

# CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Gorslas C.P. School on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, at 7.00 p.m.

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

- Members: Tina Butler (Chair), Simon Martin, Andrew King, Darren Price, Anthony Rees, Wyn Edwards, Nia Lewis, 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 Iestyn Llwyd, Clive Green, David Evans and Wynne Jones.

## 56.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 7.00p.m.
- Members extended their congratulations and best wishes to the Chair following her recent marriage in August.
- Members noted that Cllrs David Evans and Wynne Jones had, due to illnesses, not been able to attend meetings of the Council for some time.
- There was some concern that, through no fault of the members concerned, this had led to an under-representation on the Council for the residents of those wards.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) That the Clerk write to both members to ascertain whether or not they would be in a position to attend future meetings of the Council.
  - (ii) The matter to be placed for consideration on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

## 57.0 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. Cllrs Wyn Edwards, Nia Lewis and Tina Butler also recorded personal, but not prejudicial interests as employees of the same organisation.
- The Clerk advised dispensations had been applied from the monitoring officer permitting the Councillors to take part in discussions regarding the new school.
- Cllr Janice Price explained for the benefit of members that she was no longer a Governor of Gorslas Community Primary School, and as such was not, as she had done in previous meetings, declaring an interest in the item relating to the proposed new school at Gorslas Park.
- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen also declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in the agenda item relating to the provision of land for the new school as he had been recently appointed as a member of the Gorslas C.P. School Governing Body.
- Cllr Nia Lewis declared an interest in planning application W/39117 due to the proximity of the proposed development to her private residence.
- Cllr Darren Price declared a personal interest in agenda item 61.1.2 as Chair of the Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association.
- Cllr Terry Jones declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in item 61.1.2 as a member of the Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association. The Clerk advised that there was a

dispensation for Cllrs, who were not office holders within the Association to speak and vote on a matter related to the Association.

- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in item 62.4 as a member of Gorslas Welfare Association. The Clerk advised that there was a dispensation for Cllrs, who were not office holders within the Association to speak and vote on a matter related to the Association.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the declarations of interest from members.

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

- It was proposed by Cllr Simon Martin and seconded by Cllr Andrew King , 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.

### 59.0 Agenda Item 4. Consider the Minutes of the Previous Meetings.

- Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> July,2019. Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes of the meeting for accuracy.
- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Simon Martin 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.
- Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July,2019. Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes of the meeting for accuracy. A minor amendment to the wording of item 55.3 of the draft minutes had been proposed prior to the meeting. A revised version of the draft minutes had been prepared by the Clerk which included the revised wording.
- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Andrew King and seconded by Cllr Simon Martin, and agreed by all that the revised draft minutes be approved and confirmed as an accurate representation of the discussions and decisions made.

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

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

| Ref  | Item                         | Update                                    |
|------|------------------------------|---|
| 60.1 | Cefneithin Hall Lease        | • See Parks and General                   |
| 60.2 | Drefach Land Ownership       | • Details had been forwarded to members   |
| 60.3 | Gorslas Park. - New School   | • See Parks and General.                  |
| 60.4 | Future Joint Training Events | • Awaiting revised date from C.C.C.       |
| 60.5 | Remedial Work Parks          | • Work progressing see Parks and General. |
| 60.6 | Play Equipment Tenders       | • Awaiting progression.                   |
| 60.7 | Website                      | • Awaiting development.                   |
| 60.8 | Gorslas Welfare Association  | • See Parks and General.                  |
| 60.9 | Cefneithin MUGA - Rust       | • Awaiting progression.                   |

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| 60.10 | Cefneithin Park                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant organisations advised of approval for use of facilities, subject to conditions.</li> </ul> |
| 60.11 | Parks Tree Work                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Parks and General</li> </ul>  |
| 60.12 | Cefneithin Footpath                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCC acknowledge receipt of enquiry.</li> </ul>  |
| 60.13 | Drefach                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carms C.C. Public Lighting advised of issues with trees along Heol Blaenhirwaun.</li> </ul>         |
| 60.14 | Drefach Branches Hen Ffordd/Bron Yr Ynn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to Carms, C.C. who are visiting site.</li> </ul>   |
| 60.15 | Cefneithin Treventy Bench               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair / Replacement cost received.</li> </ul>  |
| 60.16 | Public Lighting - LED                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C.C.C. confirm inclusion in scheme.</li> </ul>  |
| 60.17 | Gorslas. Land slippage.                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further communication</li> </ul>   |
| 60.18 | Drefach Cwmawr Waiting Time Restriction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council's support for the proposal has been relayed to the County Council.</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.

