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Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Gorslas C.P, School on Monday, 12th November, 2018, at 7.00 p.m.

90.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

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

90.1 Welcome

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

91.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- Declarations of a personal but not prejudicial interest were declared by Cllr Darren Price as an elected member of the body seeking to purchase the land and also by Cllr Janice Price as a Governor of Gorslas C, P. School.
- The Clerk advised that a dispensation had been applied by the monitoring officer in relation to allowing members to take part in discussions relating to the matter.
- Cllr Darren Price also declared a personal interest in an application for financial assistance by Cefneithin Rugby Club which was to be considered under agenda item 12 Finance. The interest related to the fact that his son was a member of the club and the group for which funding was being sought.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the declaration of interest.

92.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was not considered necessary to exclude the press and public from the meeting.
- **Resolved:** The motion was agreed unanimously.

93.0 Agenda Item 4 Consider the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

- Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes of the meeting of the Council on the 8th October,2018, for accuracy.
- **Resolved:** It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Edwards and seconded by Cllr Clive Green and agreed by all that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and confirmed as an accurate representation of the discussions and decisions made.

94.0 Agenda Item 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

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

Ref	Item	Update
94.1	Cefneithin Hall Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing correspondence with C.C.C.

94.2	General Data Protection Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E Mail facility set up. Awaiting activation/ Guidance notes.
94.3	GDPR Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Llanddarog C.C. state a preference for the event to be held at Cefneithin school
94.4	Cefneithin Ward Vacancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Agenda Item Parks and General Matters.
94.5	Parks Minor Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs instructed to the Crow's Nest/Fitness Platform.
94.6	New School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Agenda Item Parks and General Matters
94.7	Drefach Replacement Post Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post Office acknowledged receipt of request and sought clarification as to the location of the old post box. The information has been provided.
94.8	Footpath Ty Canol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County Council have issued a work order 09669 for the path to be cleaned.

- Resolved:** To receive, note the information provided and approve the actions taken and to consider further actions necessary under the relevant agenda heading.

95.0 Agenda Item 6 Parks and General Matters.

95.1 Proposed Sale of Land at Gorslas Park - New Primary School.

- Members were advised that discussions were ongoing within the County Council relating to the terms attached to the sale of the land. Once these had been concluded the County Council would convey their decision to the Community Council immediately.
- The County Council had confirmed that they did not require access to the site for the remainder of the current year.
- The Gorslas Welfare Association have been advised accordingly and that the park would be available for the annual Christmas/ Firework event.
- Resolved:**
 - To receive and note the information provided.
 - That authorisation be given to convene an additional meeting of the Council for the purposes of considering the County Council response to the proposed terms for the disposal of the land should that be required to expedite matters.

95.2 General. Press and Media Releases.

- Members reflected upon and considered their experiences of their being contacted directly by the national press requesting statements relating to a matter which had been considered at a Community Council meeting.
- Resolved:** That to ensure consistency press releases relating to the Community Council would be made via the Clerk.

95.3 General: Vacancy Cefneithin Ward

- As required a notice had been placed in the public notice boards in each of the three wards giving electors 14 days within which to request an election.
- The County Council have confirmed that as no request were received by the closing date the Community Council may co-opt an individual to fill the position.
- In accordance with Section 116 of the Local Govt (Wales) Measure 2011 a public notice must be published by the Community Council advising of the vacancy.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That notices be placed in the relevant public notice boards providing 14 days for individuals to make an application to be considered for the seat.
 - (ii) That applications would be considered at the December meeting.

95.4 Gorslas Park. Re-Cycling.

- Year 1 at Gorslas C.P, School have visited Gorslas Park expressing disappointment that there are no re-cycling bins within the park and asking that some be provided.
- The request has been acknowledged and the County Council contacted to obtain estimated costs of providing such bins. A cost has been requested for the weekly collection and re-cycling of the waste.
- Additionally, CWM who operate the Nantycaws re-cycling facility offered a tour and talk on the re-cycling work they do for the class. The offer has been forwarded to the school.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

95.5 Gorslas Public Conveniences. Useage.

- October Useage: 452 persons.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

95.6 Gorslas Public Convenience. Loo of the Year Award 2018.

- The judging in respect of the above competition has been completed.
- Results will be announced at a national event on the 7th December,2018.
- **Resolved to:**
 - (i) Note and record the success of obtaining a nationally recognised award.
 - (ii) Request from the contractor photographs of the presentation of the award.
 - (iii) Arrange a photographic opportunity for the Chair and ward members to record the award of the certificate at the facilities.
 - (iv) To publish details on the Council's social media site and forward details to the local press.

