

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Drefach Welfare Hall on
Monday, 10th September, 2018, at 7.00 p.m.

64.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

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

64.1 Welcome

- The meeting commenced at 7.00p.m. with the Chair welcoming and thanking members for their attendance.

64.2 Update.

- Cllr Brian Kirby: The Clerk had received a communication from Cllr Kirby prior to the meeting advising that, due to ill health, he would no longer be able to attend Council meetings and was thus tendering his resignation.
- Members discussed and were appreciative of the contribution that Cllr Kirby had made during his time with the Community Council. It was therefore with regret that the Council accepted the resignation.
- **Resolved:** That that a letter conveying the Council's appreciation of Cllr Kirby's service be sent.
- Cllr D Evans: Members were advised that Cllr Evans had contacted the Clerk informing him that he would be unable to attend meetings for the next few months as he had been admitted to hospital as a result of a sudden illness.
- **Resolved:** That a letter wishing Cllr Evans a speedy recovery be sent.

65.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- Declarations of a personal but not prejudicial interest were declared by Cllr Darren Price in relation to agenda item 6(ii) proposed sale of land at Gorslas Park as elected members of the Local Authority seeking to purchase the land. The Clerk advised that a dispensation had been applied by the monitoring officer in relation to allowing Cllr Price to take part in discussions relating to the matter.
- Cllr Janice Price also declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 6(ii) as a member of the Governing Body of the school in question. Cllr Price took no part in the discussion or voting relating to the matter.
- Cllr Nia Lewis declared a personal interest in planning application no's W/37563 and W/37528 due to their proximity to her personal residence. Cllr Lewis took no part in the discussion or voting in relation to either application.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the declaration of interest.

66.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Edwards and seconded by Cllr Clive Green that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to agenda item 6 (ii) Proposed Sale of Land at Gorslas Park for the purposes of erecting a new primary school as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'

Resolved: The motion was agreed unanimously.

67.0 Agenda Item 4 Consider the Minutes of the Previous Meetings.

- Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes of the July meeting of the Council for accuracy.
- **Resolved:** It was proposed by Cllr Clive Green and seconded by Cllr Wyn Edwards and agreed by all that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9th July, 2018, be approved and confirmed as being an accurate representation of the discussions and decisions made.

68.0 Agenda Item 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- An update was provided for members in relation to the following matters: -

Ref	Item	Update
68.1	Cefneithin Hall Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No further contact from Carms. C.C.
68.2	General Data Protection Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E Mail facility set up. Awaiting activation/ Guidance notes.• OVW will include information on GDPR in the Autumn Training Package. Individual Organisation package available at £399 + travel expense.
68.3	Model Standing Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Sub Cttee Report General
68.4	Register of Members Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An updated version of the document has been placed on the Council's website.
68.5	Public Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electrical/Structural Checks instructed. See Parks and General
68.6	Cefneithin Mobile Post Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operational from 22/08/18.
68.7	Cefneithin Park: Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stages 1 and 2 completed.
68.8	Cefneithin Anti-Social Behaviour Signage MUGA and Gate Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signs received and put in position• Agreement forwarded to Association.
68.9	Drefach/Gorslas Proludic Swing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On hold. Part of larger consultation/tender.
68.10	Drefach Park Drain Cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remedial works had been completed.
68.11	Parks Maintenance Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contractor reminded
68.12	Gorslas New School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Sub Cttee Report – General
68.13	One Voice Wales Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clerk attended training- Advanced Finance

68.14	Police Commissioner Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal that the Commissioner should meet with PACT acknowledged and accepted by the Commissioner's Office.
68.15	Data Protection Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further developments.

- **Resolved:**

- (i) To receive, note the information provided and approve the actions taken.
- (ii) Item 68.1. The County Council be contacted one last time in relation to ascertaining whether or not there was capacity to undertake the work.
- (iii) Item 68.2. Llanddarog Community Council be approached to ascertain the possibility of holding a joint training session on the GDPR Act. Max number of attendees per course to be obtained from One Voice Wales.

