

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Gorslas C.P. School, on Monday, 9th March, 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

133.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Tina Butler (Chair), Simon Martin, Terry Jones, Anthony Rees, Aled Vaughan Owen, Andrew King, Clive Green, Nia Lewis, Janice Price, Linda Williams and Wyn Edwards.
- Others: Kevin Gravell (Lloyd and Gravell) Sara Griffiths (Carms C.C Education Department) Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council and Hefin Jones, Translator.
- Apologies for absence: Cllrs Darren Price and Iestyn Llwyd

133.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 7.00p.m.
- **Resolved:** To accept the apologies for absences.

132.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- The following declarations of interests were declared by members: -

Agenda Item	Councillors	Nature of Interest
136.1.2	Aled Vaughan Owen	Personal not prejudicial. County Councillor and member of Gorslas C.P. School Governing Body. Both being parties to the Management Agreement.
136.1.2	Janice Price	Personal not prejudicial. Governor Gorslas. School which is a party to the Management Agreement.
136.1.3	Terry Jones	Personal not prejudicial. Member of the Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association who are party to the prospective land transfer.
136.1.1	Linda Williams	An applicant is a family member.

- The Clerk advised that there was a dispensation for Councillors who were not office holders within the Welfare Association to speak and vote on a matter related to the Association.
- Members took no part in the discussion and decisions relating to the above items other than where a dispensation had been received.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the declarations of interest from members.

133.0 Agenda Item: 5(i) Gorslas Park New School Build.

- The Chair welcomed and thanked Mr. Kevin Gravell of Lloyd and Gravell, the contractors building the new school, and Sara Griffiths, Project Manager, from Carmarthenshire County Council's Education Department, for their attendance.
- With the agreement of all members present it was resolved to amend the order of business to allow discussion on this item.
- Members were advised that the new school build would commence on the 16th March,2020.

- The location of the build site, being within the general park area, meant that it was beneficial for the various parties concerned to meet and discuss the programme of works and the associated health and safety matters.
- The discussion extended to include: -
 - (i) Site Security arrangements during the construction phase.
 - (ii) Public Lighting: Inspection arrangements, re-siting and new provision
 - (iii) Re-Location of Teen Shelter, Exercise Equipment and Benches.
 - (iv) Park Car Park and Tank Trap.
 - (v) CCTV – additional coverage.
 - (vi) Grass cutting: arrangements for access for Community Council contractor.
 - (vii) Communication: between the parties and with parents, school and public.
 - (viii) Working Hours.
 - (ix) Perimeter Footpath upon completion.
 - (x) Site Plans: Members viewed plans of the school site, boundary, drainage and lighting.
 - (xi) Site access issues and arrangements at Church Road pending re-location of BT cabinet.
- Actions: The following actions were jointly agreed: -
 - (i) Park Car Park: The contractor would seek to gain agreement from Western Power to undertake the work during school holidays. The car park would be closed for 12 weeks.
 - (ii) Tank Trap: Contractor to check with utility companies if the work would impact on the trap.
 - (iii) Public Lighting: Additional units to be provided in the park car park. Further discussion with regard to re-location of existing lighting units.
 - (iv) Teen Shelter/ Exercise Equip. Community Council to advise on re-location.
 - (v) Communication: Progress updates for pupils/ public to be forwarded to the Clerk.
 - (vi) CCTV. Contractor to contact PC Rob Chapman re possibility of additional coverage.
 - (vii) Grass Cutting/ P Lighting inspection repair. Contractor will provide access where necessary.
 - (viii) Working Hours: Mon to Friday 8.00 a.m. to 4.30pm. No planned weekend working.
 - (ix) Invitation will be forwarded to the Community Council to attend a ceremony on the 12th May,2020, to celebrate the establishment of the new school.
 - (x) Future Meetings: The contractor offered to attend future meetings as and when required.
- The Chair thanked Mr. Gravell and Ms Griffiths for their attendance. There being no further questions or issues to discuss Mr. Gravell and Ms Griffiths left the meeting at this point.

134.0 Agenda Item 3 Consider the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

- Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council for accuracy.

- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Simon Martin and seconded by Cllr Wyn Edwards that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the discussions and decisions made at the previous meeting of the Council.

135.0 Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

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

Ref	Item	Update
135.1	Member Vacancies Gorslas and Cefneithin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Date 06.03.20. • Two applications received.
135.2	Cefneithin Park Land and Hall Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitor Instructed/ Draft Conditions prepare • Amendments to Wording of Valuation Sent
135.3	Gorslas New School Management Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New school build to commence 16.03.20 • CCC. Meeting proposed 19.03.20.
135.4	IRPW Allowance Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred by OVW to Welsh Gov
135.5	Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility Requirement - see General.
135.6	Replacement Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linked to Section 106 Drefach.
135.7	Cefneithin MUGA - Rust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting progression.
135.8	Parks Tree Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting responses from Associations.
135.9	Gorslas P Conv Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press release forwarded to local papers.
135.10	Gorslas. Land slippage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further communication
135.11	Black Lion Rd Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No response from organisations contacted.
135.12	Auditor for Wales.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations submitted re transactional Audit
135.13	Wayside Seats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linked with Mensshed Drefach.
135.14	Notice Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linked with Mensshed Drefach.
135.15	Graffiti Gorslas Bus Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting favourable weather for completion
135.16	Drefach Park Wall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair instruction issued. Weather dependent.

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

136.0 Agenda Item 5. General and Park Matters.

136.1 General

136.1.1 Member Vacancies Gorslas and Cefneithin.

- Cllr Linda Williams declared an interest in this matter as one of the applicants was a family member. Cllr Williams left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision.
- Members had been provided with an anonymised summary of the application received for the Cefneithin ward as part of the papers for the meeting. Due to timing it had not been possible

to forward details to members of the application relating to the Gorslas Ward. The Clerk however provided an anonymised summary of the application for members.

- **Resolved** that:
 - (i) Cefneithin Ward: That the applicant be co-opted to the Council.
 - (ii) Gorslas Ward:
 - a. To accept and consider the application.
 - b. That the applicant be co-opted to the Council.
 - (iii) The Clerk to advise the applicants and to invite them to the next meeting of the Council.

136.1.2 Management Agreement: New School Gorslas Park.

- The County Council have advised that work on the construction of the new Gorslas school is to commence on the 16th March,2020.
- They have also indicated that they are seeking to convene a meeting involving, officers of the County Council, School Governors and Community Council representatives at the school on the revised date of 23rd April,2020, in order to begin discussions on a management agreement governing the use of the MUGA and dedicated play area.
- **Resolved:** That the Sub-Committee members be authorised to attend and negotiate a draft agreement for consideration by the full Council.

136.1.3 Transfer of Land at Cefneithin Park.

- Valuation: The Clerk had forwarded comments and observations relating to the valuation report to the valuer and was awaiting a response.
- Agreement: The Community Council's legal representative had been provided with a brief covering the draft terms of any transfer. A copy of the draft terms had been forwarded to members for their consideration and observation.
- **Resolved:** That the Sub-Committee meet with representatives of the Welfare Association to discuss the terms of the agreement.

136.1.4 Website/Mobile Apps Legal Requirement.

- The legislation requires that all websites/ mobile apps used by Councils are improved to meet certain requirements regarding being accessible to all users.
- The deadline for complying with the requirement is September 2020.
- **Resolved:** That the information received be noted and progressed by the Website/IT group established by the Council.

136.2 Parks.

136.2.1 Gorslas Public Conveniences.

- A press release had been issued to local papers regarding the Gold Award standard which the facility had been awarded in the national competition.
- The maintenance issues relating to lighting and missing guards had been attended to. A full electrical safety test inspection had been undertaken. No issues or concerns were identified.

- Monthly usage: 278 persons.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

137.0 Agenda Item 6 Urgent Local Matters.

137.1 Lighting Unit 711-29 Gorslas Area

- Lighting unit reported to CCC as non-operational.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

137.2 Gorslas/Cefneithin: Allegation of individuals seeking to lure individuals into a Vehicle.

- Members were advised that a report had been received of individuals seeking to persuade youngsters to get into a vehicle.
- The incidents were reported to have happened in the Cefneithin area with the same vehicle and individuals later seen in the Gorslas Park Car Park.
- The matter had been reported by the witness to the Police. The matter had also been highlighted by the witness on various local and national social media platforms.
- **Resolved:** That the Council also report the allegation which it had received to the Police.

