

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Gorslas C.P. School on Monday, 13th March, 2017, at 7.00.p.m.

167.0. Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- **Members:** Cllrs Wyn Edwards (Chair), Huw Davies (Vice Chair), Nia Lewis, Simon Martin, Brian Kirby, Anthony Rees, Terry Davies, Janice Price, Tina Jukes, Clive Green, Aled Owen and Darren Price
- **Others:** Llew Thomas Clerk to the Council, Mr Hefin Jones, Translator.
- **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Gavin Griffiths, Terry Jones and Ellis Davies.

167.1 Welcome

- The Chair welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 7.00p.m.

168.0 Agenda Item 2 Declarations of Interest

- Agenda Item 12. Cllr T Davies declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in relation to his role as a County Councillor serving on the Local Authority's planning committee.
- Agenda Item 14. Cllr H Davies declared a personal but not prejudicial role related to his role working within a department which was bidding for section 106 monies.
- Agenda Item 15. Cllrs T Davies and D Price declared personal but not prejudicial interests in the item through their roles as elected members serving on Carmarthenshire County Council i.e. the body bringing forward the proposal to establish the new school.

169.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr C. Green that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to item 15 on the agenda as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- **Resolved:** That the motion be adopted.

170.0 Agenda Item 4 Consider the Minutes of Meeting of the 13th February,2017.

- Under the direction of the Chair members proceeded to examine and consider each page of the minutes of the previous meeting for accuracy.
- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr T Davies, seconded by Cllr C Green and agreed by all present that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record of proceedings and the decisions made.

171.0. Agenda Item 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

171.1 Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Mr Robert Venus.

- With the agreement of the Chair this has been re-scheduled for a meeting of the new Council.

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

171.2 Cefneithin Park. MUGA.

- An initial snagging list of faults was undertaken by the Clerk and Cllr B Kirby on Monday 20th February, 2017.
- The inspection highlighted a significant number of issues which would need to be resolved before the Community Council would accept handover and agree payment.
- A schedule detailing the issues was forwarded to the contractor and the County Council on Tuesday 21st February, 2017. Works to address the issues have commenced.
- On the evening of Thursday 9th March, 2017, following a meeting on an unrelated matter, members together with the Clerk briefly examined the MUGA facility.
- At this point an additional issue relating to the drainage facility was identified with the Clerk being instructed to report the matter to the contractor.
- The concerns were duly relayed and reported to the contractor on the 10th March, 2017, asking for urgent action to address the issue.
- The company responded to the effect that they do not share the concern and that the fitting was a standard type and suitable and safe for use within a public park.
- It was also stated that all defects would be rectified by Monday 13th March, 2017.
- Resolved:
 - (i) That the position in relation to completion of the defects reported be reviewed after the date stated by the contractor for completion.
 - (ii) That following the review that a site meeting be held with the contractor, a representative of the County Council's Parks dept. and representatives of the Community Council.
 - (iii) That the advice of the County Council's Parks Department be sought in relation to the concerns relating to the drainage fitting.

171.3 Cefneithin Hall. Lease

- Costs were awaited from the County Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.4 Cefneithin Park. Drainage and Future Park Schemes.

- The Chair reported that an extremely useful meeting had taken place on the evening of Thursday 9th March, 2017, between the Chair, the Cefneithin ward members, the Clerk and Mr Perry and Mr Sedgewick who were representing the group which had attended the Council meeting in November 2016.
- Discussion had taken place in relation to the issues raised by the group when they attended the meeting of the Community Council in November 2016 and also those raised in subsequent correspondence.
- The issues included concerns relating to drainage within the park, the woodland area, the MUGA, location of the boundary between parks and adjoining properties as well as the availability of section 106 monies to fund future developments within the park.

- The options which the Council had identified in relation to various matters were explained and it was agreed there would be an opportunity for the welfare group to put forward any proposals they had for the future development of the park to the Community Council through the ward members for Cefneithin
- Discussion also took place in relation to the location and responsibility for the boundary between Mr Perry's residency and the park. The enquiry related to a desire by Mr Perry to erect a fence between the park and his property with the proposal being to place the fence on top and in the middle of the existing hedge. It was agreed that it would be advisable for a formal application to be submitted by Mr Perry to the Council.
- The Chair advised that Welfare Committees could put forward plans for the development of the park in their area.
- Cllr T Davies indicated that in relation to developing Gorslas Park this would not be possible until the proposal relating to the new primary school had been finalised.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and that Cllr D Price communicate, and together with the other ward members, discuss the proposed priorities for developing the park with the Welfare group.

