

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an online meeting of the Gorslas Community Council

held on Monday, 12th October, 2020 at 19.00 hrs.

67.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Iestyn Llwyd (Chair), Darren Price, Brian Kirby, Anthony Rees, Tina Butler, Nia Lewis, Wyn Edwards, Clive Green, Janice Price, Aled Vaughan Owen, Terry Jones, Nick Beckett and Linda Williams.
- Others: Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council and Hefin Jones (Translator).
- Apologies for absence: Cllrs Andrew King and Simon Martin.

68.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 19:00hrs.
- **Resolved:** To accept the apologies for absence.

69.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

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

Agenda Item	Councillors	Nature of Interest
72.2.1	Aled Vaughan Owen	Personal not prejudicial. County Councillor and member of the School Governing Body. Both organisations being parties to the Management Agreement.
78.4	Aled Vaughan Owen	Personal not prejudicial. Member of Gorslas Welfare Association- an organisation being considered for financial assistance.
72.2.1	Darren Price	Personal not Prejudicial. County Councillor being the body responsible for the new school/Governing Body and party to the Management Agreement.
78.4	Darren Price	Personal and Prejudicial Office Holder with Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association - a body being considered for financial assistance.
78.4	Darren Price.	Personal and Prejudicial. Family member is an Office Holder with the Urdd 2021 Eisteddfod Appeal – a body being considered for financial assistance
78.4	Terry Jones	Personal and prejudicial. Member of Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association – an organisation being considered for financial assistance.
78.4	Clive Green	Personal and Prejudicial Office Holder with the Drefach Welfare Association – a body being considered for financial assistance.
78.4	Tina Butler	Personal but not prejudicial. Member of Drefach Welfare Association -an organisation being considered for financial assistance.
78.4	Tina Butler	Personal and Prejudicial. Family member associated with Mensshed- an organisation being considered for financial assistance.

78.4	Wyn Edwards	Personal and Prejudicial Office Holder with Drefach Welfare Association, – a body being considered for financial assistance.
78.4	Wyn Edwards	Personal and Prejudicial Office Holder with the Capel Seion – a body being considered for financial assistance.
78.4	Nia Lewis	Personal but not prejudicial. Member of Drefach Welfare Association – an organisation being considered for financial assistance.
78.4	Anthony Rees	Personal but not prejudicial. Member of Drefach Welfare Association – an organisation being considered for financial assistance.

- It was noted that there was a dispensation in relation to Councillors who were also members, but not office holders, in the three local Welfare Associations. They could therefore join in and participate in the discussion and voting related to those organisations.
- The two members who were also County Councillors had a personal but not prejudicial interest in matters regarding the new school and thus could join in discussions and vote on such matters.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the declarations of interest from members.

70.0 Agenda Item 3 Consider the Minutes of the previous Meetings of the Council.

- Members, under the direction of the Chair, examined in detail each page of the minutes of the previous meeting for accuracy.
- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Tina Butler and seconded by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen, and agreed by all that the minutes were a true and accurate record of discussions and decisions made.

71.0 Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- The following update was provided in relation to matters arising from the minutes: -

Ref	Item	Update
71.1	New School Management Agreement	• See Parks and General
71.2	Grass Cutting Tender	• See Parks and General
71.3	Cefneithin Park Hedges	• Confirmation to householders of inclusion in tender spec sent
71.4	Cefneithin Play Surface	• Repair Completed
71.5	Drefach Park Access	• Completed
71.6	Drefach Park Hedges	• Awaiting Response.
71.7	Footpaths FP31/7 and FP 31/6	• See Local Matters.
71.8	Website Development	• Awaiting Progression
71.9	Replacement Equipment	• Awaiting Progression
71.10	Cefneithin MUGA Rust	• Awaiting Progression
71.11	External Audit	• Revised return submitted/Notices Published
71.12	Gorslas Teen Shelter	• See Parks

71.13	Strategic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be progressed by Sub Committee
71.14	Translation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrangements confirmed
71.15	Gorslas Park Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Parks
71.16	Communications Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be progressed in conjunction with 71.13
71.17	Cefneithin MUGA Anti-Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Parks
71.18	Foelgastell Bus Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C.C.C. have instructed cleaning of shelter
71.19	Drefach Electronic Bus Timetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information provided and circulated
71.20	Drefach Grass Cutting Falcon House/Cwmmawr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCC contacted.
71.21	Drefach: P Lighting not Working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to C.C.C.
71.22	Drefach: Resurfacing B4310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request sent to C.C.C.
71.23	Gorslas: Road Surface A476/ Church Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to Welsh Water