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

### 61.1.1 General. Provision of Land for New School.

- As recorded under item 58.0 the Council resolved that, due to the nature of the matter being discussed, the press and public would be excluded from the discussion relating to this item.
- Members were provided with an update on the current position regarding the transfer of the land for the new school with the following matters being highlighted: -
  - The Land Transfer Documents had been signed by Chair/Vice and witnessed by Clerk at the offices of Ungoed Thomas and King, solicitors, on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019.
  - The County Council had been advised by Ungoed Thomas and King of the Community Council's decision and that the necessary documentation had been signed.
  - A request had been made to the County Council for the refund of costs it had incurred in meeting the Wales Audit Office, and statutory requirements regarding the donation of the land for free. The County Council had agreed but had subsequently changed its mind on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, making the refund conditional to the provision of certain information.
- Resolved:**
  - That the Community Council still wished to proceed with the land transfer.
  - To provide the copies of the minutes of the relevant meeting and, following the receipt of the amounts requested as a refund of costs, to provide the additional supporting information.
  - To contact Gorslas School Governing Body to progress a management agreement relating to the use and availability of the community facilities.

### 61.1.2 Lease at Cefneithin Park to the Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association.

- Cllr Darren Price declared a personal interest in the matter due to his role as Chair of the Association. Cllr Price took no part in the discussion or decision.
- The Association advised that they had considered the draft Heads of Terms agreement forwarded to them and having done so requested clarification on whether or not the Community Council would be prepared to consider an option of transferring the land and hall to the ownership of the Association.
- An options appraisal had therefore been included as part of the update report for members.
- **Resolved:** The Sub-Committee consider the matter and make a recommendation to Council.

### 61.2 General Use of Parks by Organisations

- A number of requests had been received by the Community Council in respect of use of the parks for events organised by amateur sports clubs or associations.
- Clarification on the legalities of the position was obtained from One Voice Wales on the position having regard the covenants.
- **Resolved:** That the position remain as at present.

### 61.3 Park. Tree Risk Management Assessment

- The report of the Sub-committee regarding the tenders received in respect of the above had been included with papers for the meeting.
- Five tenders had been received and the anonymised submissions considered by the Sub Committee at its meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August,2019.
- Following careful consideration, the Sub-Committee resolved to award the contract for a period of three years to Tenderer E i.e. Lampeter Trees at a price of £650 per annum.
- **Resolved:** To receive and approve the report and the actions of the Sub Committee.

### 61.4 Code of Conduct Declaration of Interests by Members Training. Carms. July 2019.

- A report in respect of the issues covered at the above training session was provided for members as part of the documentation for the meeting.
- Cllr Wyn Edwards advised that he had attended the course and strongly suggested that, as there had recently been significant changes to the code, all members should attend the course regardless of whether they had done so previously.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and for the Clerk to keep members advised of future training sessions.

### 61.5 Cefneithin Park. Family Day 21/09/19.

- A request was received form the Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association for the use of the park and car park for a family fun day.
- The request was considered and approved by the members of the Sub-Committee and the Association advised accordingly.

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

#### **61.6 Cefneithin Park 2 Bay Swings and Multi Play Unit.**

- During works to the swings a need to attend to corrosion at the top of one of the support legs was identified as well as the replacement of an infill bar on the multi play unit which had fractured and could cause injury.
- Following discussion with Sub-Committee members it was resolved, due to safety concerns, to proceed with the repairs at a cost of £ 582 (VAT Inc.)
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) To receive, note and approve the information provided and actions taken.
  - (ii) For future maintenance requirements, especially for non-static equipment, to be taken into account when purchasing future play equipment for the parks.
  - (iii) That future maintenance requirements be taken into account when setting budgets.

#### **61.7 Gorslas Park. Tree Works**

- Two trees identified as being a risk were cut down and removed. Low hanging branches affecting a public footpath were also cut and removed.
- On the 6<sup>th</sup> August it was reported that a further tree had fallen over blocking a footpath. A site visit was made that morning and the pathway cleared. The tree was subsequently removed.
- A further small tree found to have fallen over during visit 19/08/19.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

#### **61.8 Gorslas Park. Fitting of safety grill to structure.**

- A report had been received that children were accessing and using as a play area a small tunnel like opening in a brick structure on the boundary between the park and a private residence.
- As the integrity of the structure could not be assured, and as the tunnel allowed entry to a private property to ensure safety a grill was placed over the park side entrance to the tunnel.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

#### **61.9 Gorslas Park Public Conveniences. Damage to Door Opening Mechanisms.**

- Damage had occurred to the door mechanisms of two units. The mechanisms have now been replaced.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

#### **61.10 Gorslas Public Conveniences. Monthly Usage**

- July Usage: Total 862 individuals. August Usage 376 individuals.

