

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an online meeting of the Gorslas Community Council

held on Monday, 9th November, 2020 at 19.00 hrs.

80.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

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

80.1 General.

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

80.2 Address by Karen Burch on behalf of the Carmarthenshire Riders.

- The Chair advised that a request had been received for Ms Burch to address the meeting on behalf of Carmarthenshire Riders.
- Following the agreement of members, the order of the agenda was altered to facilitate the request.
- Ms. Burch indicated that the organisations concerns related to a recent decision by Carmarthenshire County Council to introduce a parking order prohibiting large and long vehicles from parking in the Llyn Llech Owain Car Park.
- It had come to light that a prohibition had actually been in place since 2014 however, as no signage to that effect had been provided, riders had unwittingly been parking their vehicles in the car park.
- It was stated that during that 6-year period no complaints had been received by the Council regarding the arrangement.
- Carmarthenshire Riders were in discussion with County Council Officers regarding the possibility of removing the prohibition and were seeking the Community Council's support for the proposal.
- **Resolved:** To accept Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen's offer to discuss the matter with the relevant County Council Officers and report back to the Community Council.

81.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

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

Agenda Item	Councillors	Nature of Interest
84.1.1	Aled Vaughan Owen	Personal not prejudicial. County Councillor and member of the School Governing Body. Both being parties to the Management Agreement.
84.1.1	Darren Price	Personal not Prejudicial. County Councillor - the body responsible for the new school and a party to the Management Agreement.

- 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.

82.0 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 of the Council for accuracy.
- **Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen and seconded by Cllr Darren Price, and agreed by all that the minutes were a true and accurate record of discussions and the decisions made.

83.0 Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

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

Ref	Item	Update
83.1	New School Management Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Gov Body have established a Sub Cttee to progress discussions • C.C.C. to arrange an online meeting.
83.2	Grass Cutting Tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of Gorslas non-cut area sought.
83.3	Cefneithin Park Hedges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification revised to exclude the property. • Indicator posts to be placed in park.
83.4	Cefneithin Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seat and base for play area instructed. • MUGA Entrance Re-surface instructed. • Costs to be met from current year budget. • CCC asked for site meeting to discuss the possibility of placing a seat at Y Glyn.
83.5	Cefneithin Park Gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works instructed
83.6	Cefneithin MUGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-opened Monday 09.11.20
83.7	Drefach Park. Permission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drefach Cricket and Football Club advised of decision and conditions.
83.8	Drefach Park. Play Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing ordered. Contractor instructed to fit.
83.9	Drefach Park Toll Bar Heritage and Culture Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for grant submitted. • Advise application not successful.
83.10	Drefach Toll Bar Roof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs instructed
83.11	Footpaths FP31/7 and FP 31/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting communication from C.C.C.
83.12	Highway Visibility Issues, Cefneithin, Drefach and Gorslas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.C.C are investigating.
83.13	Strategic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sub Cttee met on 05.11.20. Significant progress made on phase 1 of Draft Strategic Plan 2021 to 2026. Next Meeting 26.11.20
83.14	Communications Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group had met on 02.11.20 and a number of actions and options identified which the group was examining.

83.15	Drefach: P Lighting Heol Caegwyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to C.C.C. Work to rectify commencing 10.11.20
83.16	Gorslas Park P Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to CCC
83.17	Finance - IRPW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's observations conveyed to IRPW.
83.18	Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheques issued as per instructions.

- Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and, if necessary, to discuss any issues further under the appropriate agenda heading.

84.0 Agenda Item 5. General and Park Matters.

84.1 General Matters

84.1.1 New School Gorslas Management Agreement.

- The Governing Body had met on Wednesday 4th November, 2020, when they had agreed to establish a Sub Committee to meet with the Community Council to progress discussions.
- The County Council had been asked to make the necessary arrangements for an online meeting.
- Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

84.1.2 Documentation for Meetings.

- An useful discussion took place in relation to the possibility of streamlining documentation to assist in the consideration and discussion of business at Council meetings.
- Resolved:** That a revised format of the update report be adopted for a trial period.

