

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Cefneithin C.P. School on Monday, 8th April, 2019, at 7.00 p.m.

163.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

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

163.1 Welcome.

- The Chair welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 7.00 p.m.

164.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- Declarations of a personal, but not prejudicial interest, were declared by Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen, as elected members of the body seeking to purchase the land.
- Cllr Janice Price as a member of the Governing Body of Gorslas School.
- The Clerk advised dispensations had been applied from the monitoring officer permitting the Councillors to take part in discussions regarding the new school.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the declaration of interest.

165.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr Clive Green and seconded by Cllr Darren Price, that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to the 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.

166.0 Agenda Item 6 (i) Address regarding Dog Control.

- To assist proceedings, it was proposed, and agreed that the order of business be changed to allow an address by Mr Paul Morris, Environmental Enforcement Officer, to be heard prior to the other items on the published agenda.
- Mr Morris thanked members for the opportunity to address the meeting and outlined the various regulations and procedures relating to the control of dogs in public spaces which included the following matters: -

- (i) The Unit was based with Environmental Services Department and dealt with dog fouling littering and fly tipping.
 - (ii) There were 14 officers in the County each with a specific beat.
 - (iii) The unit received some 200 complaints regarding dog fouling and 2,500 regarding litter/ fly tipping.
 - (iv) The number of reported incidents of dog fouling had reduced over the last 10 years however as part of a process of monitoring effectiveness a mystery shopper arrangement was in place.
- A question and answer session which included the following matters:
 - i) Prohibition of Dogs from Parks.
 - A general policy/ protocol had been agreed between the County Council and national dog welfare associations and bodies which prohibited dogs from certain defined areas such as play parks.
 - Seeking a general ban on dogs from a park would undoubtedly result in an expensive legal challenge.
 - Requiring all dogs to be on a lead was also an option. Power could be delegated to officers or members. Training would need to be provided.
 - If there were concerns regarding specific areas gathering and retaining records would help. The unit could offer assistance in terms of process.
 - ii) Reducing incidents of Dog Fouling/Littering.
 - Peer Pressure from other dog owners had been found to be effective.
 - Warning signs advising of penalties / legal action etc had been found not to be effective.
 - Educating children at primary schools regarding litter was very successful with high participation rates. Secondary Age School children did not exhibit the same interest or involvement.
 - With limited resources enforcement had to be targeted and intelligence lead. The Community Council were welcome to forward any details of hotspots to the County Council.
 - iii) Other
 - The Officer also provides a number of examples of investigations and prosecutions within the County related to litter/fly tipping and dog fouling.
 - Members were also advised that the unit could obtain details of ownership of vehicles from the D.V.L.A. Proposals were being put to parliament to introduce a bill which would require drivers to provide details of passengers littering from their vehicle to enforcement agencies.
 - The Officer thanked members for their interest and agreed to forward details of prosecutions be ward as well as copies of relevant notices to be placed in the Community Council's information boards.

- Mr Morris was thanked by members for a most interesting and informative discussion.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

167.0 Consider the Minutes of the Previous Meetings.

- Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on the 11th March,2019, and on the 21st March,2019, for accuracy.
- Resolved:
 - (i) Proposed by Cllr Clive Green and seconded by Cllr Nia Lewis, and agreed by all that the minutes of the meeting of the 11th March,2019, be approved and confirmed as an accurate representation of the discussions and decisions made.
 - (ii) Proposed by Cllr Wyn Edwards and seconded by Cllr Andrew King, and agreed by all that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March,2019, were a true and accurate representation of the discussions and decisions made.

168.0 Agenda Item 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

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

Ref	Item	Update
168.1	Cefneithin Hall Lease	• No further progress.
168.2	Gorslas Ward Vacancy	• See Parks and General. .
168.3	Future Joint Training	• OVW will analyse the responses and advise
168.4	Grass Cutting Contract	• Revised arrangements in place Gorslas Park
168.5	Park Equip Inspection 2019/20	• C.C.C advised of acceptance of SLA
168.6	New School	• Refer to Parks and General Matters
168.7	Parks Equipment Maintenance.	• Repairs to Titan Swing completed.
168.8	Gorslas Park- Replacement Equipment Tenders	• See Parks and General.
168.9	Cefneithin MUGA - Corrosion	• No further progress has been made
168.10	Play Sufficiency Grant Drefach	• Application successful. £5k received.
168.11	Water Leak Heol Cross Hands	• Remedial work commenced.
168.12	Correspondence CND Cymru. Nuclear Waste Dump	• Advised of the resolution of Council would not volunteer to host such a facility.
168.13	National Assembly. Change of Name. Lowering of voting age.	• Advised of the Council's support for the proposals.
168.14	W/35156 Outline Planning Permission	• The concerns relating to the above have been conveyed to the County Council.

- Resolved.
 - (i) To receive, note and approve the information provided and actions taken.
 - (ii) To consider any further actions necessary under the relevant agenda heading.

169.0 Agenda Item 6. General and Park Matters.

169.1 Gorslas Ward Vacancy.

- Gorslas Ward members had sought to encourage and engage with local residents to fill the vacancy however in spite of their best efforts nobody had put themselves forward for consideration.
- Equally there had not been a response to the notice placed in the information board inviting individuals to fill the position.
- **Resolved:** To continue to endeavour to fill the position and place an open-ended advertisement in the information boards.