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

72.0 Agenda Item 5. General and Park Matters.

72.1 General Matters

72.1.1 Management Agreement Gorslas New School

- A reminder was sent to the County Council requesting an online meeting to progress the matter.
- CCC apologise for the delay and are contacting the Governing Body to progress a meeting asap.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

72.1.2 Request for Permission to Use Park: Drefach

- A social event at the Drefach Cricket and Football Club clubhouse had led to an outbreak of Covid-19 locally. As a result, the premises had been closed and all training and sporting activities halted.
- As a result, the County Council and the relevant sporting association had undertaken a full review of the training arrangements and were satisfied that the appropriate safety measures were in place.
- The Club wished to place on record its sincere apologies for the distress, worry and inconvenience which had been caused to residents as a result of the outbreak.
- It was confident that the appropriate measures were in place and respectfully sought permission from the Community Council to resume training activities for the juniors on the Drefach Park field.
- **Resolved:**
 - That permission to resume training for the juniors be granted for a temporary period subject to strict adherence to Government and Sporting Association Guidelines.
 - The permission to be subject to the existing terms and conditions.
 - The agreement to be immediately terminated should there be a breach of these requirements.

72.1.3 Grass Tender. Areas Not to Be Cut

- Cefneithin and Drefach Ward members had met separately and agreed that the cutting areas remain as at present. Gorslas Ward Members were to meet shortly to decide and provide feedback.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

72.1.4 Future Development: Cefneithin Park Ward Members Meeting

- Ward members met to discuss the future development of the park using section 106 monies. Detailed below is a summary of the issues raised and an update in relation to progress: -.

Ref	Proposal for Bid for Section 106 Funds	Observation
1.0	Purchase 2 small play equipment items for play park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best value obtained if included in larger park equipment tender.
2.0	New concrete base in play area/ Move picnic table to new location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price obtained for new base
3.0	2 x new concrete basis and benches 1 in play area and 1 at Y Glyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price sought for 1 new base. • Ownership of land at Y Glyn would need to be confirmed and permission to undertake works. Contact made with Highways who would want a plan showing location and specs.
4.0	Concrete/Tarmac entrance to MUGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price obtained.
5.0	Painting Wall Play Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price being sought.
6.0	Depending on cost. Near MUGA Crazy Golf apparatus Viper Swing. Net Pyramid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checked with CCC if any Play Grant available- none at present. • Review and consider inclusion in larger parks equipment tender.

Proposal funding from G.C.C.	Observations
7.0 Wooded Area adjacent to park field: To make it accessible to park users by levelling, removing stones and seeding	Costings obtained and presented. Consider under major works budget.

Resolved:

- Item 1: Consider as part of larger park equipment tender.
- Item 2: Accept price and instruct works. To be funded from current year minor works budget.
- Item 3: Accept price for a base in play area and instruct works. To be funded from current minor works budget.
- Item 4: Accept price and instruct works. To be funded from current year minor works budget.
- Item 5: The item be considered at a future meeting pending receipt of a quotation.

- f) Item 6: To be reviewed and considered in conjunction with the larger park equipment tender.
- g) Item 7: Not to proceed but to seek quotations in February/ March of 2021.

72.1.5 Maintenance: Drefach Park: Fencing

- Discussions with the inspector have identified that the wooden fencing in the children’s play area had rotted severely. There were concern in terms of its structural integrity.
- Three quotations had been received in respect of the work and were considered by members.
- **Resolved:** To accept tender price C for the removal of the existing and fixing of the new fence. The fencing to be purchased direct by the Community Council and the costs met from current budgets.

72.1.6 Maintenance: Drefach Toll Bar.

- Following a site visit and discussions with the Mensshed representative it was noted that there several items of timber on the structure had rotted and were in urgent need of replacement.
- It was also observable that a number of roof slates had been dislodged and the lead flashing around the chimney become detached allowing water ingress.
- To secure the building and prevent injury from the surrounding woodwork timbers and related paints/ fillers and preservatives were purchased at a cost of £ 216.45.
- Three quotations had been sought in relation to the securing of slates and works to the flashing.
- **Resolved.**
 - i) Confirm supply and purchase of supplies for the replacement and treatment of timbers.
 - ii) Roof Repairs. Accept the lowest quotation and instruct the works to be carried out.

