

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council Sub Committee held at Drefach Welfare Hall on Thursday 31st January, 2019, at 6.30 p.m.

1.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Cllrs Simon Martin (Chair), Iestyn Llwyd, Wyn Edwards,
- Observers: Cllrs Darren Price, Tina Jukes and Aled Vaughan Owen.
- Others: Llew Thomas Clerk to the Council.

1.1 Welcome

- The Chair declared the meeting open at 6.30p.m.

2.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen declared a personal but not prejudicial interest as County Councillors in the agenda item dealing with the prospective sale of land at Gorslas Park to the County Council.
- **Resolved:** To note the declarations and that the Cllrs were in attendance as observers.

3.0 Agenda Item 3 Exclusion of Press and Public

- It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Edwards and seconded by Cllr Iestyn Llwyd that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to agenda item 5 Proposed Sale of Land at Gorslas Park - 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.

4.0 Determining a Precept for 2019/20 Financial Year

- The Sub Committee had been asked to consider and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the precept to be levied for the 2019/20 financial year.
- Members considered a wide range of factors which would impact on both future budgets and service delivery. These included: -
 - a) Legal: New Legislation and Contractual Commitments.
 - b) Service Delivery: Estimated costs of providing services for the next three years
 - c) Efficiency: Opportunities to reduce expenditure/ increase income. Comparing precept levels against those of neighbouring or similar sized Authorities.
 - d) Options: The impact of any increase in precept on the Council's finances as well as for individual community charge payers.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) Having considered the relevant factors, examined the proposed income and expenditure budgets, as well as the impact upon individual community charge payers

the Sub-Committee resolved to recommend that option H should be adopted and the precept set at £46.51.

- (ii) The costs of opening and locking arrangements for the public conveniences were included in the estimates for future years. In the intervening period it was resolved to ask Council to agree to a trial period where the facilities would be left unlocked.

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

- **Draft Agreement:** The Community Council's solicitors have been requested to place the principles and terms agreed at the meeting between the Education Department and Community Council into a legal format and forward to the County Council.
- **Consultation:** It was reported that it may be necessary for the Community Council to undertake consultation on any proposals to dispose of the land. The Clerk has prepared the relevant notices which have been sent to Ungeod Thomas and King for checking. A request has also been made for an impact assessment to the County Council which is a required prior to publication of the notices.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

6.0 Appraisal Clerk.

- The Sub-Committee met with the Clerk on Thursday 31st January to review and undertake a two-way discussion relating to the objectives set for the 2018/19 year as well as the setting of objectives for the 2019/20 year.
- Both parties acknowledged that the proposal relating to the purchase of land at Gorslas Park had impacted detrimentally on the objectives set for 2018/19 including the development of a maintenance regime for equipment.
- The review included discussion on the recorded hours worked by the Clerk in 2018/19 and in the previous two years as well as consideration of an ongoing workload requirement for the future.
- **Resolved:** To recommend to the Council: -
 - (i) The hours be increased to reflect a commitment of two days per week for the purposes of Clerking/ RFO duties and one day for Park or Maintenance Issue. This would represent an increase of 3 hours per week.
 - (ii) The objectives for 2019/20 be as follows: -
 - e) Conclude matters relating to the sale of Land at Gorslas Park.
 - f) Bid for Section 106 funds. Tender for replacement play equipment- three parks
 - g) Attend relevant Training Courses
 - h) Align Grass/Litter/ Convenience Contracts should land sale proceed.
 - i) Website: Assist the working group in concluding a review.
 - j) S.L.C.C. Council to join for a trial period of one year.

7.0 Procedural.

- There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:45p.m.