171.5 Gorslas Park. Titan Swing and Gyro Rotator.

- The Clerk reported that the contractor had indicated that work was due to commence shortly but was of course dependant on weather conditions.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.6 Drefach. Drainage Issues- Garden Plot

- To be included as an item in the discussion on park priorities.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.7 Community Council Website.

- Cllr Green had forwarded proposals relating to the updating of the website and highlighted the importance of maintaining the relevance of the information provided.
- It was disappointing that no other suggestions had been received.
- **Resolved:** That prior to the next meeting each member review the website and forward any ideas or suggestions they have to the Clerk.

171.8 Community Council 30th Anniversary Celebrations.

- Confirmation of attendance has been received from several individuals. To assist with the arrangements, it would be appreciated if members could indicate to the Clerk asap whether or not they will be able to attend.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided

171.9 Parks - Annual External Inspection.

- General. Costs are awaited in respect of other items/ areas of work.
- Drefach Park. The wooden support leg of the 1 Bay 2 Swing item has been replaced.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.10 Gorslas Park. Anti-Social Behaviour.

- The Designing Out Crime Officer from Dyfed Powys Police has contacted the Council offering to meet to discuss the problem and to examine the option of CCTV provision.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.11 Gorslas Public Convenience. Maintenance of Wallgate Hand wash Units

- As agreed at the February meeting the agreement for the maintenance of the four units for the 2017/18 year has been signed and returned to the company.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.12 Proposed Road Safety Scheme B4310 Junction Heol Cwmmawr/Heol Cwmbach.

- The County Council has advised that regrettably, due to the necessity to prioritise grant work, it will not be possible to complete the works before the end of the current financial year. They will seek to progress as soon as possible in the new financial year.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.13 Operational Issues Public Convenience Gorslas

- The Clerk relayed to members the advice received in relation to the matter.
- **Resolved:** That in view of the possible issues related to HMRC guidance the Clerk discuss the matter with the contractor direct.

171.14 Park Inspection Report – Legal Advice

- The Clerk relayed the guidance received in respect of the requirement relating to whether or not there was a requirement to retrospectively make alterations to equipment as a result of new guidance and the liability on the Council and contractor should they do so.
- In essence the legal guidance indicated that the duty was one of care and of reasonable measures and checks to ensure that the equipment was safe. The duty of care was higher in respect of a child than for an adult. Suitable contractors should be engaged and the work quality monitored. The contractor would be liable if they were negligent.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
 - (ii) To progress as far as reasonably possible in implementing recommendations.
 - (iii) Any issues not addressed and of concern to be brought to the Council.
 - (iv) To circulate a note for members on the matter with the papers for the next meeting.

171.15 Provision of Waste Recycling Facility.

- A meeting was held on Wednesday 8th March, 2017, on site with an officer of the County Council, the Clerk and the two County Councillors regarding the above.
- Various options for siting a facility were explored however the Officer identified and agreed to examine and report back on an alternative option which would provide assistance for the individual concerned.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.16 Additional Street Lighting- Heol Y Dre

- Awaiting response from the County Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.17 Highway Verge Hole - Opposite 26 Cefneithin Road

- The County Council advise that they have contacted the relevant utility company.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.18 Gorslas Square - Water Authority manhole cover School side of A476

- The County Council advise that they have contacted the relevant utility company.
- Cllr T Davies reported that there had been a long history of ineffectual temporary repairs to the carriageway and accordingly he had lodged a formal complaint on the matter.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.19 Wayside Seat/ Footpath Examination Reports.

- Cefneithin ward: There were no further items reported as requiring immediate attention.
- Drefach Ward: 4 wayside seats had been identified as requiring attention.
- Gorslas: Recently two wayside seats at Brynlluan had been damaged beyond repair and had to be removed. Enquiries had been received from residents in relation to the replacement of one of the seats which had been removed.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That repairs/refurbishment be effected for the 4 seats within the Drefach ward.
 - (ii) That one replacement seat, made from re-cycled materials, be provided at the Brynlluan site to be located near the junction.