72.1.7 Maintenance: Tree Survey.

- The Annual tree survey is due to be undertaken before the end of October following which it may be necessary to commission remedial action.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

72.1.8 Maintenance Budgets

- Discussion took place in relation to the park maintenance budgets for the current year.
- **Resolved:** The position for each park to be discussed by the respective ward members before the end of October with the feedback being provided to the next meeting.

72.1.9 New Equipment Play Areas

- As requested at the last meeting details of section 106 funds held by the County Council and for which the Community Council could bid had been circulated to members.
- It was noted that, in respect of the Drefach Ward, the developer had made a successful application for the waiving of the charge in respect of the Cae Coch section 106 funds.
- **Resolved:**
 - i) County Councillors make enquiries regarding the waiving of the Cae Coch development charges.
 - ii) Tendering for play equipment not proceed pending the outcome of those enquiries and a discussion by Gorslas Ward members regarding previous consultation with local school pupils.

72.1.10 Anti-Social Behaviour: Gorslas Teen Shelter and Cefneithin MUGA.

- The concerns reported at the September meeting had ben relayed by the County Councillors to the relevant agencies at the fortnightly inter Authority meetings.

- Subsequently the Police had visited both Gorslas Park and Cefneithin MUGA on a regular basis which had resulted in a drop in reported complaints from residents.
- It was however highlighted that members of the public still felt a sense of unease with the teen shelter. There were also continuing reports by the contractor of excessive litter in the area surrounding the shelter in spite of the litter bins in the vicinity being half empty.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and to continue to monitor the position.

72.1.11 Gorslas New School: Park Car Park.

- The contractor had completed the majority of the works necessary to facilitate the new school build with the car park being re-opened on Monday 21st September,2020, having been closed since Monday 2th August,2020.
- The new height restrictor barrier was put in place on the 3rd October. The new entrance gates had been ordered and would be fitted as soon as possible.
- The contractor had also very kindly helped with a number of maintenance issues in the park car park which the ward members had asked for.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

72.1.12 Community Garden Drefach Park

- A request had been received from a member of the public that the area of land known as the “Hafan” be used for the purposes of a Community Garden.
- The area in question is leased from the County Council until 15th September,2034, with the permitted use being as a play and recreational area. There are a number of other clauses which limit what can take place on the leased area including a prohibition on any underletting or subletting or to otherwise part with the possession of the land.
- **Resolved:** That the Council not proceed with the proposal.

72.1.13 Heritage Fund - Grant Funding Opportunity Drefach Toll Bar

- The issues related to the maintenance of the Toll Bar had led to a broader discussion regarding the historic and cultural value of the building and how effectively that was communicated to people.
- Accordingly, a meeting of the Chair, Clerk and Ward members was held on Thursday 1st October,2020, to discuss the matter.
- The conclusion was that the most effective manner of relaying the information in a way which was both engaging and easily accessible was through an Interactive Electronic Panel.
- A panel would show the historic and cultural importance of the building as well as the role the people of the area had in shaping national events. It would be expanded to include other places of historic and cultural interest in the area.
- Support for the proposal had come from individuals and local organisations via social media.
- A possible source of funding had been identified via the National Lottery Heritage Fund which would cover 100% of costs up to £10k. The closing date for submission being the 14th October,2020, with the work having to be completed by 31st March,2021.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) The Council approve and support the proposal and the submission of an application for funding.
 - (ii) The Council gives formal permission for the placing of the panel on its land and any associated works necessary for the placing of the panel.

- (iii) The matter be progressed through the Working Group of Ward Members and the Chair.
- (iv) That should the submission be approved both human and financial resources be provided to complete the project.

72.1.14 Cefneithin Park - Hedge Cutting Contract April 2021.

- Householders were advised that, following consultation, the Council would proceed to include the cutting of the boundary hedge on the Heol Y Parc side of the park.
- As a result of the communication a householder has been in contact stating that they do not wish for the top of the hedge to be cut for the section which borders their property.
- **Resolved:**
 - i) That the contract be amended to exclude the cutting of the top of the hedge along the boundary with the property in question.
 - ii) Marker posts be placed at appropriate points on the park side of the boundary as a visual aid for the cutting contractor.

72.2 Parks.

72.2.1 Cefneithin Re-Painting of Gates

- Following the decision at the previous meeting a quotation of £230 was received and following consultation with members the works were instructed.
- **Resolved:** To accept the quotation and instruct the works to proceed.