137.3 Cefneithin Footpath from Heol Y Parc to Y Fron.

- It was reported that the above footpath was in urgent need of cleaning to remove slime and growth and to prevent someone falling and injuring themselves.
- **Resolved:** To advise the appropriate County Council Department.

137.4 Drefach: Public Meeting Regarding Revised L.D.P.

- Feedback was provided for members from a very well attended event organised by the local members in conjunction with the Welfare Association which was held at the Drefach Welfare Hall on Saturday 29th February, 2020.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

137.5 Drefach: Lighting Issue Garreg Lwyd.

- It was reported that complaints had been received from the public regarding light pollution from the outside lights on the campus.
- **Resolved:** That the matter be reported to the County Council.

137.6 Drefach: B4310 Heol Cwmmawr Road Markings.

- An enquiry was made regarding progress regarding the provision of road markings preventing parking within 20 to 30 yards of the mini roundabout with Mary street. The current situation provided restricted room for heavy goods vehicles to turn which was causing difficulties.
- **Resolved:** Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen kindly agreed to ascertain the current position.

137.7 Drefach: B4310 Heol Cwmmawr Road Damage to Road Furniture.

- Members attention was drawn to the fact that damage had been caused to the keep left sign at the road island on Heol Cwmmawr at a point opposite Hen Ffordd.
- **Resolved:** To report the matter to the County Council.

137.8 Drefach: Site of the Closed Ysgol Y Gwendraeth – Missing Parking Bollards.

- The meeting was advised that that there were some three bollards missing on the island which formed part of the site of the previous Ysgol Y Gwendraeth.
- Resolved: To report the matter to the County Council.

137.9 Drefach. Ash Dieback.

- Members raised the issue regarding the condition of trees on a section of Heol Blaenhirwaun near Drefach C.P. school.
- **Resolved:** To advise the County Council of the situation.

137.10 Incident Capel Seion Drefach

- Advised by the press regarding an incident which occurred at Capel Seion where a young child was injured and taken by air ambulance to hospital.
- Members were aware of the incident and of the latest position. Their thoughts and prayers were with the child and the family.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

138.0 Agenda Item 7. Members Reports.

138.1 Torcoed Quarry Liaison Meeting: Cllr Anthony Rees.

- Cllr Rees had attended the quarry liaison meeting on Wednesday 4th March,2020. Members were provided with feedback from the meeting.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

138.2 County Council Update- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen.

- An update was provided for members in relation to both national and County Council matters which were relevant to the area and residents served by the Community Council. These included: -
 - (i) Drainage issues at Brynglas with a possible linkage to the nearby park.
 - (ii) Section 106: the calculation of contribution processes and how it related to the ongoing discussion regarding the Cae Coch development.
 - (iii) County Council Budget: expected to increase by some 4.79%
 - (iv) Local Development Plan: The revised consultation arrangements. Representations from developers against the decision to remove certain areas from the plan.
 - (v) The ongoing issues relating to the provision of buses from Drefach to Maes Y Gwendraeth.

139.0 Agenda Item 8. Correspondence.

Consultation		
Ref	From	Details
139.1	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular Economy Strategy. Advise of events in support of the consultation in respect of the above. • Closing date for receipt of views 03.04.20