169.2 Future Training Provision.

- Discussion took place on the summary of the future training provision provided to Cllr Green by One Voice Wales following the recent joint training event.
- **Resolved:** Cllr Green would forward the information to the Clerk. Details of a future Health and Safety Training event to be forwarded to Community Councillor Hefin Jones of Llanarthne Community Council.

169.3 Tenders for Replacement Park Equipment.

- It was noted that the brochures relating to play equipment had been forwarded to Cllr Nia Lewis to facilitate a discussion with schools on how they would wish to see the parks developed in future.
- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen provided a summary of section 106 monies for which a bid could be submitted. The indicative amounts were Gorslas Ward- £ 74,400, Cefneithin £ 19,000 and Drefach Ward £10,000.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

169.4 Housing Data.

- Following the presentation given to the Council by Mr Robin Staines at the February meeting an undertaking had been given that information on demand for housing by ward would be forwarded to the Clerk.
- The Clerk had enquired with the County Council planning department in relation to the data however the response had indicated that a new system was being used and would take time to collect relevant data.
- **Resolved:** A copy of the e mail communication be forwarded to Cllr Green.

169.5 Site of the Old Ysgol Y Gwendraeth.

- Cllr Green indicated that a concern had been relayed by the Council to the County Council some months previous regarding a traffic bollard which had been knocked over in what was the bus bay area of the former school.
- It had been noted that during a recent event a further bollard had been dislodged.
- **Resolved:** That the County Council be made aware and attend to the matter.

169.6 Data Protection. Individual E Mail Accounts.

- New individual e mail accounts have been provided for members and the Clerk.
- Guidance on how to access the accounts and on individual password have been provided for members.
- The new system would be used following the April meeting of the Council.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the actions taken.

169.7 Inter Authority Co-operation.

- The Clerk met with officers from Carmarthen Town Council at Gorslas Park in response to an enquiry to view equipment and the standard of workmanship relating to the installation of equipment at the park.
- The discussion also included matters related to the operation of the public conveniences as well as the infrastructure and fittings.
- The possibility of co-operating and sharing knowledge with regard to future works and services was also discussed.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

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

1) Declarations of Personal Interest

- Declarations of personal but not prejudicial interests were declared by Cllrs Darren Price, Aled Vaughan Owen, as elected representatives of the body seeking to obtain the land, and also by Cllr Janice Price, as a Governor of Gorslas C.P. School.
- The Clerk advised that dispensations to speak and vote in relation to the matter had been received in respect of the above.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

2) Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr Clive Green and seconded by Cllr Darren Price 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 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.

3) Suspension of Standing Orders

- It was proposed by Cllr Darren Price and seconded by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen and agreed by majority that standing orders would be suspended in relation to discussion and decision on this matter.
- **Resolved:** To suspend standing orders in relation to this matter.

4) Recorded Vote.

- It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Edwards and seconded by Cllr T Jones that there should be a recorded vote in relation to this matter.
- **Resolved:** To approve the proposal that a recorded vote take place.

5) Terms of Proposed Disposal- Management Agreement

5.1 Motion: Proposed by Cllr Darren Price and Seconded by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen that:

- It **not be** a requirement that the Management Agreement referred to in the Land Transfer of Registered Title document be signed and agreed prior to the transfer of ownership of the land to the County Council for the purposes of building a new primary school subject to: -
 - (i) The satisfactory receipt of confirmation of acceptance by Gorslas C.P School Governing Body of the draft principles underpinning a management agreement relating to the community use of the recreational facilities at the new school, as advised and forwarded to the Community Council by the Chair and Headteacher of Gorslas C.P School, and
 - (ii) The receipt of confirmation from the External Auditor regarding the acceptability of the proposal and procedures regarding the proposed transfer of the land.

5.2 Amendment: Proposed by Cllr Wyn Edwards and seconded by Cllr T Jones that

- That there **be** a requirement that the Management Agreement referred to in the Land Transfer of Registered Title document be signed and agreed prior to the transfer of the ownership of land to the County Council for the purposes of building a new primary school subject to: -
 - (i) The satisfactory receipt of confirmation of acceptance by Gorslas C.P School Governing Body of the draft principles underpinning a management agreement relating to the community use of the recreational facilities at the new school, as advised and forwarded to the Community Council by the Chair and Headteacher of Gorslas C.P School, and
 - (ii) The receipt of confirmation from the External Auditor regarding the acceptability of the proposal and procedures regarding the proposed transfer of the land.

5.3 Resolved:

- **In favour of the motion:** Cllrs Darren Price, Andrew King, Iestyn Llwyd, Aled Vaughan Owen, Janice Price, Tina Jukes, Anthony Rees.
- **In favour of the amendment:** Cllr Wyn Edwards and Terry Jones.
- **Abstention from Voting:** Cllrs Clive Green Nia Lewis and Simon Martin.
- **Resolved:** That the motion as put forward by Cllr D Price be formally approved and adopted by the Council without amendment.

169.5 Bus Shelter Cleaning

- There are some 12 other bus shelters in its area and in respect of which no permanent cleaning arrangement has been made. There is an additional shelter for which an employee is paid monthly to undertake cleaning duties.
- Having regard to the efficient use of public resources, and the benefit arising from the arrangement, the Council was duty bound to review the position.
- **Resolved:** That the arrangement be terminated as from 1st April,2019, and the individual thanked for their services.

170.0 Closure of Meeting.

- Having regard to the time which had elapsed since the commencement of the meeting, and the nature of the remaining issues on the agenda it was proposed that the meeting finish and discussion on the outstanding issues defer to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

171.0 Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting

Monday 13th May, 2019, at Gorslas C.P. School.