72.2.2 Gorslas: Public Conveniences/Refuse Collection.

- Use September: 473 individuals.
- Refuse: Saturday 6 bags 2 from play areas. Sunday 5 bags -2 from play area. On both days ample room in bins reported as being less than half full.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

72.2.3 Drefach Boundary Wall with Park Villa

- The owner has forwarded photographs of the completed works for information.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

73.0 Agenda Item 6 Urgent Local Matters.

73.1 Cefneithin: Footpaths FP31/7 and FP 31/6

- Carms C.C awaiting adoption of new policy prior to convening meeting.
- **Resolved:** To accept Cllr Darren Price's offer to persue the matter with the relevant Officer.

73.2 Cefneithin: Junction Heol Y Dref and Heol Y Parc.

- It was reported that a laurel bush on the property on the junction as vehicles were approaching from Cefneithin was blocking drivers views of the highway.
- **Resolved:** To accept Cllr Darren Price's offer to seek clarification on the matter from C.C.C.

73.3 Fencing: Drefach Hen Ffordd and Gorslas Brynlluan.

- Members were advised that fencing at both locations were restricting driver's views of the highway giving rise to safety concerns and a possible breach of highway regulations.
- **Resolved:** To accept Cllr Darren Price's offer to seek clarification on the matter from C.C.C.

73.4 Drefach: Removal of Litter Bin B4310.

- Reports were received that the litter bin located near the bus shelter and Drefach Cricket and Football Club had been removed.
- Noted that a replacement litter bin had been supplied.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

73.5 Drefach: Public Lighting Units Heol Caegwyn to Heol Cwmmawr.

- It was noted that the lights along that particular stretch of road were still not working.
- **Resolved:** To accept Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen's offer to take the matter up with C.C.C.

73.6 Drefach: Public Lighting Unit Old Co-Op Building, Heol Cwmmawr.

- Members indicated that there may also be an issue with the public lighting unit located on the old post office building.
- **Resolved:** That Drefach members monitor and report back on the position.

73.7 Maesybont: Overgrowth P Highway – C2060

- Concerns had been received that the hedges along the road between Pont Dygoed and Pont Ffunnonlan were overgrown and touching passing vehicles. The situation was much worse during periods of bad weather which resulted in branches and debris being left on the road.
- The matter had been reported to the County Council for actioning.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

73.8 Gorslas: Public Lighting Cwm Mwyn.

- A complaint had been received that a lighting unit between nos 10-11 Cwm Mwyn was not working.
- It had duly been reported to the County Council for repair.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

73.9 Gorslas: Gorslas Park Public Lighting Units.

- A member of the public had reported that there were 8 lighting units not working in the park.
- The matter had been reported to the County Council Lighting Unit and the new school contractor.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

73.10 Gorslas Square: Temporary Traffic Lights Failure Cefneithin Road

- The temporary traffic lights placed on Cefneithin Road near the park car park entrance failed late afternoon on Wednesday 16th September causing severe congestion on the surrounding roads.
- The matter was reported to the contractor and the situation rectified later that evening.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

73.11 Gorslas Temporary Road Closure C 2060, Black Lion Road.

- The County Council advise that the proposed closure will not now take place.

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

74.0 Agenda Item 7. Members Reports.

74.1 County Council Update by Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price.

- An update was provided for members on County Council matters which were relevant to the local community. They included the following matters: -
 - i) Scrutiny Cttees were now fully functioning.
 - ii) The Annual Report would be considered shortly dominated by the response to Covid-19.
 - iii) Llanelli Area Lockdown had reduced infection rates down but not to a sufficiently low level.
 - iv) A consultation event had been held in relation to proposals to develop the disused scrap yard at Gorslas. An explanatory letter had been circulated to local residents prior to the meeting.
 - v) Speeding, hedge and boundary issues had been raised by local residents.
 - vi) Llyn Llech Owain would receive a £130k investment.
 - vii) Canolfan Carwyn was to re-open.
 - viii) Drefach Football and Cricket Club – seeking to restart sporting activities for younger children.
 - ix) Capel Seion was not re-opening for services for another 2 weeks.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

75.0 Agenda Item 8. Correspondence.

75.1 Consultation		
Ref	From	Details
75.1.1	Police and Crime Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey as to whether or not the investment made in providing CCTV coverage in 24 towns in its area was worthwhile • Closing date: 01.12.20
75.1.2	Mid Wales Fire and Rescue Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking views on the draft Corporate Plan 2021-2026. • Closing date: 04.12.20
75.1.3	Co-Production Network Team Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking input to establish a shared vision for future economies and the development of Regional Economic Framework
75.2 General Correspondence		
75.2.1	One Voice Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronavirus Update – Electronic Copy available from Clerk
75.2.2	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request details of what support the Community Council would provide in the case of a second wave of coronavirus.
75.2.3	Connect to Kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight importance of written letter especially to older residents. Provide link to “Dewis” site for anyone who would like to receive or send a written letter.
75.2.4	WLGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic copy of Coronavirus updates available from Clerk.
75.2.5	Cefneithin Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule of Organisations offering Community Support
75.2.6	Coalfield Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of an online zoom event on 14.10.20 6p.m. to 7.00p.m regarding installing Electric Charging Points in car parks.