95.7 Gorslas Public Conveniences. Vandalism - Baby Changing Unit.

- As part of the locking up of the facilities on Saturday 13th October,2018, Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen had reported to the Clerk that the fixed metal large toilet roll dispenser in the baby change unit had been broken open and damaged.

- The Clerk reported the matter to the Police and a Scene of Crimes Officer attended the scene on Sunday 14th October to examine and collect evidence.
- The contractors cleaned the facility that day and replaced the metal toilet dispenser.
- **Resolved:** To note and receive the information provided.

95.8 Gorslas Public Conveniences. Anti- Social Behaviour.

- An incident of verbal abuse and threats against a volunteer locking the facility had occurred on Thursday 25th October,2018. The Police were advised of the incident.
- Understandably the volunteer was not in a position to continue to lock the facilities.
- Accordingly, a revised rota of volunteers has been arranged and members advised that due to the nature of some of the verbal abuse that there should be two persons present at all times as a safeguarding measure.
- Members were concerned to learn of the incidents. They reviewed the information available to them and considered options for reducing the risks in future.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To close the facilities early i.e. during daylight hours.
 - (ii) Persons locking up to be advised to carry a mobile phone on their person and to notify a third party /family member of their expected time of return and what to do if they have not returned at the prescribed time.
 - (iii) Volunteers be advised that whenever possible two persons be present when undertaking the duties.
 - (iv) That all such incidents be reported to the Police.
 - (v) The incidents be reported at PACT meetings together with requests for the patrols in the park and seek advice on options for reducing such incidents.
 - (vi) The County Council Health and Safety Trainer be requested to attend a future meeting of the Community Council to raise awareness of risks and discuss options for addressing those risks.
 - (vii) To continue to monitor the position and examine further the options for reducing risks including CCTV /bodycam options and automatic door closing.
 - (viii) That the Clerk contact the members currently undertaking the duties to ascertain if they are prepared to continue to serve in that role.

95.9 Cefneithin Park- Hall Lease.

- The Clerk advised that correspondence had been entered into with the County Council in relation to terminating the agreement to prepare the lease.
- The County Council indicated that they were confident the matter could be completed now be completed quickly.
- **Resolved**
 - (i) That a reasonable extension of time be granted.
 - (ii) That it be confirmed that the period of the lease be 15 years with the annual payment due being £50.

95.10 Cefneithin Park Gates.

- Estimated costs for replacement gates for the entrance were provided as well as for the refurbishing of the current gates.
- **Resolved:** Agreed to refurbish the gates and include in future maintenance works.

95.11 IRPW Payment to Members.

- The Chair advised members that, as the allowance was taxable, there was a need to complete and return forms to the Clerk before payment could be made.
- **Resolved:** That members return the forms to the Clerk as soon as possible.

95.12 Working Group Feedback on Social Media.

- Cllr Iestyn Llwyd indicated that the group had met and prepared an initial paper which would be considered at the December meeting.
- It was noted that, erroneously, Cllr Tina Jukes had been recorded as member. The Clerk apologised for the error.
- To assist the work of the group clarification was sought on the parameters within which the group could work.
- **Resolved.**
 - (i) The working group undertake research only and report back to the full Council.
 - (ii) The remit did not provide authorisation to commission works or incur expenditure on behalf of the Council.
 - (iii) The Clerk request, and forward to the working group, details from One Voice Wales of sample Social Media policies and information relating to Authorities who had won awards or recognition for the innovative use of social media.

96.0 Agenda Item 7 Urgent Local Matters.

96.1 Drefach. Parking concerns Ysgol Y Gwendraeth site.

- Concerns had been expressed in relation to parking issues and signage at Uwch Gwendraeth and Henffordd arising out of the use of parking issues on the site of the previous Ysgol Y Gwendraeth.
- It was advised that: -
 - (i) the parking layout at the site had been reviewed by the County Council with it being found that a herringbone system being the best option.
 - (ii) A travel plan for major events at the site had been put in place with a person supervising the parking arrangements.
 - (iii) The signage referred to had not been put in place by the County Council.
 - (iv) Discussions and agreements had been reached between the County Council and Heywood homes in relation to the placing of double yellow lines at the relevant points to help address the issue.
 - (v) It was hoped that work to allow the road to be adopted by the County Council will have been completed by the end of December.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

96.2 Drefach. Flooding Heol Blaenhirwaun /Heol Parcydai.

- Members reported excessive flooding of the road following the heavy downpour last week making the road dangerous to use.