171.20 Community Bureau Funding.

- As agreed at the last meeting the Clerk has contacted the Bureau in relation to the possibility of receiving grant funding for the Authority.
- In operational terms the bureau would want to see a plan and costings for the various areas where the Council wishes to make provision and would then seek and direct the Council towards sources of funding.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.21 Noticeboard – Former Ysgol Y Gwendraeth

- Enquiries have been made of the Education Department in relation to the above. Currently awaiting response.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

171.22 Precept 2017/18

- The County Council has been advised of the decision by the Community Council to set the precept for the 2017/18 at a level equivalent to £ 40.65 for Band D households.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

172.0 Agenda Item 6 New Matters Parks and General.

172.1 Drefach Park

- Activity Equipment Jnr. The item has been dismantled and the relevant parts taken away for fabrication.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

172.2 Gorslas Park - Public Convenience Building.

- During a site visit on Tuesday 29th February it was noticed by the Clerk that there was seepage in the store room and also on the floor of the ladies' cubicle. T.B.M attended to the matter and cleared the blockage on the same day.
- The site inspection also highlighted severe rust to the store room door and frame and costings are being obtained for repair/ replacement.
- **Resolved:** To receive, approve and note the information provided.

172.3 Gorslas Park – Safety Surface

- It was noted by the Clerk during a visit to the park on Wednesday 8th March,2017, that following recent heavy rain there were considerable deposits of soil on the play equipment safety surface. Imprints in the deposits indicated that individuals had lost their footing on the loose surface and slipped.
- To prevent injury to park users the safety surfaces were pressure washed on Friday 10th March,2017.
- The litter bin adjacent to the teen shelter was re-secured to the concrete base following damage and a further bin within the park secured in the same manner.
- **Resolved:** To receive, approve and note the information provided.

173.0 Agenda Item 7 Urgent Local Issues.

173.1 Gorslas - Wayside Seats Brynlluan

- Following damage by a vehicle a wayside seat at Brynlluan was damaged beyond repair. To prevent injury the debris was removed and the ground made good.
- Whilst the contractor was on site a local resident identified a second seat which was broken beyond repair and was also removed by the contractor to prevent injury.
- It was noted that under item 171.9 it had been agreed to provide a replacement seat.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

173.2 Drefach – Bus Shelter Heol Cwmmawr.

- It was reported that concern and difficulties had been expressed by residents in relation to using the bus shelter due to an over growth of thorn bushes.
- **Resolved:** That the matter be drawn to the attention of the County Council.

173.3 Drefach – The Old Pharmacy

- The meeting was advised that there was concern for the safety of the public, and children in particular, arising from insecure glazing at the premises.
- The window frames had deteriorated and was no longer securing the windows.
- **Resolved:** That the matter be drawn to the attention of the County Council's public protection department.

173.4 Drefach – Old Notice Board

- The notice board is located near the bus shelter on Caegwyn Road and it was proposed that in view of its condition, and that it was no longer in use that it be removed.
- **Resolved:** That an instruction be given to remove the notice board.

174.0 Agenda Item 8 Members Report

174.1 One Voice Wales National Meeting

- The Chair advised that he had attended the above event however there were no urgent issues arising out of the meeting which needed to be drawn to member's attention.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

174.2 Cefneithin Growing Spaces Association.

- Cllr T Davies wished to relay to the Chair the appreciation of members and the association for his attendance at a recent open day to mark an increase in the number of raised beds and accompanying facilities for members.
- The association had been formed three years ago, and had transformed waste ground to a useful and productive amenity.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

175.0 Agenda Item 9 Report of PACT meeting held on 23 February, 2017, in Cross Hands.

- Present: 9 members of the public + Jonathan Crayford, PCSO.
- Since last meeting:
 - (i) On-going are - ASB in Tumble; ASB in Pontyberem; but things quiet in Rhos Y Deri, Tumble.
 - (ii) Gorslas Park - further problems in the park.
- Crimes: 27
 - (i) Locations: Tumble - 5; Cross Hands - 2; A48 + Pont Abraham - 2; Llanddarog - 1; Blaenau + Penygroes - 3;
 - (ii) Cefneithin - 0; Drefach - 1 (Harassment); Gorslas - 2 (Theft & Assault); Pontyberem - 0. Llanarthne - 0; and Unknown locations - 10.
- Discussion:
 - (i) Police asked if they would design A4 posters aimed at getting the public to report issues **at the time** rather than later on. This will be followed up at HQ.