75.2.7	Wales Co-operative Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of online community led festival events
75.2.8	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and guidance regarding Remembrance 2020 events
75.2.8	Llanlluan Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation for Chair to attend Remembrance service 08.11.20.
75.2.9	Local Govt Democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of written statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Govt on Diversity in democracy
75.2.10	Carms Horse Riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking the Council's support in getting parking orders related to Llyn Llech Owain reviewed. An order was introduced in 2014 prohibiting heavy or long vehicles for parking, however, as it is claimed this was not stated on the signage riders have carried on using vehicles. The signage has now been changed and makes the prohibition clear.
75.2.11	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise that Lloyd and Gravell have requested permission to work extended hours on Saturday 03.10.20 for the laying of the concrete base for the new school. The company have advised residents by letter of the planned works.
75.2.12	Dyfed Powys Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of scam e-mails demanding payment of parking fines HM Court and Tribunals Service
75.2.13	Fly Tipping Action Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of availability of free posters, leaflets and social media material to help address fly tipping.
75.2.14	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of draft decision letter by BT to remove phone boxes including that at Drefach. Any observations by 15.10.20
75.2.15	Carms C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader statement regarding Llanelli Area Restrictions
75.2.16	Fields in Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest e mail bulletin available from Clerk
75.2.17	Carms C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Update News for Third Sector
75.2.18	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update for Town and Community Councils
75.2.19	Carms C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Elections. The current database is being updated and extended to include 14-16-year olds, and certain foreign nationals, who will be able, for the first time, to vote in Senedd Elections. • Members assistance in reminding people to update their records and for those voting for the first time is requested.
75.2.20	Hywel Dda CHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic copy of Sept newsletter available from Clerk
75.2.21	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise helpline available in 11 languages for BAME people affected by Covid 19.
75.2.22	Carms C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of organisations providing help available from Clerk.
75.2.23	Age Cymru Dyfed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of W.G low interest rate loans available to cover rent
75.2.24	First Impression Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for members to raise awareness of the project which provides training and support for 16+ long term unemployed.

75.2.25	Sign Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide services related to websites/ signs to help deaf people
75.2.26	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect to Kindness free online session 07 and 21 10.20.
75.2.27	Older People's Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic copy of newsletter available from Clerk
75.2.28	Hywel Dda UHB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise Covid restrictions in Llanelli have reduced the infection rate from 152 to 99.9 per 100,000 people

- **Resolved**
 - To receive and note the information received.
 - Item 75.2.10. That the organisation be advised to pursue the matter directly with Carms. C.C.

75.3 Attendance.

- Cllr Tina Butler apologised and left the meeting at this point.
- **Resolved:** That the records be amended accordingly.

76.0 Agenda Item 9 One Voice Wales.

76.1 National Executive Committee Online Meeting.

- Cllr Wyn Edwards provided a summary of the meeting for members which included the following: -
 - 85 Councils were holding online meetings. Some problems were reported relating to broadband.
 - IRPW Allowance: Progress was being made in discussions with Welsh Govt and HMRC regarding the tax status of the allowance.
 - Elections: a video showing how to promote diversity in the 2022 elections had been produced.
 - Land Regulations: Meetings would be held regarding the requirement to register land.
 - Customer Survey: Details of a survey conducted by the Association on performance in various areas of its activities were provided.
 - Mid Wales Development Officer: Carmarthen Town Clerk had been appointed to the position.
 - Catrina Jones had taken over the policy role with training courses being online.
 - The Association's Annual General Meeting would be held in November

76.2 Online Training Opportunities for October.

- Details had been forwarded to members of the online courses which were available for October.
- **Resolved:** Members interested in attending to forward a request to Chair and Clerk.