- It was also noted that, at the point where work to remove trees on Blaenhirwaun road had been undertaken the entrance to the old road had become impassable during the downpour due to the pooling of excess water.
- **Resolved:** To draw the matter to the attention of the County Council.

97.0 Agenda Item 8. Members Reports

97.1 Chairs Update

- The Chair reported that he had attended both the Remembrance Service at Gorslas Church on Sunday 11th November,2018 and also the unveiling of the War Memorial at Llanarthne Village.

97.2 County, Town and Community Council Liaison Meeting 8th November,2018.

- Cllr Wyn Edwards provided an update in relation to the matters discussed at the meeting which included: -
 - (i) The introduction Universal Credit in Carmarthenshire by 12th December, 2018.
 - (ii) County Council Budget. Reductions of some £28m over the next three years.
 - (iii) IRPW Annual Member Allowance. Confirmed as being taxable. It was explained that the timing of the Panel's decisions was governed by legislation and could not be brought forward to help Council's with setting their budget or precept.
 - (iv) Welsh Places Project. Members were updated in relation to progress.

97.3 Cross Hands Hall Trustees. A.G.M.

- Cllr Clive Green advised that discussion had taken place in relation to the practical implications of a decision by the County Council to discontinue the lease of a part of the building and to re-organisation facilities within the building itself.
- It was reported that as a result of these arrangements the monthly PACT meeting held by the Police in the Hall could no longer be accommodated and would need a alternative venue such as the Cross Hands Working Men's Club.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

97.4 PACT Monthly Meeting Report.

- Cllr Clive Green advised members that the October PACT meeting scheduled to take place at Cross Hands Hall on Thursday the 25TH October,2018, had not taken place.
- **Resolved:** Given the issues regarding the availability of accommodation being made at the Hall that the Clerk contact the Cross Hands Police Station to ascertain the location of future meetings.

97.5 Drefach. Drefach and Cross Hands School Governing Body Federation.

- Cllr Nia Lewis advised that there was a vacancy for a Community Governor on the Governing Body. Interested parties should contact the Headteacher.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

97.6 County Council Update.

- Cllr Darren Price provided an update in relation to both local and county matters which would impact upon the Community Council area.
- Resolved:
 - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
 - (ii) To write to the County Council regarding the provision of re-cycling facilities in the area following the removal of the provision at the site of the old Co- operative store Cross Hands.

98.0 Agenda Item 9. Correspondence.

98.1 Consultation.

No	From	Details
98.11	Carms C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest version of the Local Development Plan – Annual Monitoring Report is available on the County Council website. • The Employment Land Review 2018 and JHLA Study 2018, documents are also available on the County Council website
98.12	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Town Council Liaison Forum Meeting 08/11/18, County Hall Carmarthen at 6.00p.m.
98.13	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Sufficiency Survey. Seeking information relating to play provision in the Council's area.