General Correspondence		
139.2	Keep Wales Tidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of a free package available to Community Councils to create either a butterfly, fruit or wildlife garden which must be available to the public. Work to be completed by Feb2021. Future maintenance plan required. Regular reporting on no of beneficiaries together with production of publicity material a requirement. Closing date 06.03.20
139.3	Cwm Gwendraeth Mensshed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise that they are now operational and able to move ahead with projects once the weather improves.
139.4	Cwmfera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer Asset Based Community Training sessions.
139.5	Dinefwr Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to be added to tender list
139.6	Resident Heol Yr Ysgol. Cefneithin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wish to convey their thanks and appreciation to Cllr Terry Jones for resolving the fencing issue at Cefneithin Park
139.7	Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to attend Policing in Rural Areas Conference at Police HQ Carmarthen on 06.03.20.
139.8	Hywel Dda CHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic copy of January Newsletter available from Clerk.
139.9	Keep Wales Tidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Clean Up Campaign running from 20.03.20 to 13.04.20. Details of events and kits available on their website.
139.10	Wales Audit Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of Press release re Audits. Only 66% of Councils publish their returns on time and 33% receive qualified audits.
139.11	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of a section of road from Capel Seion to Cwmmawr to allow emergency water works. Duration up to 21 days
139.12	Carms CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town and Community Council Forum 18.03.20 Postponed.
139.13	Carms CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Wales Bio Diversity Information Centre are inviting organisations to submit records of six priority Welsh species on their website. Training provided
139.14	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of webinars and events to meet funders supporting Local Places in Nature projects.
139.15	Future Generations Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to attend Stakeholders even to feedback on Commissioner's Report. Swansea 18.03.20
139.16	SSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of an increase in electricity prices.
139.17	Carms YFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation for Chair to attend Annual Rally at Carms Showground on 09.05.20. Tickets provided.

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

140.0 Agenda Item 9 One Voice Wales.

140.1 Newsletter

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

140.2 Minutes Larger Council's Meeting 5th March,2020.

- Electronic copy of the minutes available from the Clerk.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

140.3 Joint OVW and SLCC Conference 20.05.20 at St David's Park, Ewloe.

- Details of the course and associated activities were provided for members.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

140.4 Innovative Practice Award Conference. Builth Wells 26.03.20

- Invitation for the Council to attend the 4th such conference.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

140.5 Annual One Voice Wales Membership 2020/21.

- Invitation to renew the Council's membership of the Association for 2020/21.
- Cost is £ 744.00 which is an increase of £ 57 from the previous year.
- **Resolved:** To renew the membership for 2020/21.

140.6 One Voice Wales Training Sessions.

- Details of training sessions for the period March to June had been provided by the Association.
- Resolved: To receive and note the training provision available.

140.7 SLCC Membership 2020/21.

- Invitation to renew the membership for 2020/21 has been received at a cost of approx£187.
- **Resolved:** To renew membership.

141.0 Agenda Item 10 Planning Matters

141.1 Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan – Revised.

- The County Council advise that, due to high levels of interest, the consultation period in respect of the above has been extended by two weeks to 4.30 p.m. Friday 27th March,2020.

141.2 Planning Applications.

No /Ref	Type and Description	Location
W/40201	Full Planning. Demolition of existing kitchen bathroom and outbuilding.	53, Hillcroft, Heol Blaenhirwaun, Drefach, Llanelli, SA14 7AJ.

	Construction of single storey flat roof extension to dwelling to include kitchen and bathroom.	
W/40244	Full Planning, Removal of existing mobile cabin and outbuilding and construction of two storey standalone building for educational purposes.	Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth, Heol Y Parc, Cefneithin. SA14 7DT.
W/40252	Variation of Planning Condition No 3 of W/23782 approved 29.11.12 (extension of time by 9 years from date of outline permission)	Cross Hands East Strategic Employment Site, Land at Cross Hands East, NE of Heol Y Parc Mawr, Cross Hands.
W/40260	Full Planning. Single storey rear extension.	2 Parc Treventy, Heol Treventy, Cross Hands, SA14 6TN.
W/40267	Retrospective Application to retain Agricultural access for occasional use and associated works.	Land adj to Bronwydd, Gorslas, SA14 7NF.

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

142.0 Termination of Meeting.

- Discussion took place at this point in relation to the length of the meeting and the time required to allow a full and fair consideration to each of the remaining items on the agenda.
- **Resolved:**
 - i) That the matters outstanding be included for discussion at the April meeting.
 - ii) The existing IRPW scheme approved by the Council be adopted pending discussion at the next meeting.
- The Chair duly declared the meeting closed at 21:20hrs.

143.0 Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting

- Monday 6th April, 2020, at Drefach Welfare Hall.