- Cllr Andrew King advised that he had undertaken several impromptu checks on the conditions of the facilities over a period of time and reported that they were always clean, operational and in good order. The contractor was providing a good level of service.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

**61.11 Gorslas Park. Illegal Substances.**

- Concern over activity related to the use or sale of illegal substances in the vicinity of the park had been received and have been reported to the Police.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

**61.12 Gorslas Park. Damage to Artificial Surface Titan Swing.**

- A report was received on the 27<sup>th</sup> August,2019, that an attempt had been made to set fire to the artificial grass surface of the Titan Swing. The cost of repair is being obtained.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

**61.13 Cefneithin Park Incident Sunday 18/07/19**

- Reported that a person had injured themselves in the park due to broken glass.
- Park was inspected by Clerk and the company collecting the waste from the bin.
- Broken shards of plastic, probably from a bottle were found in the MUGA area and were removed. No broken glass was found elsewhere on site.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

**61.14 Cefneithin Park Incident Friday 30/08/19.**

- The Clerk advised that a parent had reported that their child's clothing and footwear had been damaged by wet paint on an item of equipment in the park.
- The Clerk had attended site that day to ascertain if the item should remain operational.
- The County Council, as the contractor, had subsequently resolved the matter with the parent.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

**62.0 Urgent Local Matters.**

**62.1 Cefneithin. Kerosene Leak Carmarthen Road.**

- A report was received on the 14<sup>th</sup> August,2019, of a strong smell of kerosene at no 95 Carmarthen Road. The residents were concerned that although the County Council and Natural Resources Wales had been advised the odour remained and was making it difficult to breath.
- Both agencies were contacted and advised they were aware of the issue and dealing with it. The residents had been re-located to alternative accommodation as a temporary measure.
- Members were advised by Cllr Aled Owen that the residents had since returned to their home as the problem had seemingly been sorted out.

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

### 62.2 Public Lighting.

- Reports of three lighting units not working, one in Gorslas Park and two at Gorslas Square/ Shop area were received and passed on to the County Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 62.3 Wayside Seat – Treventy.

- Members considered the condition and use made of the wayside seat as well as the cost of replacing or repairing the unit.
- **Resolved:** To repair the unit at a cost of £220.

### 62.4 Gorslas Raised Beds.

- The County Council have declined a request by the Gorslas Welfare Association to take over the planting and care of the beds.
- The Welfare Association have requested that the Community Council apply to the County Council for the licence with the Association undertaking the maintenance work.
- Discussion took place with regard to the balance between the desire to improve the center of the village and the legal obligations and responsibilities which the Community Council would be responsible for under such an agreement.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) That the County Councillors for the area enquire as to the possibility of how an agreement, similar to the asset transfer arrangements, could be reached between the County Council and the Welfare Association to allow them to take over the maintenance of the flower beds.
  - (ii) The Clerk obtain further information regarding the proposed agreement.

### 63.0 Agenda Item 8. Members Reports.

#### 63.1 OVO National Cycle Events 15th June,2019

- The Chair informed members that the event had created considerable excitement amongst the residents of Drefach as they watched the cyclists sweep through the village. A cyclethon had also been arranged, in which she had participated and which raised funds to help towards the restoration of a local chapel.
- On the same day she had also attended a cycling event and barbeque at Cefneithin Park which were part of the celebrations. It was pleasing to note the event was very well attended and enjoyed by all who attended.
- In an event packed day, she had also sought to attend the Gorslas Carnival event which unfortunately had to be staged earlier than scheduled to accommodate a change in the timing of the national cycling event passing through the village.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 63.2 Drefach C.P. School Summer Fair/Fun Day 22<sup>nd</sup> June,2019.

- The Chair reported that she had also enjoyed attending the school summer fair which had been well attended and had presented a variety of different activities for children and adults as well as some delicious home baked cakes – prepared by the Chair.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 63.3 Urdd National Eisteddfod 2021 Fund Raising Activities.