69.0 Agenda Item 6 Parks and General Matters.

69.1 New Model Standing Orders.

- The Sub Committee met on Thursday 2nd August, 2018, and reviewed the model standing orders. It was resolved to recommend the adoption of the New Model Standing Orders to the Council subject to the following amendments.
- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Darren Price and seconded by Cllr Nia Lewis that the new model standing orders be adopted subject to the amendments proposed by the Sub Committee.

69.2 E Mail Accounts

- To assist the Community Council to meet the requirements of the General Data Protection Act it has been necessary to increase the capacity of the web hosting facility. The cost is an additional £ 26.44 per year.
- Guidance is currently being prepared on accessing the service.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

69.3 Identity Cards

- The issue of challenges by members of the public to Councillors, staff and contractors whilst acting on behalf of the Council as to their identity and as to their reasons for being in the park, children's play area or other park facilities was raised at the Sub Committee meeting on the 2nd August, 2018.
- It was noted that the voluntary work which members were undertaking to lock and secure the public conveniences and recently the main public access gates at Gorslas and Cefneithin parks had served to highlight the matter.
- Members considered that it would be advantageous and re-assuring to both the public and to those representing the Council, if identity cards were provided.
- It was decided that the Clerk proceed, as a matter of urgency, to provide identity badges for those representing the Community Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

69.4 Public Lighting Columns

- Communication from the County Council indicated that structural and electrical safety checks were not undertaken as part of the three-weekly inspection of lighting columns.
- Lighting units attached to wooden poles were inspected for integrity by Western Power. There were however 54 units which were in the Community Council's ownership which were identified as required testing.
- The County Council could arrange such an inspection on behalf of the Community Council using an approved contractor with the cost being £ 945. The units should be inspected every six years.
- Following discussion with the sub-committee, and having regard to the need to ensure the safety of the public, it was agreed to instruct that the works be undertaken as soon as possible. Accordingly, an instruction to proceed with the testing was issued to the County Council on the 8th August, 2018.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

69.5 Parks. Equipment Replacement

- Play equipment: Three County Council approved contractors have provided a brochure showing the play equipment they are able to provide.
- Outside Gym equipment. A County Council approved provider has forwarded a brochure detailing the provision and items which they offer.
- Cycle Track: A cycle track designer and provider has been contacted and provided a copy of their brochure. They have also visited the three parks to ascertain what provision would be suitable for each one. Awaiting further details.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That the members for each of the three wards meet as a group and consult with the relevant Welfare Association for their area on a preferred option and report back with specific recommendations to the full Council.
 - (ii) Each group of ward members be provided with the brochures received from suppliers in turn commencing with the Gorslas Ward.
 - (iii) To assist progress that the details of the suppliers be provided to members to allow them to access the supplier's websites and view the products online.

69.6 Cefneithin Park Development Fund.

- Drainage: Both stage 1 and stage 2 of the drainage works were undertaken and completed during the month of August. The works were completed as per budget.
- Drainage: The contractor offered to defer payment for stage 2 of the drainage works until the next financial year.
- Maintenance: a significant portion of the phase 1 scheme has been assigned as ordinary maintenance as it related to work to replace and make good existing drains.
- Goal Posts: Following discussion with the Sub Committee works were instructed to relocate and centralise the goal posts.
- Signage: Provision was made over the summer to provide signs to warn users that the gates would be locked and that vehicles were parked at their own risk. The sign also serves to prevent vehicles from accessing the grassed strip adjoining the footpath.

- Development Fund: Following these works the funds allocated by the Community Council for the development of the park have been expended.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) The actions taken be noted, received, and approved.
 - (ii) Payment for the stage two of the drainage works be deferred until December.

69.7 Cefneithin Park. Play Area Gate

- The Park inspector advised the Clerk that the padlock securing the gate from the play area was missing and the gate needed securing to prevent a possible accident.
- The Clerk contacted Cllr T Jones who kindly took steps to secure the gate immediately.
- **Resolved:** That a new padlock be purchased and fitted.

69.8 Cefneithin Park. Anti-Social Behaviour Wooded Area

- Concerns were relayed to the Clerk regarding the presence of a group of three or four teenage boys and a 12-13 female who were acting suspiciously and smoking a substance which, by its distinctive aroma, gave cause for concern.
- As there were concerns related to the possible use of illegal substances and the possible threat to the safety of the young girl the Clerk reported the matter to the Police. The incident has been logged under reference DP 20180814-091.
- **Resolved:** To receive note and approve the actions taken.

