

# CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Cefneithin C.P. School on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

## 40.1 Welcome.

- In the absence of Cllr Tina Jukes Cllr Iestyn Llwyd chaired the meeting.
- The meeting was declared open at 7.00p.m with the Chair extending a warm welcome to Cllr Linda Williams who was attending her first meeting.
- It was noted that Cllr Williams had sworn and signed the oath of office.

## 41.0 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 at Gorslas Park.
- Cllr Janice Price, as a Governor of Gorslas Primary School, declared a personal but not prejudicial interest, in the agenda item relating to the proposed new school at Gorslas Park.
- The Clerk advised dispensations had been applied from the monitoring officer permitting the Councillors to take part in discussions regarding the new school.
- Cllr Anthony Rees declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 46.1 relating to a prohibition of waiting time at Heol Cwmmawr due to the proximity of his personal residence.
- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen declared a personal interest in a matter relating to item 46.3 regarding footpaths due to a family member being connected with the property.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the declaration of interest.

## 42.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr Darren Price and seconded by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen, 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.

## 43.0 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 Council meeting held on Monday, 10th June, 2019.

- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Clive Green and seconded by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen, and agreed by all that the minutes be approved and confirmed as an accurate representation of the discussions and decisions made.

#### 44.0 Agenda Item 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

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

Ref	Item	Update
44.1	Cefneithin Hall Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub Cttee met Solicitor/Welfare Association</li> <li>• Draft Heads of Terms prepared by Clerk and distributed to members.</li> <li>• Insurance Cover Extended.</li> </ul>
44.2	Drefach Park – Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Parks and General</li> </ul>
44.3	Future Joint Training Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting revised date from C.C.C.</li> </ul>
44.4	Remedial Work Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting progression.</li> </ul>
44.5	Remedial Work Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting progression.</li> </ul>
44.6	New School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Parks and General Matters</li> </ul>
44.7	Gorslas Park- Replacement Equipment Tenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting progression.</li> </ul>
44.8	Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting actioning.</li> </ul>
44.9	Gorslas Welfare Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park Car Park Concerns. Response sent.</li> <li>• Financial Assistance. Application form sent.</li> <li>• Planters Maintenance- to be pursued.</li> </ul>
44.10	Cefneithin MUGA - Rust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting progression.</li> </ul>
44.11	Cefneithin Park – Summer Activity Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carms C.C advised application approved subject to insurance/ Health and safety etc.</li> </ul>
44.12	Tree Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certain emergency works were undertaken at Gorslas Park in relation to tree removal.</li> </ul>
44.13	Drefach Footpath Cutting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCC. advise work to be undertaken early July</li> </ul>
44.14	Cefneithin Treventy Bench	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting Progression</li> </ul>
44.15	Cefneithin F.P. 31/14 Diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carms. C.C confirm that the order is now in force</li> </ul>
44.16	Gorslas. Land slippage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further communication</li> </ul>
44.17	Gorslas Litter Bin Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplied and operational.</li> </ul>
44.18	Audit 2018/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return completed and sent to Auditor.</li> <li>• Statutory Notices Displayed.</li> </ul>
44.19	Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decisions implemented/cheques issued</li> </ul>

- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and that the issues arising from the update be considered under the relevant agenda heading.

## 45.0 Agenda Item 6. General and Park Matters.

### 45.1 Lease Cefneithin Park

- A draft Heads of Terms document relating to the lease was considered.
- The Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association had considered the document and found the terms to be acceptable. A new constitution would be approved by the association at its meeting early in August.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) To approve the documents and that it be used as a basis for preparing a formal 5-year lease of the land and building.
  - (ii) The solicitor verify the Council's responsibilities regarding the structure of the building.

### 45.2 Land Ownership Drefach Park

- Clarification had been received from the solicitor regarding the ownership of land at Drefach Park. The position could be summarised as follows: -
  - (i) The park land had been registered with the Land Registry as being in the ownership of the Community Council.
  - (ii) There were also registrations by the Community Council in respect of land leased from Carmarthenshire County Council.
  - (iii) There were other areas of land whereby the deeds granted and guaranteed the Community Council a right of access to and from the park land.
  - (iv) A right of way also existed in respect of other strips of land bordering the area owned by the Community Council. Ownership of those areas of right of way was not recorded by the land registry.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided. A copy of the relevant documentation to be forwarded to Drefach Wards members.

### 45.3 Proposed Sale of Land at Gorslas Park.

- An update was provided for members in relation to progress on the matter.
- Details were also provided of the "open market" valuation of the land received from the Independent Valuer.
- **Resolved:** That a meeting of the full Council be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, at Drefach Welfare Hall to determine whether or not to provide land at Gorslas Park for the purposes of building a new school.

