

# CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes Annual General Meeting of Gorslas Community Council held at  
Gorslas C.P. School on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, at 7.00p.m.

## 1.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

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

## 1.1 Welcome

- Cllr Simon Martin welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 7.00p.m.

## 2.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- There were no declarations of personal interest.

## 3.0 Agenda Item 3. Chair's Report 2018/19

- Cllr Simon Martin expressed his gratitude and personal thanks to each and every member of the Council together with the Clerk for their support, participation and contribution during what had turned out to be a very eventful year as Chair.
- The Chair provided an outline of the various events which he had attended in his capacity as Chair including Drefach Christmas lights, school fete, War memorial ceremony at Llanarthne and the Young Farmers Rally. The events had been both enjoyable and showed the variety of activities within the community.
- The major issue which the Council had faced during the year was the progression of the prospect of transferring land to the County Council for the purposes of building a new school on the grounds of Gorslas Park.
- The process, thus far, had not been an easy one and had required several additional meetings during the year including one with the Chief Executive of Carmarthenshire County Council to try and progress matters. The process had represented a significant call on people's time and thanks were due to the Sub Committee, the two County Councillors and the Clerk for their work.
- Cllr Martin thanked members personally for the honour of leading the Council over the last year and also thanked members for their support and their positive attitude and commitment to doing their best for the community.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the report and to thank the Chair for his work during the year.

#### 4.0 Agenda Item 4 Elect a Chair of the Council for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

- It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Edwards and seconded by Cllr Andrew King that Cllr Tina Jukes be appointed to the position of Chair of the Council.
- **Resolved:** Agreed unanimously agreed that Cllr Tina Jukes be appointed as the Chair of Gorslas Community Council for the municipal year 2019/20.

#### 4.1 Chair. Confirmation of Acceptance of the Office.

- Cllr Tina Jukes confirmed acceptance of the offer and thanked members for the honour of being appointed as Chair.
- The declaration of acceptance of the office was duly read out and signed by Cllr Jukes with the Clerk signing the statement as a witness.
- Cllr Jukes then formally took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### 4.2 Elect a Vice Chair of the Council for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

- It was proposed by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen and seconded by Cllr Clive Green that Cllr Iestyn Llwyd be appointed to the position of Vice Chair of the Council.
- **Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Iestyn Llwyd be appointed as Vice Chair of the Community Council for the municipal year 2019/20.

#### 4.3 Vice Chair. Confirmation of Acceptance of the Office.

- Cllr Iestyn Llwyd confirmed acceptance of the offer and thanked members for the honour of being appointed as Vice Chair.
- The declaration of acceptance of the office was duly read out and signed by Cllr Llwyd with the Clerk signing the statement as a witness.

#### 4.4 Membership of Sub Committee 2019/20

- Members were of the view that the current structure had worked well over the last year and had provided valuable experience for both members and valuable input into the school land transfer negotiations.
- In considering the structure for the 2019/20 municipal year members were also mindful of the nature of the illness which had prevented Cllr Wynne Jones from attending many of the sub-committee meetings.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) Membership of the Sub Committee comprises of core members, observers and, in relation to matters regarding the proposed new school at Gorslas, the two County Councillors in an advisory capacity.
  - (ii) The Core Membership comprise of the Chair of the Council, Vice Chair of the Council and Immediate Past Chair of the Council each of whom has powers delegated to them to vote on matters placed before the Sub-Committee.
  - (iii) Observers: Cllrs Terry Jones, Wyn Edwards and Andrew King be appointed as observers without voting rights
  - (iv) Advisory: Councillors Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price serve on the Sub Committee in relation to matters regarding the proposed new school at Gorslas Park in an advisory capacity without voting rights.

## **5.0 Agenda Item 5 Appoint External Representatives**

### **5.1 Representative: One Voice Wales Association 2019/20.**

- Resolved: Cllr Wyn Edwards be appointed to the position.

### **5.2 Representatives: School Governing Body 2019/20.**

- Resolved: That the current representatives be re-appointed.

### **5.3 Representative: PACT 2019/20**

- Resolved: Cllr Clive Green be appointed to the position.

### **5.4 Representative: Gwendraeth Group of Councils 2019/20.**

- Resolved: Cllrs Clive Green and Tina Jukes be appointed as the Council's representatives

### **5.5 Representative: Torcoed Quarry Liaison Group 2019/20.**

- Resolved: Cllr Anthony Rees be appointed to the position.

### **5.6 Representative: Cross Hands Hall and Cinema Trust 2019/20.**

- Resolved: Cllrs Clive Green and Andrew King be appointed as representatives.

## **6.0 Agenda Item 6 Responsible Financial Officer 2019/20.**

- Resolved: That the Clerk be appointed as Responsible Financial Officer to the position.

## **7.0 Agenda Item 7 Independent Financial Auditor 2019/20.**

- Resolved: That Lyn Llewellyn Audit Services be appointed to undertake the internal audit for the 2019/20 financial year.

## **8.0 Agenda Item 8 Internal Financial Examiner 2019/20.**

- Resolved: Cllr Clive Green be appointed to the position.

## **9.0 Agenda Item 9 Chair's Fund 2019/20.**

- Resolved: That provision of £1,000 be provided within the budget.

## **10.0 Agenda Item 10 Annual Report Members Attendance**

- Detailed below are the attendance figure in respect of the attendance at full meetings of the Community Council for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018, to 30<sup>th</sup> April,2019.
- There were 13 meetings of the Council during the relevant period.
- It should be noted that Cllr B Kirby resigned in September,2018 and that Cllrs David Evans and Wynne Jones have been unable to attend due to long term illnesses.

Surname	First Name	Meetings Attended	% Attendance
Martin	Simon	12	92
Jones	Terry	12	92
Evans	David	4	31
Kirby	Brian	2	40
Price	Darren	12	92
Edwards	Wyn	12	92
Green	Clive	12	92
Rees	Anthony	12	92
Jukes	Tina	12	92
Lewis	Nia	12	92
Owen	Aled	9	69
Price	Janice	9	69
Jones	Wynne	5	38
Llwyd	Iestyn	11	85
King	Andrew	7	54

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

#### 11.0 Agenda Item 11. Dates of Council Meetings for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

Date	Venue
10/06/19	Drefach Welfare Hall
08/07/19	Cefneithin C.P. School
09/09/19	Gorslas C.P. School
14/10/19	Drefach Welfare Hall
11/11/19	Cefneithin C.P. School
09/12/19	Gorslas C.P. School
13/01/20	Drefach Welfare Hall
10/02/20	Cefneithin C.P. School
09/03/20	Gorslas C.P. School
13/04/20	Drefach Welfare Hall
11/05/20	Cefneithin C.P. School

\*Please note all meetings commence at 7.00p.m. unless otherwise stated.

#### 12.0 Agenda Item 12 Review of Council Priorities.

- **Resolved:** The priority remain the need to finalise matters to allow consideration of the sale of land at Gorslas Park for the purposes of building a new primary school.

#### 13.0 Closure of Meeting

- There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.20p.m.