69.9 Gorslas Park – Sports Training Sessions

- An application was received and approved by the Sub Committee in relation to the use of the park over the summer period for sports training.
- **Resolved:** To receive note and approve the actions taken.

69.10 Gorslas Park. Fancy Dress Parade - September,2018.

- It was noted that the above event which was organised by the Gorslas Welfare Association has been cancelled.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

69.11 Gorslas Park. Christmas Celebrations and Firework Event.

- The Gorslas Welfare Association requested permission to hold a Christmas Lights and Fireworks event in the park on Thursday 6th December,2018, and for the Community Council to assist with the practicalities of the event.
- It was noted during discussion that, for various reasons, members of the Community were not also members of their local Welfare Association
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To grant permission for the use of the park for the event.
 - (ii) A grant of £175 to each Welfare Organisation to cover all costs be made.
 - (iii) Details of the contractors/ suppliers and agencies which could assist the associations in making the arrangements be provided.

(iv) That, if possible, members of the Community Council join their local Welfare Association.

69.12 Gorslas Park Lighting Units

- Units 711-129 and 711-130 were reported as being out of action. Repairs have been affected by the County Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

69.13 Gorslas Public Conveniences.

- July useage 563 persons.
- Painting of the external walls of the facility has been completed. Remaining painting will be undertaken during September.
- It was noted during discussion that a Councillor had been accosted and threatened by three youths whilst locking the facility.
- Members also enquired as to whether or not the voluntary rota for the locking of the facilities was continuing after December.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive, note and approve the actions taken.
 - (ii) That the cost of automatic locking mechanism for the facility be obtained.
 - (iii) That Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen be asked to kindly co-ordinate and provide details to the Gorslas Ward members of the revised voluntary rota.

69.14 Proposed New Primary School Gorslas

- As indicated the Council resolved that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to this item as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'
- An update on the current position relating to negotiations for the sale of the land was given by the Chair.
- **Resolved:** An update be provided at the next meeting.

69.15 Gorslas Park. Multi Play Junior Play Equipment

- The Clerk advised that the equipment had been de-commissioned due to rot in certain of the timbers and wear and tear of linkages
- Boarding to prevent access had been put in place whilst the cost of repairing the item was examined.
- The boarding has been removed on several occasions and it was noted by the Clerk and contractors whilst inspecting the park that children were using a variety of means to overcome the preventative measures which had been put in place.
- As it was not possible to secure and ensure the prevention of access to the equipment and that it was found to be un-economic to repair the item, following discussion with the sub-committee members, it was agreed that the item be removed.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

69.16 Gorslas Park. Titan Swing

- The Clerk was contacted by the Park Inspector on Wednesday 22nd August,2018, in relation to a missing safety pin on one of the shackles securing the seat.
- Due to safety concerns the inspector could not leave site until the Clerk arrived and together the seat was removed. This allowed the item to be put back into operation.
- The Clerk is seeking a price for the repair of the item.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

69.17 Gorslas Park. Other Maintenance Issues

- During the discussion with the inspector on 'The Clerk's attention was drawn to various other items of equipment requiring attention in the park.
- Costs were being awaited for their repair.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

69.18 Drefach Park. Toll House.

- Following discussion with the Sub-Committee members over the summer period it was agreed to paint the outside of the building and remove weeds in the surrounds.
- The re-painting treatment of weeds has been completed. Further work to follow
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

69.19 Drefach Park Footpaths.

- It was noted that, due to the recent hot weather, the edges of many of the footpaths had become brittle and have cracked.
- The maintenance contractor is examining options for rectifying the position.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

70.0 Agenda Item 7 Urgent Local Matters.

70.1 Drefach. Hedge Cutting

- It was reported to members by the residents of Bron Yr Ynn that the County Council had not undertaken the annual cutting back of the hedges.
- The County Council indicate that the work would be undertaken within the next few months as part of the Housing Departments winter maintenance programme.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

70.2 Drefach. Low Hanging Branches

- The Council's attention was drawn to the danger posed by low hanging branches on a footpath at Hen Ffordd at a point near the Community Council's wayside seat.
- **Resolved:** That the requirement be brought to the attention of the County Council's Housing Department for inclusion in the winter maintenance programme.

