of interest recorded in relation to the items stated on the agenda.

## **3.0 Item 3. Chair's Report 2015-16**

- Cllr Davies stated that he wished to state that he had considered it to have been a great honour and privilege to have held the position of Chair over the previous year.
- During that time, he had noted, and was grateful for, the assistance and co-operation of members in addressing and overcoming the many issues which the Council had faced.
- Members were also asked to note that, on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, it will have been 30 years since Gorslas Community Council was legally established. The Gorslas area having formerly been part of the area served by Llanarthney parish Council, an Authority upon which Cllr Davies had served as a member for a considerable period of time.
- The Council had continually worked to improve services for residents and it was pleasing to note that the availability of section 106 monies from the County Council would present a further opportunity to move things forward. He wished the Council and his successor as Chair well for the future.
- **Resolved:**
  - To formally record and thank Cllr Davies for his work and to receive and accept the Chair's report.
  - That as no photograph had been taken of the Council for a considerable number of years arrangements be made to have a formal photograph taken at the next meeting.

## **4.0 Item 4. Elect a Chair for 2016/17.**

- Councillor Davies asked for nominations for the position of Chair for the 2016/17 year.
- It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Councillor Wyn Edwards be elected to the position of Chair.

- Councillor Edwards confirmed his acceptance of the offer and thanked members for the honour. He also thanked Cllr Davies for his work as Chair over the previous year.
- Councillor Edwards read out, and duly signed, the declaration of acceptance of office with the Clerk duly signing as witness.
- Following the formal acceptance of office Councillor Edwards then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.
- **Resolved:** That Cllr Wyn Edwards be formally appointed as Chair for the 2016/17 year.

#### **5.0 Item 5. Elect a Vice Chair for 2016/17.**

- The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.
- Following discussion members agreed that, in accordance with its practice, the appointment of Vice Chair would be undertaken in accordance with the Council's usual practice. Accordingly, nominations were invited from members in the Cefneithin ward.
- At the first stage nominations were received in respect of both Cllrs S Martin and Huw Davies. Cllr Martin indicated however that he did not wish to be considered for the position.
- It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Cllr Huw Davies be appointed as Vice Chair for the 2016/17 year.
- Cllr Davies thanked members sincerely for the nomination and confirmed his acceptance of the position.
- **Resolved:** That Cllr Huw Davies be formally appointed as Vice Chair for the 2016/17 year.

#### **6.0 Standing Orders.**

- Following consideration and discussion members decided as follows:
- **Resolved:** To accept the NALC model standing orders and model Financial Standing Orders Regulations (as amended for Wales)

#### **7.0 Appointment of Sub-Committee Members.**

- Following consideration and discussion members unanimously decided as follows:
- **Resolved:** To appoint the Chair, Vice Chair and Immediate Past Chair to serve as members of the Sub-Committee.

#### **8.0 Appointment of Representative to One Voice Wales.**

- Following discussion, it was unanimously decided as follows:
- **Resolved:** That Cllr W Edwards be appointed to serve as the Council's representative to One Voice Wales.

## **9.0 School Governing Bodies.**

- Following discussion, it was resolved as follows:
- **Resolved:** That nominations be considered on a case by case basis upon notification of a vacancy by the County Council.

## **10.0 External Committee Representatives.**

- It was resolved to appoint the following to serve as representatives on the following bodies:
- **Resolved:**
  - Gwendraeth Group – Cllrs Clive Green and Brian Kirby.
  - Cross Hands Hall - Cllr Clive Green.
  - Torcoed Quarry- Cllr A Rees be appointed, with a substitute member being chosen from the Drefach ward being chosen should Cllr Rees be unable to attend. The Clerk to contact the manager of the quarry to provide the correct contact addresses.

## **11.0 Appoint A Responsible Financial Officer for the 2016/17 year.**

- Members resolved as follows.
- **Resolved:** To appoint the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer for 2016/17.

## **12.0 Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2016/17.**

- Following discussion, it was resolved as follows.
- **Resolved:** Lyn Llewellyn Audit Services be appointed to undertake the work for 2016/17.

## **13.0 Appointment of Councillor to Act as Financial/Policy Examiner 2016/17.**

- Following discussion, it was resolved as follows:
- **Resolved:** That the immediate past Chair be appointed to undertake the role.

## **14.0 Report Chair Allowance 2015/16.**

- Brief details of the various events attended by the Immediate Past Chair was provided together with an outline of the financial assistance provided by the Chair to local organisations. Members were advised that, due to the nature and number of organisations, supported the allowance had been overspent. Full details had been provided to the Clerk
- **Resolved:** The report was noted and received. Members thanked the Chair for his work and agreed that the shortfall in the allowance be refunded to the Chair.

## **15.0 Chairman's Allowance 2016/17.**

- Following discussion, it was resolved:
- **Resolved:** That an allowance of £1,000 be provided to the Chair for 2016/17 but that the Council recognised that the pressure for financial assistance was growing and it was likely that the allowance would be overspent.

### **16.0 Dates of Meetings 2016/17.**

- Members resolved:
- **Resolved:** To adhere to the practice of holding the Council's meetings on the second Monday of each month with no meetings being held in August.

### **17.0 Review of Council Policies.**

- Members resolved:
- **Resolved:** It was resolved that a programme of reviewing the Council's policies be undertaken by the sub-committee who would report back to the full Council.

### **18.0 Closure of Meeting**

- The business of the meeting having been transacted the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50p.m.