76.3 Changing Role of Town and Community Councils Event and Planning Aid Course

- A joint CCLA and OVW event between 11.00a.m and 12: 00p.m on Friday 16.10.20 to discuss the changing role of Community and Town Councils as well as an update on investments.
- Planning Aid Wales offer an online course on how planning works/ responding to applications
- **Resolved:** Members interested in attending to forward a request to Chair and Clerk.

77.0 Agenda Item 10 Planning Matters

77.1 Planning Applications.

No /Ref	Type and Description	Location
PL/00291	Householder planning permission. Detached Garage	Meadows Edge Foelgastell SA14 7ER
PL/00359	Variation of condition 2&4 on W/39117(Construction of a detached dwelling and associated works) Condition No 2 – Site Block Plan 750/02/a Changed to site Block Plan 750/06. Condition No 4 – new access to typical layout No1 is proposed.	Plot Adjacent to Nisa local Drefach, Llanelli, SA14 7BA
PL/00558	Householder Planning Permission. Accessible extension for disabled person to include bedroom & associated therapy area	1 Rhos Y Bryn, Cefneithin, Llanelli, SA14 7DQ
PL/00369	Householder Planning Permission. Detached Garage	41, Heol Cwmmawr, Llanelli, SA14 7AA

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

77.2 LDP – Proposed Development Scrap Yard Gorslas.

- Notification had been received of a consultation event organised by the developer at Llangennech RFC clubhouse on the 23rd September.2020, regarding a proposal to develop the site.
- The developer had also arranged for a letter to be distributed to local residents regarding the proposal and consultation event.
- The event had been attended by the Chair, Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

78.0 Finance Agenda Item 11.

78.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure/ Receipts and Payments

Paid To	Description	Amount £
Gorslas C.C	Income	Nil
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge	24.60
Clerk	Wages inc Arrears	1,310.78
Clerk	Refund Webhost Build Supplies/ Postage	311.89
SWALEC	Gorslas P Convenience	35.64
Carmarthen Decorating	Building Supplies Toll Bar	100.50
HMRC	Qtr. 2 Employee/Employer Contributions	1,774.75
Carms. C.C.	Qtr. 2 Employee/Employer Contributions	1,907.37
Cllr A King	IRPW	120.00
Total		£5,585.53

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

78.2 Quarterly Financial Monitoring.

- Members considered and discussed in detail the quarterly financial update report. It was noted that the pandemic was impacting on the pattern of expenditure and the ability of organisations to undertake work and issue invoices.
- Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and to continue to monitor the position

78.3 IRPW Draft Report on Expenses and Allowances for Members and Officers.

- The IRPW were seeking views on their draft report with responses to be received by the 23.11.20.
- Resolved:** Members considered the recommendations and resolved as follows: -

Det	Issue	Observation
39	Carers Allowance Payments to Carers	Mandatory Requirement
40	Standard Fixed Payment of £150 per year towards expenses for Members	Mandatory Requirement
41	Group A Council Payments	Not Applicable
42	Group B+C Councils. Allowance of £ 500 to up to 5 members for specific responsibilities	Not Supported.
43	Travel Payments for approved duties	Supported.
44	Subsistence payments approved overnight stay.	Supported.
45	Recompense for actual Financial Loss for approved duties	Supported.
46	Additional payment to Chair of up to £1,500	Not Supported.
47	Additional Payment to Vice Chair of up to £500	Not supported
48	Payment to members who receive senior salary payments from a Principal Council can only claim travelling/subsistence allowances	Supported

78.4 Applications for Assistance.

- Declarations of interests were made by members as specified in item ref 69 above with members not contributing or taking part in the discussion except to the extent authorised by dispensation.
- Details of organisations seeking a financial contribution had been provided in the update report.
- In considering each request the Council was required to take into account whether or not the award would be commensurate with the benefit to the community and/ or inhabitants of the area.
- The definition to be applied is that the community and/ or inhabitants of the area would be defined as those within the electoral wards of Gorslas Community Council
- Resolved:** That the following awards be made: -
 - Gorslas Welfare Association – improvements and planting of planters at Gorslas square - £ 500
 - Cwm Gwendraeth Mensshed: to support local residents and community-based work - £700
 - Appeal Cttee for the Urdd Eisteddfod 2021: to support opportunities for local children- £ 250.
 - Hebron Project: to support the community-based project - £456.
 - Cefneithin, Drefach and Gorslas Welfare Associations- contribution towards the cost of providing Christmas trees as part of the celebrations for each village - £175 to each organisation.

79.0 Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 9th November,2020, online.
- There being no further item of business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:40hrs