70.3 Footpaths

- A number of issues were raised by members and relayed to the County Council in relation to local footpaths. The County Council have responded as follows: -
 - (i) FP 31/6 and FP 31/7. More accurate location details required.

- (ii) FP 31/15 and FP 31/16. Repainting of countryside furniture- this is the responsibility of the landowner and not the County Council.
 - (iii) Japanese Knotweed. This is the responsibility of the landowner. If, however the knotweed is blocking the path then the County Council will cut a path through the blockage leaving the cuttings. If there is a blockage then precise details of location are required.
 - (iv) FP 31/12 The need to cut the hedge has been logged as an issue.
 - (v) Heol Y Dre to Y Fron. This is not registered as a right of way.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

71.0 Agenda Item 8 Members Reports.

71.1 County Council.

- Cllr Darren Price provided an update for members on issues at both County and ward level in which the County Councillors had an involvement.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

71.2 Cross Hands Hall and Cinema Trustees Meeting 19th July,2018.

- Cllr Clive Green advised that the trustees had met on the 19th July,2018 and amongst the items discussed were: -
 - (i) The re - painting of the Cinema had been agreed and was proceeding.
 - (ii) The trustees had been advised that Cllr Brian Kirby would not be able to continue to serve as a trustee and had resigned his position.

72.0Agenda Item 10 Correspondence.

72.1 Consultation.

No	From	Details
72.2	Local Democracy Boundary Commission for Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first stage of the Commissioner’s report on Boundary changes in Carmarthenshire are available to view on their website. • The report proposes, following consultation with the Welsh Language Commissioner, to consider amending the official current name allocated to the Ward to Gors-Las. • Views may be submitted from 05/09/18 to 27/11/18
72.3	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting views via online survey on the County Council website relating to the LINC integrated transport networks project.
72.4	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) Wind and Solar Energy. • The consultation documents are available on the County Council website or at the customer service centers at Carmarthen, Llanelli, Ammanford and Llandeilo. • Closing date 5th October,2018
72.5	National Assembly for Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek Views on Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language. Inquiry into the Legislative, Policy and the wider context.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Views submitted via their website by the 14th September,2018.
72.6	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking views on the Petroleum Extraction Policy in Wales. Views can be submitted online until 25/09/18.
72.7	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking views on the Autism (Wales) Bill. Details on their website. Closing date 14/09/18
72.8	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for evidence in relation to the “Delivery of housing through the planning system” Closing date: 14/10/18
72.9	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consulting on banning the use of combustible materials in high rise residential buildings. Details on their website. Closing date for responses 13/09/18
72.10	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of a request received from a resident for a prohibition of waiting time at the junction of Hen Ffordd with Heol Cwmmawr. The location has a 20m.p.h. speed restriction, a public footpath and there have not been any recorded accidents at the location within the last three years. Concerns relate to parking at both junctions causing visibility/ safety issues when accessing out of the junctions on to the main road. Views to be submitted by 28/09/18
72.11	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Local Development Plan 2018-2033 Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report Consultation. Document available online and closing date for views 27/08/18. (E mail details previously circulated)
72.12	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking views on Fracking and Coal Bed Methane development. Deadline for submitting views: 25/09/18
72.13	Jonathan Edwards M.P. and Adam Price A.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of a response which they had submitted to the consultation “Our Big NHS Change” NHS has been provided together with a request for observations.A copy is available from the Clerk.

- Resolved:**

- (i) To receive and note the information provided.
- (ii) Item 72.2. To write to the Commissioner objecting to the proposed change.