84.1.3 Coronavirus Fire Break.

- Welsh Government had advised of a national "firebreak" from 6.00p.m. on Friday 13th September to Monday 9th November, 2020 to halt the continuing spread of the virus.
- Parks and play areas would remain open but the MUGA is to be closed. Appropriate signage has been put in place by Cllr Darren Price and the MUGA secured by Cllr Terry Jones.
- Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken and thank members for their work.

84.1.4 Insurance Claim Cefneithin Park

- Requests for information regarding safety surface and equipment going back to 2008 have been received. The Council's insurers have been asked to obtain details from the other party's solicitors of any evidence that the surface or equipment was faulty.
- Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

84.1.5 Land Ownership: Drefach

- An enquiry was received as to whether or not the Land Registry could identify the ownership of the land which forms the access road to and from the park.
- Land Registry records only provide details of the ownership of land which has been registered with it by landowners.

- The Community Council had previously asked the Council’s solicitors to search the Land Registry records to try and establish the ownership of the land in question. Regrettably the land had not been registered with the Land Registry and as such they had no record of ownership.
- **Resolved:** Receive and note the information required.

84.1.6 New Equipment Parks

- Gorslas Ward Members had met to discussed the above and the consultation which had previously taken place in relation to the procurement of new equipment for the park.
- Drefach: Following the October meeting of the Council the two County Council members had arranged to meet with the Head of Planning and Executive Board member to clarify the position in relation to the availability of section 106 funds for the procurement of new equipment.
- Cefneithin Park: The Ward members observations had already been received.
- **Resolved:** The Sub Committee meet to discuss possible allocation of funds from reserves for the purchase of new equipment following the County Council members meeting with Officers.

84.1.7 Maintenance Cefneithin MUGA.

- Both goal ends were found to have rust on the frames and paint peeling. The frames are unsightly and but the frames are structurally sound.
- To clean down and galvanize the frames would in effect mean sandblasting the frames and panels. It would be more economical to have new frames and panels fitted. Estimated cost £1k.
- Resolved:
 - i) To formally write to the company who supplied the MUGA to highlight the issues, to seek rectification, as well as conveying the Council’s disappointment that the issues have arisen.
 - ii) The Sub-Committee review the sum put aside each year for the maintenance of the facility.

84.1.8 Maintenance Park Bench Cefneithin.

- The replacement seat arm had been received and fitted by Cllr T Jones.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and thank Cllr Jones for his work.

84.1.9 Maintenance Park Bench Gorslas Park.

- A report was received of a park bench in need of repair in the park.
- A contractor has been instructed to assess and repair.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

84.1.10 Gorslas Park Car Park- Excess Water on Highway.

- Concerns had been received regarding the pooling of water outside the park car park entrance.
- The concerns were reported to County Council and the contractor for the New School who had undertaken re-modelling work in the car park.
- Both parties had met on site with the difficulty being identified as gullies on the public highway near the square not accepting water. This resulted in excess water running down the highway and collecting at the lowest point which on the highway outside the park car park access road.
- It was agreed that the contractor for the new school provide a gully outside the park car park access road with the work to take place between the 2nd and 3rd November,2020. The County Council would investigate the non-functioning gullies nearer the square.

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

84.2 Parks.

84.2.1 Cefneithin Park Gates – Locking

- Some of the staff of Cefneithin Primary School make use of the park car park. They have reported difficulties in opening the park gates in the morning especially during periods of inclement weather.
- The gates have now been left unlocked for a trial period.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

85.0 Agenda Item 6 Urgent Local Matters.

85.1 Gorslas: Re-Surfacing Work Gorslas Square.

- It was noted that re-surfacing of the roads in the area of Gorslas Square was scheduled to commence as from Monday 2nd November,2020.
- As there was an outstanding repair to a Welsh Water manhole on the A476 the County Council were asked to liaise with Welsh Water to ensure the repairs were completed before the re-surfacing work.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

85.2 Gorslas: Damage to Pedestrian Crash Barriers

- A report had been received that the barriers on the pavement near the park entrance had been severely damaged.
- The matter was duly reported to the County Council who advised that the damage had been caused by refuse lorry. The barriers would be attended to as soon as possible.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