- Cllr Nia Lewis advised that she was a member of the fundraising committee established to support the eisteddfod when it comes to Carmarthenshire in 2021.
- As part of the fundraising activities a “bonus ball” lottery type event had been established. Interested parties could contact Cllr Lewis for further details.
- Advance notice was also provided of a fund-raising night to be held in the area on the 24/10/19 details of which would be available at a later date.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 63.4 County Council.

- An update on current local and county wide issues which were relevant to the ward was provided by Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen.
- The County Councillors appreciated that the item took up valuable time at the monthly meetings of the Council, time which members might prefer to spend on other matters.
- Members were asked therefore to advise the Clerk as to whether or not they wished for the item to continue as an item on the monthly agenda.
- Cllr Price also indicated that in relation to the issue raised at the last meeting regarding the footpath at Morfa and Morfa Melin County Councillors were due to visit the site to discuss the matter with the landowner. Cllr T Jones would be welcome to attend.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 64.0 Agenda Item 9. Correspondence.

#### 64.1 Consultation.

| No     | From                         | Details   |
|--------|------------------------------|---|
| 64.1.1 | Welsh Govt                   | • Consultation National Strategy for flood and coastal erosion risk management Wales. Details on W.G website. Closing date 16/09/19   |
| 64.1.2 | Welsh Govt                   | • Developing a National Development Framework for Wales. Relates to a 20-year plan for land use. Includes developing a vibrant economy, resilient eco systems, decarbonization, Health and Wellbeing of Communities. Closing Date 01/11/19/ |
| 64.1.3 | Carms C.C.                   | • Removal of Public Telephone Kiosk at Cefneithin. Closing date 13/09/19.   |
| 64.1.4 | Local Democracy and Boundary | • Copy of recommendations to Welsh Govt available on their website  |



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|        | Commission for Wales                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welsh Govt to consider on 21/08/19. Further comments can be submitted up to 6 weeks after that date.</li> <li>Gorslas Ward: Recommend electoral ward be retained with two County Councillors. The official ward name to include the Welsh spelling of Gors- las.</li> <li>Carmarthenshire: Council to increase from 74 to 75 members but with the number of electoral wards reduced from 58 to 51. Average of 1,915 electors per County Councillor.</li> <li>Proposals subject to Welsh Govt approval.</li> </ul> |
| 64.1.5 | Police and Crime Commissioner          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey regarding first contact with Police. Closes 02/09/19</li> </ul>  |
| 64.1.6 | Cardiff University, Belfast University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online survey regarding the planning system. Closes 30/09/19</li> </ul>   |
| 64.1.7 | Welsh Govt                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online survey. Use of digital mechanisms to engage communities.</li> </ul>  |

## 64.2 General Correspondence

| No      | From                               | Subject   |
|---------|------------------------------------|---|
| 64.2.1  | Older People's Commissioner        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of questionnaire on public conveniences. Circulated to members</li> </ul>   |
| 64.2.2  | Community Energy Carmarthen /Wales | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeking information to support bid for car clubs in rural areas.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.3  | Hywel Dda CHC                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of report on Patient Feedback Bronglais Hospital</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.4  | Hywel Dda CHC                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Report on Patient Feedback Ward 7 Worthybush Hospital</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.5  | Police and Crime Panel             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of newsletter available on Police website or from Clerk.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.6  | Children's Air Ambulance           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter of thanks for donation.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.7  | Carmarthen C.C.                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of the Code of Conduct Training provided. Copies distributed electronically to members.</li> </ul>                            |
| 64.2.8  | Older People's Commissioner        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise that the 2018-19 Impact and Reach Report and the 2019-22 Strategy available to view on the organisation's website.</li> </ul> |
| 64.2.9  | Older People's Commissioner        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of newsletter available on website or from Clerk.</li> </ul>   |
| 64.2.10 | Gorslas Welfare Association        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note of thanks to the Chair for the donation towards the carnival.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.11 | David Rayner                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with the charity SCOPE and seeking locations for siting clothes re-cycling facilities in the area.</li> </ul>                |

