

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council Sub Committee held at Drefach Welfare Hall on Tuesday, 4th October, 2018, at 6.00 p.m.

1.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Cllrs Simon Martin (Chair), Iestyn Llwyd (Vice Chair), Wyn Edwards,
- Observers: Cllrs Darren Price, Terry Jones, Wynne Jones, Tina Jukes and Aled Vaughan Owen.
- Others: Simon Davies, Carmarthenshire Education Authority, Llew Thomas Clerk.

1.1 Welcome

- The Chair declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and introduced Mr. Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education at Carmarthenshire County Council.

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 Cllrs were in attendance as observers.

3.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr Simon Martin and seconded by Cllr Wyn Edwards 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 dealing with 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.

4.0 Agenda Item 4 Prospective Sale of Land at Gorslas Park

- The Chair provided a summary of the background and situation to date.
- Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen provided details of a meeting which they had attended as County Councillors with the Director of Education, Executive Board Member. Mr. Simon Davies and Sara Griffiths regarding the establishment of a new school at Gorslas and the resolve and determination to find a solution.
- Mr. Simon Davies echoed the sentiments and provided and clarified the position in relation to funding issues which had delayed the project but also the limited time remaining if the scheme was to proceed within the Band A schemes. If that deadline could not be met the scheme would be delayed and schemes from other bands which were ready to be implemented would take its place.
- Both sides were keen that the scheme should not be delayed.

- Members also raised concerns in relation to the reputational damage of the Governors of Gorslas School as well as the wider community being incorrectly advised that the Community and County Councillors were delaying matters unnecessarily.
- Discussion then proceeded to take place in relation to the key issues which prevented negotiations being completed.
- **Resolved: -**
 - (i) Reverting of Land.
 - That the Sub Cttee recommend that the land be gifted to the County Council on the condition that the land be returned to the Community Council once it had ceased to be used as an educational facility.
 - That a payment of not less than £ 13,400 be paid to the Community Council in lieu of the future maintenance costs of joint use paths and the park car park.
 - That these requirements be included in the conditions of sale.
 - (ii) Community Use of MUGA/Grassed Football Area.
 - That access free of charge to the community be included in the conditions of sale.
 - (iii) Park Car Park and Other matters.
 - The proposals regarding replacement gate/ barriers/ street lighting/ access for repairs/ Easements etc. be considered by the CC and discussed with the Clerk.
 - (iv) Summary Document.
 - That the Clerk forward to Mr Davies a summary detailing the issues needing resolution and the Community Council's position in relation to each item.
 - (v) County Council.
 - Mr Davies thanked the Community Councillors for their time and agreed to take back and look at each of the issues outstanding to examine how and if the terms could be met.
- The business of the meeting being concluded the Chair thanked Mr. Davies for his contribution to a very positive meeting and declared the meeting closed at 07:50p.m.