- **Priorities:**
 - (i) In addition to monitoring the on-going problem areas, the following were added to the list of priorities:
 - (ii) Parking at St. Ann's Church in Cross Hands; Parking around the primary school in Pontyberem; Traffic light jumping in Cross Hands at the junction of the new road in to Cross Hands West.
 - (iii) A question was asked (in relation to the problems with children in Gorslas Park) as to whether there had been any liaison with Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth?
 - (iv) More SID exercises with local schools are being planned for March / April.
- Next meeting: 30 March 2017.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That the report be received and noted
 - (ii) That, as issues in relation to anti- social behaviour at Gorslas Park, could involve children attending Ysgol Dyffryn Aman and Ysgol Bro Dinefwr that the Police be asked to liaise with colleagues in those areas to attend the schools in question and speak directly to pupils in relation to the dangers of such behaviour in public areas and the consequence and cost of the damage to facilities.

176.0 Agenda Item 10 Correspondence.

(i) **Consultation.**

No	From	Subject	Notes
10.1	Boundary Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2018 Review. Secondary Consultation Period • Relates to Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. • Proposes a reduction from 40 to 29. • In general constituencies, cannot have an electorate of no fewer than 71,031 and no more than 78,507 at the 2018 review date. • The Gorslas Community Council Wards would be included within a new county constituency to be called either Caerfyrddin or Carmarthenshire and comprising broadly of the existing Carmarthen East and Dinefwr CC and Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire CC and County of Carmarthenshire. 	Closing 27/03/17
10.2	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Views are sought on the proposed circular which will: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Update the current planning guidance on Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people (ii) Address how data from local authority gypsy, traveller accommodation assessments should inform the allocation of Gypsy and Traveller Sites in Local Development Plans. 	

		(iii) Address how Regional working could be of use in determining local authority provision for Gypsy and Traveller sites	
10.3	Post Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefneithin. Notification of Branch Temporary Closure as from the 31st March,2017, following the resignation of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office Use. • Investigations are underway to establish the options which will enable a Post Office service to be delivered to the local community. • Questions or concerns can be raised with the Consultation Team. 	

(ii) General Correspondence

No	From	Subject	Notes
10.4	Energise Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An electronic copy of the Newsletter is available from the Clerk and includes items on: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Best practice on home insulation tour -Denbighshire (ii) Item on Tidal lagoon Swansea (iii) Solar village Glanrhyd, Pembrokeshire. (iv) Bi mass plant Milford Haven 	
10.5	Audit Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have provided details of the sharing good practice exchange programme for 2017/18. • A copy of the programme is available from the Clerk • Events are held throughout Wales and include Managing Risk, Digital Working, Open standards, measuring outcomes, Involving the citizen, Closure of Accounts, Wellbeing, Public Service Boards 	
10.6	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First World War Centenary Programme Board write to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Request a briefing paper detailing commemorative plans. (ii) Confirm attendance at the Board meeting 05/03/17 (iii) Reminder that the final date for registration for the national service of Remembrance Day of the Third Battle of Ypres is the 26th March,2017. 	31/03/17 N/A 26/03/17
10.7	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of additional survey work during w/c 27/03/17 related to ironstone audit 	
10.8	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to attend the Compassionate Communities event which will be held at the Botanic Garden on Friday 31st March between 10.00a.m. and 3.30p.m. 	
10.9	LSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer brokerage services for the purchase of gas/electricity. 	

10.10	Age Cymru Sir Gar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to 21st birthday party celebrating the formation of the group. The event will take place from 12.00 noon to 3.00p.m. at St Peters Hall Carmarthen on the 30/03/17 	
10.11	Jason Perry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication relating to the following issues: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Alleged incident of fire setting in the park. 2) Concern relating to the safety of children and individuals whilst within the wooded area. 3) Progress on the Cefneithin Park drainage proposal. 4) Progress on the MUGA. 5) Progress on a possible scheme for the development of the wooded area. 6) Funding set aside by the Community Council for the development of Cefneithin Park. 7) Availability of section 106 monies. 8) Meeting with the Cefneithin ward members • A response has been provided by the Clerk. • Enquiries have been made of the Police relating to the alleged fire setting incident and a date has been sought from the group in relation to a meeting with ward members. 	
10.12	Society of Local Council Clerks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to attend the society's Conference for Wales to be held on the 15th March,2017 at Cwmbran. Items include: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Best Practice Social Media (ii) Legal Changes (iii) Disciplinary/Grievance Social Media focus (iv) CILCA Training Wales (v) Sector Innovation 	
10.13	Bobath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking a donation to assist in financing the work they do to support babies born in Wales with cerebral palsy. 	
10.14	Cruse Bereavement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking a financial contribution to assist in the financing of work which they do with families in Carmarthen. 	
10.15	Curiad Y Cwm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking Financial Contribution. Represent a ladies choir which has several members in the Gorslas area 	
10.16	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking to appoint Chair and Vice Chair of the Initial Teacher Education Accreditation Committee. 	
10.17	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancy for Vice President National Library of Wales 	Closing Date 31/03/17