72.2 General Correspondence

No	From	Subject
72.21	Eiriol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic Copy of the summer newsletter available from Clerk.
72.22	Carms C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Affairs Conference on 07.09.18 at Halliwell, Conference Centre Carmarthen.10. 00a.m to 4. 00p.m
72.23	Community Transport Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport Innovation Network South Wales are hosting an event to bring together organisations and individuals interested in accessible and innovative transport. Details of other events available on their website.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details: Liberty Stadium Swansea. 15/09/18 from 10.00 to 14.00 hrs.
72.24	Cymdeithas Yr Iaith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A forum is being hosted at Carmarthen library for Community Council's at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 15th September on the subject "Work to Sustain the Language". Details available from Clerk.
72.25	Hywel Dda University Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board undertook a 12-week consultation "Our Big NHS Change" • An independent report summarising observations and responses is available to view on the Health Boards Consultation website. • The Health Board will meet and consider a future model for service delivery at a special meeting which will be held on the 26/09/18 in the Council chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen and which will also be broadcast via webcam.
72.26	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The de-carbonisation team are holding an event in Cardiff to discuss consultation on "Achieving our low carbon pathway to 2030. • Electronic copy of the newsletter is available from the Clerk.
72.27	Plant Dewi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Parents Project team are working in the Gorslas catchment area and invite members to call in to their drop-in centers on Tuesdays at either Llandybie Church Hall 10-12p.m or Ammanford hub 1-3p.m.
72.28	Independent Review Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel is finalising its report for publication in October. They ask Councils for case studies regarding such matters as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) working with other Councils to purchase or deliver services, (ii) community engagement and reporting to the community. (iii) encouraging people to stand as Councillors and encouraging diversity in the mix of representatives.
72.29	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August edition of the Review of Town and Community Council's newsletter available on their website or electronically from the Clerk. • The latest version of their report is also available to view online. Amongst their recommendations are that Community Councils:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be responsible for Place based services. Principal Council's for statutory/ people-based services b) Work towards powers of competence within three years. c) Act in accordance with five principles of sustainability. d) A statutory right to be represented on Public Service Boards e) Produce an annual report showing what they have done last year and what they intend doing next year. f) All Clerks to be professionally qualified and obtain CILCA. Appointments to be made from a National list of Clerks. g) Definition of the "ask" of elected members. h) Mandatory training package for members to attend to be repeated every period of office. i) Not having County Councillors as Community Councillors rather they attend meetings in an "ex-officio" capacity. j) Explore digital communication and meetings. k) Share "back office functions" with other Councils.

		<p>l) LA to form Partnership Forum / Charter with Local Authorities. Dedicated liaison officer.</p> <p>m) Elections be called regardless of whether or not contested.</p> <p>n) Co-option only to be allowed for one term of office.</p> <p>o) Free posting of one item of literature per candidate per household.</p> <p>p) Voting age, and age for being a Community Council candidate to be lowered to 16.</p> <p>q) One public meeting per year.</p> <p>r) Leaflet to accompany precept explaining what has been done last year and what is proposed next year.</p> <p>s) Publication of Councillors attendance annually</p> <p>t) Social media be used to engage with the public.</p> <p>u) Qualification of office for Councillors. Past behaviour, legal orders or sentences relating to behaviour be considered.</p> <p>v) Corporate Failure. Welsh Govt to support and intervene.</p>
72.30	Carms .C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 50+ Forum is meeting at the Botanical Garden on Friday 14th September,2018 and will be looking at isolation and loneliness.
72.31	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are establishing a four-year framework for the provision of professional services Architects, Building Consultants. Mechanical Electrical and under the minor works framework building contractors for works up to £350k. The Community Council will be included on a list of partner organisations unless otherwise instructed.
72.32	Hywel Dda C.H.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “What is your NHS like for you- hearing from people with learning disabilities” report available online or electronically from Clerk.
72.33	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise they will be consulting shortly on a Rights of Way Improvement Plan covering a 10-year period.
72.34	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosure of Interests Electronic Training Slides and supporting Information provided. Copies forwarded to members
72.35	Carms CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Hands Service Station. Variation in licensing condition • Present condition main doors are to be locked between midnight Friday until 07:00 hours Saturday and Sunday. • Request change to opening at 05:00 hours on Saturday and Sunday
72.36	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course – How to Tender – Swansea 09/10/18. Free 09:00 to 16:30 • Course – Advanced Bid Writing. Pencoed 18/10/18 Free 09:00 to 16:00
72.37	Boundary Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission has submitted their final recommendations on the boundary changes for parliamentary constituencies in Wales. • The report will be available on the Commission’s website once the recommendations have been laid before parliament.
72.38	Welsh Govt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Resources Bulletin available online/electronically from the Clerk

• **Resolved:**

- (i) Item 72.29 (i) The Community Council oppose the proposal on the grounds that there was considerable merit in having serving County Councillors as active participants within a Community Council.