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| 64.2.12 | Carms C.C.                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic copy of Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel available on website or electronically from the Clerk.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.12 | Gorslas Church              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invitation to Chair to attend a fundraising event for raising funds towards the Church Restoration Fund.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.13 | Wales Audit Office          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of the Good Practice Exchange Programme for 2019/20 are provided online.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.14 | Cymdeithas Yr Iaith         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Meeting with the County Council on Welsh as the administrative language of the County Council.</li> <li>Carmarthen Library 9.30 a.m. to 11.30a.m Saturday 21/09/18</li> </ul> |
| 64.2.15 | Carmarthen Town Council     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invitation to Chair to attend the raising of World Peace Banner on Saturday September, 21<sup>st</sup>,2019 at 12.00 noon Guildhall Square Carmarthen.</li> </ul>                  |
| 64.2.16 | Long Forest Project         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free Hedgerow app available to download from website.</li> </ul>   |
| 64.2.17 | Carms C.C                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise they have a template for electors to use when calling for an election relating to a Community Council vacancy</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.18 | Carms C.C                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election Staff: Advise of recruitment drive for Presiding Officer and Poll Clerk Positions.</li> </ul>   |
| 64.2.19 | John Callaghan              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request that a link be placed on the Community Council's website to site which identifies the nearest register office to them.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.20 | Carms C.C                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeking nominations for coaches, volunteers or sporting teams for this the awards for this year.</li> </ul>  |
| 64.2.21 | Carms C.C.                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving Rural Carmarthenshire Forward: Invitation to attend launch event on 08/10/19 at Emlyn Hotel.</li> </ul>   |
| 64.2.22 | Able Community Care Ltd     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business Manager offering free "do not knock" stickers.</li> </ul>   |
| 64.2.23 | Older People's Commissioner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise they have Facebook page providing latest information.</li> </ul>  |

- Resolved:**

- (i) To receive and note the information provided.
- (ii) 64.2.19 Not to accede to the request.

## 65.0 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

### 65.1 Newsletter

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

### 65.2 Annual General Meeting 5th October,2019 at Pontrhydfendigaid.

- Notification of meeting received.

- It was noted that Cllr Wyn Edwards, the nominated Community Council representative, was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
  - (ii) Should a member be available to attend in Cllr Edwards's place they contact the Chair and Clerk.

### 65.3 Youth Representative.

- Survey of Councils requesting details of any Youth Representatives appointed to the Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 65.4 NALC Guidance Note on Grants for C of E Burial Grounds.

- An advisory note had been received from NALC indicating that due to a conflict in legislation, which could only be resolved by the courts, the Community Council's should not make payments towards the costs of maintaining burial grounds by the Church in Wales.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 65.5 Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability 2019.

- An electronic copy of the above document has been received and is available from the Clerk.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 65.6 Training Courses September to December,2019

- Courses start at 6.30 p.m. finish at 9.00p.m. Cost £ 40 per delegate
- Ammanford: Courses are held at St Johns Hall, Margaret Street, Ammanford.
- Carmarthen: Courses are held at St Peter's Civic Hall, Nott Square, Carmarthen.

| Date     | Course                        | Venue      |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 09/09/19 | Information Management- Welsh | Carmarthen |
| 12/09/19 | Council as Employer           | Ammanford  |
| 30/09/19 | Chairing Skills - Welsh       | Carmarthen |
| 10/10/19 | Chairing Skills               | Ammanford  |
| 14/10/19 | Wellbeing Act 2015            | Carmarthen |
| 07/11/19 | Understanding the Law         | Ammanford  |
| 11/11/19 | The Council Meeting           | Carmarthen |
| 02/12/19 | Code of Conduct- In Welsh     | Carmarthen |

- **Resolved:** Should a member be interested in a course they contact the Clerk and Chair.

### 66.0 Agenda Item 11 Planning Matters

#### 66.1 Planning Applications.

- Cllr Nia Lewis declared a personal interest in application W/39117 due to the proximity of the proposed development to her residence. Cllr Lewis took no part in the discussion or decision.

| No /Ref | Type and Description  | Location   |
|---------|---|--|
| W/39117 | Full Planning. Construction of detached dwelling and associated works.  | Plot adjacent to NISA Local, Heol Caegwyn, Drefach, SA14 7BA |
| W/39174 | Full Planning. Proposed alterations of approved dwelling to include rear conservatory extension   | Plot 220, Maes Y Parc, Cross Hands, SA14 7DD                 |
| W/39316 | Discharge of condition 11 on W/37739(Site plan showing position of shaft. Follow up report and engineering drawings including shaft capping details)                            | Land part of Penybanc, Black Lion Road, Gorslas SA14 6RU     |
| W/39333 | Prior Notification Agricultural or Forestry Development. Construction of Agricultural Building for the storage of agricultural implements and bedding                           | Wern Isaf Farm, Heol Caegwyn, Drefach SA14 7BB.              |
| W/39381 | Full Planning. Change of Use to Drive on Residential Land and erect covered area over drive (Car Port with Wooden Uprights and Polycarbonate Sheeting or Similar on Roof.       | Land adjacent to 72 Heol Y Parc, Cefneithin, SA14 7DS        |
| W/39382 | Discharge of planning conditions 3,4,10,13 on W/36812 (Noise/ Dust control, noise and vibration control, construction phase traffic management plan, learner travel Assessment) | Gorslas Park, Cefneithin Road, Gorslas                       |