98.2 General Correspondence

No	From	Subject
98.21	Wales Audit Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Co-operation between Wales and the Basque Country. Glamorgan Cricket Ground, Cardiff. 10.30 to 3.30p.m. on 04/12/18
98.23	Play Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2018 Electronic Newsletter available on website/ or Clerk
98.24	Gwendraeth Group of Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the group at 7.00 p.m. at Pontyberem Hall on the 28/11/18
98.25	Hywel Dda U.H.B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Launch of 111 helpline on 31/10/18
98.26	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to use “Cymru’n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914 -18 website for commemorative events.
98.27	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play sufficiency grant of up to £5k to be spent by 31/03/19. • Must align with CCC Play Sufficiency Plan red and amber objectives such as:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase peripatetic play equipment in disadvantaged areas. • Equipment to promote inclusion and access for disabled. • Securing training to meet local identified needs • Conferences – Innovative Practices • Research and dissemination of info in areas of high and low satisfaction with play opportunities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources for improving lighting for play opportunities and physical actions to encourage street play. Signage to encourage play and smoke free areas.
98.28	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Armed Forces Team are undertaking a exercise to find gaps in provision for veterans and their families. The Survey can be accessed at http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JBE08/
98.29	Age Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise that they have established a fundraising page whereby when customers shop online a charity receives a donation. Webpage: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/agecymrusirgar/
98.30	Dept of Work and Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite the Council to sign up to a covenant indicating the organisation will do all it can to ensure that, through positive policies etc. that those who serve their country will be treated fairly and not be disadvantaged.
98.31	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Sustainable Drainage Regulation apply for developments from 07/01/19. Awareness sessions are offered free of charge on 10th and 11th December at Swansea Liberty Stadium and 12th and 13th December, 2018 at SSE SWALEC Stadium Cardiff.
98.32	Welsh Hearts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defibrillator Appeal. Request details of whether or not there are defibrillators fitted in the Council's buildings and offer to provide information on how to obtain one.
98.33	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide details of roadshow consultation events regarding the services corporate plan 2019-2024.
98.34	Pensions Regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auto Enrolment Duty. The regulator confirms receipt of the re-registration declaration as required.
98.35	Future Generations Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inviting views/ evidence on how public bodies are doing to face digital challenges and explore opportunities. Submit views by e mail to Commissioner.
98.36	Street Scape Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write following the OVW Annual Conference to offer their services to members of free designing and grant applications for play areas.
98.37	Gorslas Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to convey their appreciation to the Chair and members who attended the Remembrance Service.

• **Resolved to:**

- (i) Receive and note the information provided.
- (ii) Item 98.13. Complete the return as requested.
- (iii) Item 98.27. Submit an application for inclusive play equipment as per revised guidance received regarding the upper financial limit.
- (iv) Item 98.32. Place on agenda for discussion at the December meeting.

99.0 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

99.1 Newsletter

- The latest edition of the newsletters has been circulated electronically to members.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

99.2 Training Sessions.

- Details of the latest training courses offered by One Voice Wales were provided.
- **Resolved to:**
 - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
 - (ii) That the Clerk attends the Community Engagement Training Event.

99.3 One Voice Wales Conference Dates 2019

- Innovative Practice and National Awards – 28/03/19
- Innovative Practice Conference 2019 - 10/07/19
- National Conference and A.G.M. – 05/10/19
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

100.0 Agenda Item 11 Planning Matters

100.1 Planning Applications.

No /Ref	Type and Description	Location
W/37927	Full Planning. Conversion of integral garage to living space. Relaxation of condition 14 of W/27434. Extra parking has already been created for 3 cars on driveway.	33 Heol Y Gigfran, Cefneithin, SA14 7GA.
W/37928	Full Planning. Therapeutic health treatment pool with associated parking area.	Banc- Y -Ffynon, Heol Y Foel, Foelgastell. SA14 7EG.

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

101.0 Finance Agenda Item 12.

101.1 Statement of Monthly Income and Expenditure/ Receipts and Payments

(i) Payments Made to Creditors.

Paid To	Description	Amount
Spencer Environmental	Monthly Grass Cutting Charge – October	1,476.07
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge Oct	22.20
Clerk	Monthly Wages Oct	941.40
Bus Shelter Cleaner	Monthly Wages- September	17.72
TBM	Litter Sept/Oct and Maintenance	1,158.00
SSE	Unmetered Charge Dec 2017	20.47
mpb	Welding Cefn Park.	132.00
Bowen and Weaving	Office Paper	11.38

(ii) Income

Received from	Description	Amount £
	Nil	

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

101.2 Financial Assistance – Cefneithin Rugby Club.

- Cllr Darren Price declared a personal interest in the matter and withdrew prior to any consideration, discussion or voting taking place.

- Members were advised that a request had been received from the club to help with expenses incurred by volunteers providing and training the under 7's. There had been a considerable increase in the number of players in this age group, which were drawn from the locality, which had resulted in a significant increase in the costs of providing and running events for them for the current season.
- **Resolved:** That there was a benefit to the young people of the area which were significant enough to warrant an award of £200 to be provided for the benefit of local children.

102.0 Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting

- Next Meeting, Monday 10th December, 2018, at Drefach Welfare Hall.
- There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.