### 45.4 Repair of Existing Park Equipment.

- There were several items of equipment in each of the parks which were either de-commissioned or had been identified during inspection reports as requiring replacement items to ensure their safe operation.
- **Resolved:** That the items of equipment be attended to asap on the basis of costings provided by the County Council.

#### 45.5 Replacement Park Equipment. Section 106

- It was noted that the Community Council did not have the financial reserves to fund and subsequently reclaim funds from the County Council the section 106 funds relating to the purchase of new park equipment.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk and County Councillors enter into discussions with the County Council to identify options for progressing the matter.

#### 45.6 Park Trees

- The position in relation to the requirements relating to work on trees in the parks was considered at the last meeting of the Council.
- Members were advised of the guidance provided by the Council's insurance and the SLCC with regard to liability arising for trees on the Council's land.
- **Resolved:** To seek quotations in respect of an annual tree inspection. Tenders to be considered and decided upon by the Sub Committee.

#### 45.7 Community Lighting Project. Provision of L.E.D. Units

- The Community Council had been offered the opportunity of joining a Carmarthenshire County Council scheme for the replacement of the current sodium street light units with more efficient L.E.D. units.
- The Community Council has 116 qualifying lighting units and the cost of replacement would be some £ 16,124.00.
- The scheme provides an interest free loan over an 8-year period. The amount repayable each year would be £ 2,015.50.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) To accept the offer to participate in the programme.
  - (ii) To ask the County Council Public Lighting and Education Department Officers to liaise in relation to the re-location of units at Gorslas Park which would be affected should the proposal for the new school for Gorslas Park proceed.

#### 45.8 General Information

- Information was provided to members in relation to
  - (i) Planning Regulations Prior Approval and
  - (ii) Recording Meetings and Misbehaviour.
- **Resolved:** That such information be provide for a trial period of three months

#### 45.9 Cefneithin Park. Cycling Training Event for Children.

- A request had been received to hold a Cycling Training Event at the Park between 5-7p.m for 10 weeks as from 25/07/19.
- The Cycling Club had provided details of First Aid / CRB checks etc.
- **Resolved:** To approve the request subject to the exclusion of the MUGA area.

**45.10 Cefneithin Park Car Park. Classic Car Owners Picnic. Sunday 18/08/19**

- Permission had been sought by the owners of classic cars on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August,2019, to park and exhibit their vehicles in the park car park.
- **Resolved:** To approve the request subject to the provision of satisfactory arrangements to control and separate vehicle movements from pedestrians.

**45.11 Cefneithin Park. Application for Alcohol Licence.**

- Notification had been received from the County Council of an application by the Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association for a licence for the provision of alcohol, films, live music, recorded music. Monday to Sunday 12:00 to 23.30hrs.
- **Resolved:** That there not be an objection to the proposal.

**45.12 Gorslas Park Footpath. Low Branches**

- Concern was expressed regarding low lying branches obstructing an adjoining public footpath and possibly causing injury to pedestrians.
- **Resolved:** That the branches be cut and removed asap.

**45.13 Gorslas Public Conveniences. Monthly Usage**

- It was reported that 1,142 individuals had used the facility during the month.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided

**45.14 Gorslas Park. Flower Beds**

- An enquiry had been received from the Welfare Association in relation to the maintenance of the flowerbeds and Tram memorial at the park.
- It was noted that such expenditure could be funded from section 106 monies.
- **Resolved:** To respond to the enquiry acknowledging that it was the intention of the Council to address the issues following completion of maintenance issues relating to the safety of play equipment and other facility related safety issues.

**46.0 Agenda Item 7.0 Urgent Local Matters.**

**46.1 Prohibition of Waiting Time. Heol Cwmmawr. Drefach.**

- Cllr A Rees declared a personal interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or decision.
- The County Council have provided an opportunity for comment in respect of a request for a prohibition of waiting time at any time at the junction of Heol Tyisaf and Heol Cwmmawr.
- **Resolved:** That the Community Council supports the proposal and to advise the County Council accordingly.

**46.2 Bron Yr Ynn. Low Hanging Branches.**

- Members advised of concerns that low hanging branches from a tree on County Council land presented a danger of injury to persons using a wayside seat.
- **Resolved:** To advise the County Council's housing department of the concerns.