- **Resolved:**
  - To receive and note the information provided.
  - W/39382 To seek clarification relating to the term “discharge”.

### 66.2 Consultation. Removal of Telephone Kiosk Heol Y Parc, Cefneithin.

- The County Council have written advising of BT’s intention to remove the telephone kiosk and service at Cefneithin with only four telephone calls were made during the previous 12 months.
- The disconnected telephone box could be purchased by the community for £1.
- **Resolved:** That a response be sent in accordance with the discussions of the Sub-Committee members over the summer period.

### 67.0 Finance Agenda Item 12.

#### 67.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure/ Receipts and Payments July/August.

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

| Paid To               | Description                            | Amount £ |
|-----------------------|--|----------|
| Spencer Environmental | Monthly Grass Cutting Part Charge June | 1,158.05 |
| Spencer Environmental | Monthly Grass Cutting Standard August  | 1,158.05 |
| Danfo                 | Monthly Charge – P Conv June           | 630.00   |
| Danfo                 | Monthly Charge P Conv July             | 651.00   |
| WCVA                  | Monthly Payroll Charge- July           | 20.10    |

|                     |  |          |
|---------------------|--|----------|
| WCVA                | Monthly Payroll Charge August              | 20.10    |
| TBM                 | Charges Parks June/July                    | 960.00   |
| Staff               | Monthly Wages and Travel – July            | 1,114.03 |
| Staff               | Monthly Wages - August                     | 1,076.43 |
| F.C. Bookbinders    | Binding Minute Book 2017-2019              | 125.00   |
| Carms C.C.          | SLA Park Inspection 2019/20                | 2,831.00 |
| Morgan and Morgan   | Replacement Drum                           | 80.66    |
| Drefach Welfare     | Hire Hall 18.07.19 and Balance 10.06.17    | 15.00    |
| Drefach Welfare     | Hire Hall Tenders Sub 27/08/19             | 5.00     |
| RJ Surveyors        | Independent Valuation Land Gorslas Park    | 960.00   |
| Aber Landscapes     | Remove 2 Trees and apply Weed killer Parks | 384.00   |
| Thomas Glass        | Repairs Locks Gorslas Toilets              | 186.72   |
| CCW Law             | Cefneithin Park Lease Stage 2              | 1,427.40 |
| DANFO               | Monthly Charge August                      | 651.00   |
| Menter Gwasanaethau | Translation to July                        | 307.50   |

**(ii) Income**

| Received from     | Description          | Amount<br>£ |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Carms C.C.        | Precept Instalment 2 | 30,240.00   |
| Barclays Bank PLC | Interest             | 17.23       |

**67.2 Model Financial Regulations.**

- The following amendments to the model regulations are proposed by One Voice Wales for members consideration: -
  - (i) Restriction added to 11.1. a(ii) to the effect that the dispensation granted for contracts relating to legal professionals is restricted to where they are acting in disputes i.e. the dispensation does not relate to other types of legal work.
  - (ii) Update on limits on Public Contract Regulations – Footnote 11.1b. This sets the thresholds for following the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 at £181,302 for Public Service Supply Contracts and £4,551, 413 for public works contracts.
  - (iii) Minor changes to the heading of Section 12 which now reads “Payments Under Contracts for building or other construction works.
- **Resolved:** That the amendments be adopted.

**68.0 External Auditors Report 2018/19.**

- The External Auditor’s report in respect of the 2018/19 had been received.
- The Auditor was satisfied that the returns and processes followed were correct and lawful.
- An issue was raised regarding actions connected to changes to contracts connected with issues arising from the uncertainty over the transfer of land for the new school at Gorslas Park.
- The Clerk would seek further information from the Auditors regarding the matter.

**69.0 Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting**

- The business of the meeting be concluded the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, at Drefach Welfare Hall.