10.18	Wales NHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dementia Sufferers -Seeking views on the one thing the health service could do to assist sufferers/ families. 	Closing Date 21/03/17
10.19	Concept 9 Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking to establish a mobile fitness service delivering classes in Tycroes Hall, Saron Hall, Glanamman Community Centre commencing in March. Requesting assistance with posters etc. 	

176.1 Resolved: Following discussion it was resolved as follows:

Item (s)	Issue	Resolved
10.1 to 10.19	Consultation/Correspondence	To receive and note the correspondence/ consultations received
10.3	Post Office Cefneithin	Post Office Cefneithin. That should members were aware be of anyone who could take over the post office then they should advise Cllr Darren Price
10.11	Correspondence from Mr Perry.	Noted that a response had been provided and that the issues were discussed with Mr Perry at the meeting in the park on Thursday 9th March,2017, between representatives of the Council and residents
10.13 to 10.15	Requests for financial assistance	That the requests for financial assistance be considered at the May meeting of the Council.

177.0 Agenda Item 11 One Voice Wales.

177.1 Joint One Voice Wales/ SLCC Event Ewloe, Flintshire,12th July,2017.

- Advise of the following event which will focus on key topic areas such as enhancing the capacity/ capability of the sector, devolution of services, finance/accountability and support for Councils taking on greater responsibility for services/assets.
- Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided

177.2 Training Courses in County

09/03/2017	Thursday	Llanerch Community Centre, Heol Nant y Felin, Llanerch, Llanelli. SA15 3PA	Module 21 – Local Government Finance - Advanced
30/03/2017	Thursday	St Johns Ambulance Hall, Margaret Street, Ammanford	Module 4 – Understanding the Law

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

178.0 Agenda Item 12 Planning Applications

178.1 Applications.

No /Ref	Description	Location	Applicant
W/35156	Outline. Residential development of 14 dwellings and estate road	Warehouse Maesygwern, Heol Caegwyn, Drefach, SA14 7BA	Lewis
W/35167	Non-Material Amendment to Application No W32959 (i) Amendment to elevations, material finishes on plots 5-13 and (ii) Juliette balcony to front elevations on plot 12 and mirror plot 12	Land off Heol Cwmmawr, Drefach, SA14 7AG	Haywood Homes Ltd. Mike Haywood, Haywood Homes, Dog Lane, Bewdley, Worcs, S14 6NA
W/35199	Non-Material Amendment to Application No W32960 (i) Amendment to elevations, material finishes on plots 1-4 and 14-16 and (ii) Juliette balcony to front elevations on plot 14 and 15.	Land off Heol Cwmmawr, Drefach, SA14 7AG	Haywood Homes Ltd. Mike Haywood, Haywood Homes, Dog Lane, Bewdley, Worcs, S14 6NA. Agent: Prime Architecture Ltd, Cellan Jones, Unit 4, 3 Llandeilo Rd, Cross Hands, SA14 6NA.
W/35205	Outline. New dwelling on vacant land with driveway and turning area.	Land adj to 81 Llandeilo Rd, Gorslas, SA14 7LW	Ian Sutton, Ty Aron, 123 Waterloo Rd, Penygroes, SA14 7PU Agent: S Sutton Ty Lletya, 35 Ammanford Rd, Tycroes, SA18 3QJ.
W/35246	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Planning. Lean to conservatory to side; Conservatory built up to house floor level with a maximum eaves height of 	24 Uwch Gwendraeth, Drefach, SA14 7AR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Weaver.

	3.7m. Rainwater from the project will discharge to existing surface drains.		
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- **Resolved:**

- (i) That there were no observations or objections to the applications scheduled.
- (ii) Section 106. Enquiries be made to clarify the position regarding applications posted on the County Council website indicating section 106 agreements were in place.

179.0 Item 13 Finance

179.1 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report 2017/18.