**46.3 Footpaths FP31/7 Neuaddwen Farm to Rhydymaerdy and 31/17 Llyswen to RhydyMaerdy and FP 31/6 Ty Coch to Foelgastell.**

- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen declared a personal interest in the matter due to a family member being connected with the property, and took no part in the discussion or decision.
- Members advised that issues regarding the footpaths had been referred to the County Council a number of years ago but no response received.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk look onto the matter.

**46.4 Public Lighting Issue. Heol Blaenhirwaun**

- Attention was drawn to the fact that, due to overgrowth, lighting from a number of units located between Drefach C.P. School and the junction to Treventy was being obscured.
- **Resolved:** To ask the County Council to take enforcement action against the landowners to have the overgrowth cut back.

**47.0 Agenda Item 8. Members Reports.**

**47.1 Torcoed Quarry Liaison Group. Cllr Anthony Rees.**

- Cllr Rees had attended a meeting of the group on the 19<sup>th</sup> June,2019, and provided an update for members.
- Amongst the items reported was that there were sufficient reserves for the quarry to continue working for a further 20 years.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

**47.2 Carmarthenshire C.C. Community Council Forum. Cllr Wyn Edwards.**

- Cllr Wyn Edward had attended a meeting of the forum on the 19<sup>th</sup> June,2019 and provided an update for members. Amongst the items discussed were: -
  - (i) The Community Lighting Scheme i.e. the scheme to change to LED lighting.
  - (ii) Policy Public Highway Verges. Representatives were advised that
    - the County Council were responsible for the area from the centre of the road to the hedge.
    - where the highway was bordered by a ditch then the County Council's responsibility would be from the centre of the road to the edge of the ditch.
    - The cleaning and maintenance of the ditch was the property owner's responsibility. They would also be liable for any discharge or overflow.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

**47.3 Code of Conduct Training Carmarthen. 10<sup>th</sup> July,2019. Cllrs Wyn Edwards**

- Cllr Edwards advised members that he, together with Cllr Linda Williams and the Clerk had attended the event.
- The training session had been most informative in highlighting the very broad scope of the requirement for members to declare an interest in a matter.

- Resolved: That the Clerk provide a written summary of the main issues relating to the code for the September meeting.

#### 47.4 County Council Update. Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price.

- An update was provided by the members in relation to issues at both County and ward level which were relevant to the ward and constituents.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

#### 48.0 Agenda Item 9. Correspondence.

##### 48.1 Consultation.

No	From	Details
48.2	Hywel Dda University Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing Trauma Services Consultation. Details of consultation events forwarded to members. Carmarthen event re -arranged for 29/07/19 at Bro Myrddin Bowls Club.</li> <li>• A hard copy of a discussion document regarding the proposals is available from the Clerk for members to share.</li> </ul>
48.3	Hywel Dda University Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross Hands Health and Wellbeing Centre. Drop In events for local residents at Penygroes 02/07/19. Tumble 08/07/19. Cross Hands Working Men's Club 09/07/19. From 4.00p.m to 6.00.p.m</li> </ul>

##### 48.4 General Correspondence

No	From	Subject
48.5	Eglwys Tabernacle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of thanks for the donation.</li> </ul>
48.6	Tabor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of thanks for the donation.</li> </ul>
48.7	Peniel Chapel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of thanks for the donation.</li> </ul>
48.8	Eglwys St Lleian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of thanks for the donation.</li> </ul>
48.9	OVO Women's Cycling Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conveying thanks to the local organisations who helped make the event a success.</li> </ul>
48.10	Woodland Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite nomination for £1k Wales Tree of the year grant. Closing 19/07/19</li> </ul>
48.11	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A plenary debate on the Senedd and Elections Bill will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> July,2019. The bill, if passed will lower voting ages for Assembly elections to 16 and change the official name of the Assembly to Senedd.</li> </ul>
48.12	Ambulance Service Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise of a survey to gather greater information relating to carers</li> </ul>
48.13	Social Care Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise of and seeking assistance in identifying carers to receive an award for the provision of excellent care through the medium of Welsh.</li> </ul>
48.14	Older People's Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic copy of Spring newsletter available from Clerk.</li> </ul>