- (ii) Item 72.29 (m). To advise that the Council would oppose the proposal on the grounds that it would be an unwarranted drain on the public purse.
- (iii) Item 72. 29 (n). To advise that the Council would propose that the requirement would not be compulsory but that each Community Council would have the choice of adopting the proposal or not.

73.0 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

73.1 Newsletter

- Latest editions of the newsletters are available electronically from the Clerk.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

73.2 Training Course Advanced Finance. Carmarthen 31st July,2018.

- The Clerk attended a very useful course relating to Local Government Finance which was held on the 31st July,2018. The course covered a variety of issues.
- During the discussion phase two issues were identified as being the most common type of issues where Council's failed to comply with the legislative requirements. They were: -
 - (i) Delegation of powers to the Chair to deal with matters during the summer recess. The Council may not delegate such powers to an individual member.
 - (ii) Finance: Many Councils were found not to undertake any audits or checks on income/expenditure of their own. The trainer reminded those present that members, as well as the proper officer, were responsible for ensuring the proper stewardship and monitoring of monies and of adherence to good governance.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

73.3 One Voice Wales A.G.M – Motions to be considered

- Full details of the motions are available from the Clerk. In summary they are: -
 - a) Membership Fees: an uplift of 4% for 2019/20
 - b) Plastics. Working to remove use of single use plastics by Councils and supporting businesses to adopt alternatives.
 - c) Mega Dairy Farming. Measures to reduce the impact on communities.
 - d) Assistance to provide community banks where high street banks have closed.
 - e) A 20m.p.h speed restriction on all unlit roads
 - f) Funding to help Community and Town Councils with the transition of assets from principal authorities.
 - g) Public Service Boards. Representative membership for Community and Town Councils.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

73.4 Training Courses

- Details of training Courses available for members in respect of the period September 2018 to March,2019 in the Neath/ Swansea Area were provided by the Clerk.

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

74.0 Agenda Item 11 Planning Matters

74.1 Planning Applications.

No /Ref	Type and Description	Location
W/37522	Full Planning. Proposed Change of use to residential care home (use Class2) Ext and ancillary works. Extension to outbuilding and conversion to ancillary accommodation, proposed erection of an outbuilding for use an ancillary office and laundry room	The Elms, Capel Road, Foelgastell, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire. SA14 7EW
W/37528	Outline. Siting of dwelling.	Land adjacent to Rhoswen, Heol Caegwyn, Drefach, Llanelli, SA14 7BB.
W/37563	Full Planning. First Floor Extension and internal alterations	4 Heol Rhosybonwen, Cefneithin, SA14 6TF
W/37585	Non-Material Amendment. Removal of conditions 4,5,6 (code for sustainable homes) from W/27845. Also, removal rear conservatory and alterations to internal layout and elevations plot 2 only.	Gwernllwyn Care Home, Cross Hands Road, Gorslas, SA14 6RD
W/37588	Removal of Section 106 Agreement. Amend section 106 agreement by removal of affordable dwellings and/or contribution and any commuted sums required.	Land off Heol Cwmmawr, Drefach, Llanelli, SA14 7AG
W/37739	Reserved Matters. Access,appearance,landscaping,layout and scale to outline planning consent w/34534 (Granted 19.05.17)	Land adj Ty Penybanc, Black Lion Rd, Gorslas, SA14 6AU
W/37620	Full Planning: Proposed New Access Road	Melin Cwrt Farm, Foelgastell, SA14 7EG
W/37621	Proposed Off Road Parking to front of property	10 Cross Hands Road, Gorslas
W/37763	Full Planning. Construction of new extension to existing Gwernllwyn Care Home with associated access, car parking and landscaping works.	Gwernllwyn Care Home, Llandeilo Road, Cross Hands SA14 6AL.

- Note application W/37588.
 - The application was discussed by the sub-committee at its meeting on the 2nd August,2018. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the planning authority registering the Community Council's objection to the proposal.
 - An objection to the proposal was also lodged by County Councillors Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price.
- **Resolved:**
 - To receive, note and approve the actions taken by the Sub Committee in relation to application W/37588.
 - To receive and note the information contained in the schedule relating to the planning applications made.