- The Panel's determinations are effective from the 8th May, 2017.
- The determinations are permissive powers, each of which requires a formal decision. A community council can adopt any or all of the determinations but if it does make such a decision, it must apply to all its members.
- An individual member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these allowances by giving notice in writing to the proper officer of the council.
- Determination 44: Community councils are authorised to make a payment to each of their members of a maximum amount of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc.
- Determination 45: Community councils are authorised to make an annual payment not exceeding £500 each to up to 3 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses if that is made.
- Determination 46: Community councils are authorised to provide a civic allowance to the chair of the council at an amount that they deem appropriate to undertake the functions of that office. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses if that is made
- Determination 47: Community councils are authorised to provide a civic allowance to the deputy chair of the council at an amount that they deem appropriate to undertake the functions of that office. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses if that is made.
- Determination 48: Community councils are authorised to make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as below:
 - (i) 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year.
 - (ii) 25p per mile over 10,000 miles.
 - (iii) 5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business.
 - (iv) 24p per mile for private motor cycles.
 - (v) 20p per mile for bicycles
- Determination 49: If a community council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it may authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims:

- (i) £28 per 24-hour period allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided
- (ii) £200 – London overnight.
- (iii) £95 – elsewhere overnight.
- (iv) £30 – staying with friends and/or family overnight.
- Determination 50: Community councils are authorised to pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:
 - (i) Up to £34.00 for each period not exceeding 4 hours:
 - (ii) Up to £68.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hrs.
- Determination 51: Community councils are authorised to provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.
- Publicity Requirements. There is a requirement on community councils to publish details of all payments made to individual members in an annual Statement of Payments.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and to place the matter for consideration at the next A.G.M. of the Council.

179.2 Annual Audit Notice

- Notice and papers have been received from Grant Thornton relating to the annual Audit of the Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

179.3 Payments Made to Creditors February 2017

Paid To	Description	Amount £
Rodway	Public Convenience Contract – February	201.67
TBM	Litter January and repair Gate/Jnr Play	435.00
Drefach Welfare	Hire of Welfare Hall	5.00
Carmarthenshire C.C.	Street Lighting Re-Charge 2016-17	9,130.89
McKenna Electrical	Electrical Repair Re Christmas Lights	125.00
Carmarthenshire C.C.	Emergency Repairs Safety Surface Cefneithin Park	181.94
Carmarthenshire C.C.	Re- Charge at 75% Utilities Gorslas Toilets	342.91
SWALEC	Electricity Christmas Lights	25.85

179.4 Income February, 2017.

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

180.0 Agenda Item 14 Section 106 Agreements

- Cllr T Davies advised that section 106 monies were held by the County Council and could be used by them to support works within the area which met the relevant criteria.
- The Community Council could bid for funds for projects/works it wished to carry out.

- Recently Cllrs T Davies and D Price had become aware that the County Council were considering allocating almost the entirety of the remaining section 106 monies within the Gorslas Community Council area to fund works at Llyn Llech Owain.
- It was felt unfair to penalise the Community Council for delaying projects which would have been completed and funded from section 106 were it not for the County Council proposal to build a new school on the Gorslas Park site.
- The view was also strongly held that the section 106 money should be spent within the area where the development had taken place. It was maintained that by spending the money in the parks the maximum benefit would be provided for local residents rather than Llyn Llech Owain which drew customers from a wider geographical area.
- Discussion and negotiation were taking place with the relevant Officers. The County Councillors would provide an update as soon as a decision had been made.
- **Resolved:** To support the issues and concerns raised by the County Councillors in relation to the proposed re-direction of the section 106 monies.

181.0 Item 15 – Proposed New School at Gorslas Park

- It was proposed by Cllr T Davies and seconded by Cllr C Green that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- The Council were provided with an update on progress to date and on options for taking the proposal forward.
- Members were asked to consider the issues raised carefully.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) Further enquiries relating to the proposal be made by the Clerk.
 - (ii) In view of the forthcoming local government elections and the period of purdah that consideration of the matter be deferred until the new Council had been established.

182.0 Item 16 Next Meeting/ Cyfarfod Nesaf.

- Consideration was given to the arrangements for future meetings of the Council and it was resolved that for the forthcoming year: -
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That meetings be held in rotation at Drefach Welfare Hall, Cefneithin CP School and Gorslas C.P. School.
 - (ii) Next Meeting 10th April, 2017, at Drefach Welfare Hall.

183.0 Closure of Meeting

- The business of the meeting having been concluded the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.00p.m.