48.15	Information Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice documents relevant to information held by Council/ Members.</li> </ul>
48.16	Hywel Dda C.H.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of Operational Plan 2019/20 provided.</li> </ul>
48.17	Hywel Dda C.H.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of Diabetic Outpatients Visit report provided.</li> </ul>
48.18	Hywel Dda C.H.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of Cadog Ward report provided.</li> </ul>
48.19	Hywel Dda C.H.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of Phlebotomy Clinic Prince Phillip and Antioch Centre report provided.</li> </ul>
48.20	Hywel Dda C.H.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of Communications in the NHS provided.</li> </ul>
48.21	Hywel Dda C.H.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of Urgent care services for Trinity St David Carmarthen report provided.</li> </ul>
48.22	John Callaghan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request to place link on Council website to help local people find Jobcentres. Private company generating income from advertising revenue to help fund the provision of information.</li> </ul>
48.23	Welsh Gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Non-Domestic Rating of Public Lavatories Bill was approved on the 18/06/19.</li> <li>As from 01/04/20 free standing public lavatories will be zero rated.</li> </ul>
48.24	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for pre development collaborative working projects available.</li> </ul>
48.25	Llanlluan Chapel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter of thanks for the donation.</li> </ul>
48.26	Jonathan Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invitation to advice session on making National Lottery applications. National Botanic Garden 26/07/19 from 10.00a.m to 13:00hrs.</li> </ul>

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

#### 49.0 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

##### 49.1 Newsletter

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

##### 49.2 Carmarthenshire Area Committee Meeting. Burry Port 11/06/19.

- Members were advised of the meeting at which an update would be provided regarding the HMRC's decision that the annual IRPW allowance was taxable.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

#### 50.0 Agenda Item 11 Planning Matters

##### 50.1 Planning Applications.

No /Ref	Type and Description	Location
W/38970	Discharge of Planning Condition.11 on W/23782 (Noise Impact Assessment)	Land at Cross Hands East Strategic Employment Site (SES) adjoining the



		Cross Hands Business Park, North East of Heol Parc Mawr, and to the South West of Black Lion Road, Pen Y Banc and Greengrove, Gorslas.
W/38689	Appeal to Planning Inspectorate. Proposed Agricultural Building	Land off Blaenhirwaun Rd, Drefach, SA 14 7AJ.
	Pre-Planning Consultation. Cross Hands Health and Wellbeing Centre	Land adjacent to Cross Hands Retail Park.

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

## 51.0 Finance Agenda Item 12.

### 51.1 Statement of Monthly Income and Expenditure/ Receipts and Payments.

#### (i) Payments Made to Creditors.

##### Expenditure

Paid To	Description	Amount £
Danfo	Monthly Charge – P Conv	630.00
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge	20.10
TBM	Charges Parks May	600.00
Staff	Monthly Wages and Travel	1,142.83
HMRC	Qtr. 1 Employee/Employer Contributions	1,535.47
Carms C.C.	Qtr1 Superannuation Contributions	1,746.81
BHIB Insurers	Insurance Cefneithin	189.01
Drefach Welfare Association	Hire of Hall 10/06/19	10.00
Bowen and Weaving	Litter Bin	234.00
Fattorini	Chairs Badge	60.62
SWALEC	P Conv Quarterly Energy Charge	70.81
Cllr S Martin	2018/19 Balance Chairs Fund Refund.	19.00
CCW Law	Deposit Legal Fees	100.00
CCW Law	Stage 1 Charges Drefach and Cefn	1,470.40
Air Ambulance	Donation	50.00
Aber Landscapes Ltd	Emergency Work Gorslas / other 2 Parks	384.00
Capel Peniel	Donation	250.00
Capel Tabernacle	Donation	250.00
Capel Llanlluan	Donation	250.00
Capel Seion	Donation	250.00
Capel Tabor	Donation	125.00
Gorslas Church	Donation	250.00

- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the payments made

#### (ii) Income

Received from	Description	Amount £
N/A	N/A	N/A

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

**51.2 Budget 2019/20 Quarterly Review.**

- Members consider and discuss the review a report regarding actual and planned income and expenditure against each budget headings as well as the implications of any changes on the overall level of reserves.
- In summary the revised budgets for the year would be: -
  - (i) Income £103,969
  - (ii) Expenditure £108,750
  - (iii) Funded from Reserves £ 4,781
- **Reserves:** The revised level of reserves for the year would be £ 19,089.
- **Resolved:** To accept the recommendations for revising the individual budget headings as per report.

**52.0 Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting**

**52.1 Operational Arrangements over the Summer Period.**

- As the Council would be in recess for the month of August members discussed the need for a mechanism by which decisions regarding the operation of the services provided by the Council could be made.
- **Resolved:** That should such issues arise the Sub-committee members be authorised to make the decisions on behalf of the Council.

**52.2 Next Meeting.**

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July,2019 at Drefach Welfare Hall.
- The Clerk, in conjunction with the Chair or Vice Chair be authorised to convene a meeting of the Council during the recess should it be required to progress matters regarding to the proposed disposal of land at Gorslas Park.

**52.3 Close of business**

- There being no further items of business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m. and took the opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable summer.