75.0 Finance Agenda Item 12.

75.1 External Audit Reserves Update/ Correction.

- As part of discussions with the external auditors it was noted that the incorrect figures in respect of the allocation of reserves held as at the 31st March,2018 had been recorded in the minutes of the May meeting.
- The correct end of year balances were recorded on the annual return and were the figures discussed and approved at the May meeting. The minutes of the meeting however incorrectly included a table showing the balance and allocation of reserves as at the beginning of the 2017/18 financial year rather than those at the end of the year.
- The Clerk apologised to members for his error and provided members with a statement confirming the correct allocation of the reserves as at the 31st March,2018 which were as follows: -

Closing Balance 31 03 18		£47,692
Reserves Analysis		
To Meet Policy Commitments from Previous Years	£ 1,345.00	
Cefneithin Development Fund Balance	£ 4,713.00	
Gorslas Development Fund (Section 106)	£ 2,400.00	
Depreciation	£ 32,000.00	
Operational Reserve	£ 7,234.00	
Total		£47,692

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

75.2 External Audit: Unpresented Cheques

- Completion of the supporting documents for the external audit includes the scheduling of cheques issued but which have not been presented for payment.
- The cheques in question are over six months old, and therefore cannot be presented for payment. The external auditor suggests that the Council should formally write off the cheques and not record them in the annual schedule.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) the cheques with a total value of £ 2,045.21 be written off and not form part of the schedule of unpresented cheques presented as part of the annual audit.
 - (ii) as liability for the debts remained that provision of £ 2,045.21 be made within the reserves to meet any future claims pending the debts becoming statute barred.

75.3 Monthly Budget Monitoring Report.

- Members considered a schedule providing an overview of the current, and committed, income and expenditure figures in respect of each budget heading for the 2018/19 financial year.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

75.4 Statement of Monthly Income and Expenditure/ Receipts and Payments

(i) Payments Made to Creditors July/August.

Paid To	Description	Amount
Spencer Environmental	Monthly Grass Cutting Charge - July	1,476.07
DANFO	P Conv Cleaning Contract July	558.00
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge – July	22.20
Clerk	Monthly Wages and Travelling - July	1,001.45
Bus Shelter Cleaner	Monthly Wages- July	17.70
TBM	Litter June/treatment Toll Hse.	972.00
Clerk	Refund Web Hosting Fee	46.74
Proprint	MUGA Sign Cefneithin	154.80
One Voice Wales	Conference Fee Cllr W Edwards	85.00
One Voice Wales	Training Finance Clerk	40.00
Drefach Welfare	Hire Hall on 02/08/18	15.00
Fattorinin	Chairs Badge of Office	58.83
Menter Gwasanaethau	Translation Fee April/May/June	262.50
Parks and Play	Final Instalment Titan Swing Surface	2,400.00
Alan Williams Design	Cefneithin Gate Sign	1,300.00
Alan Williams Design	ID Badges	300.00
Spencer Environmental	Grass Cutting Charge - August	1,476.07
DANFO	P Conv Cleaning Contract - August	558.00
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge - August	22.20
Clerk	Monthly Wages August	941.40
Bus Shelter Cleaner	Monthly Wages - August	17.92

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

(ii) Income

Received from	Description	Amount £
Carms C.C.	2 nd Instalment Precept	27,096.52

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

75.5 Financial Assistance Request.

- The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the Secretary of Drefach Football Club detailing the club's current financial position and requesting assistance to fund the provision of goal posts which would meet the league standards and allow youngsters to continue to participate and play league matches.

- The Council agreed, due to the urgent nature of the request, to considered the application. The numbers participating in such events was considered and the benefits which the club provided to the young people of the area were taken into account.
- **Resolved:** Having regard to the wider benefits to the community of being able to participate in the opportunities which the club presents it was agreed to donate a sum of £600 towards the cost of purchase of goal post which meet league requirements.

76.0 Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting

- Monday 8th October, ,2018, at Cefneithin C.P. School.
- There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20p.m.