85.3 Cefneithin: Parking Issues at Y Fron.

- Concerns from local residents were relayed to members regarding an allegation that some 9 vehicles were being parked in an inconsiderate manner by a resident of the estate. The parking was causing problems for pedestrians, vehicles accessing the site as well as for other residents wishing to park.
- Cllr Darren Price indicated that the issue had already come to the attention of the County Council Housing Department who were dealing with the matter. He would seek to obtain an update.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

86.0 Agenda Item 7. Members Reports.

86.2 County Council Update: Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price

- Members received a summary report from the two members which included the following: -
 - i) Canolfan Carwyn would open as from 10.11.20 to allow the playing of junior football.
 - ii) The new R.O.W policy was being considered by the Executive Board of the County Council next week. This would facilitate a meeting with a local landowner in respect of a longstanding dispute. Cllr T Jones would be invited to attend the meeting with the landowner.

- iii) Drefach: Flooding had been an issue recently was a result of which site visits had been arranged.
- iv) Drefach Speeding: There were ongoing issues as a result of which Go Safe had been asked to arrange speed check monitoring visits with the possibility of linking with local volunteers.
- v) Drefach Public Lighting: Works by Western Power in the area had inadvertently removed a lighting unit near the Mansel Arms. Carms C.C. are looking in to the matter.
- vi) Drefach: Site of former Ysgol y Gwendraeth: The future use of the facility would be included in the M.E.P. programme review due in Summer 2021. It was noteworthy that, as a general principle, the review would include a widening of the geographical areas within which the re-organisation of schools would be considered.
- vii) Proposal to Establish 4 Regional Authorities: Consultation was currently underway in relation to the above proposal. The position would be clearer following the Assembly elections next year.

86.3 Attendance.

- Cllr Simon Martin joined the meeting at this point.

87.0 Agenda Item 8. Correspondence.

87.1 Consultation		
Ref	From	Details
87.1.1	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation, closing 19.01.21, regarding: - (i) Primary legislation to modernize the compulsory purchase enabling powers and procedures, (ii) Secondary legislation to streamline the compulsory purchase inquiry and written representation procedures.
87.1.2	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2021 • Seeking views on the procedures for preparing Strategic Development Plans by Corporate Joint Committees. • Closing Date for responses: 04.01.21
87.1.3	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to establish four regional Corporate Joint Committees to exercise certain local authority functions on a collaborative basis. • Closing date for responses: 04.01.21

87.2 Correspondence		
Ref	From	Guidance or Information Regarding
87.2.1	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance regarding attending Remembrance Sunday events.
87.2.2	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Management in Wales Report available electronically.
87.2.3	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronavirus Update Newsletter
87.2.4	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce code of practice return. Completed

87.2.5	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral Newsletter regarding latest changes in legislation
87.2.6	Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Waste (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 will come into force on 19.11.20.
87.2.7	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Sustainable Transport Covid Response Fund: Social Distancing Parklets scheme – seeking ideas and locations and agreements in principal to maintain and run parklets.
87.2.8	Dyfed Pension Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Meeting online 06.11.20 10a.m
87.2.9	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Newsletter for Town and Community Councils.
87.2.10	Carms.C.C Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Community Support List Available electronically
87.2.11	Carms.C.C. Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competition for inclusion of a drawing, photograph or written text for inclusion in Connect to Kindness Calendar
87.2.12	Carms C.C. Partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to Kindness Online Sessions Details
87.2.13	Carms C.C. Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-connect sessions available – booking via Facebook
87.2.14	Carms C.C Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U3A offering Electronic Newsletter, weekly quiz on website
87.2.15	Carms C.C. Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources for socially distanced Halloween Celebrations.
87.2.16	Carms C.C. Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking nominations for Volunteer Awards.
87.2.17	Carms. C.C Early Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of launch of project on 21.10.20 to identify family support services available in the area and facilitate new ones.
87.2.18	One Voice Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi Use Community Centre operations during Covid
87.2.19	One Voice Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote Meetings Survey results available electronically.
87.2.20	WLGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronavirus Update
87.2.21	Plant Dewi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic copy of Annual Report available from Clerk
87.2.22	Plant Dewi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking volunteers to pass skills on to the next generation.
87.2.23	Gorslas Welfare Assoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication thanking the Council for the contributions
87.2.24	Drefach Welfare Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication thanking the Council for the contribution
87.2.25	Cwm Gwendraeth Mensshed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication thanking the Council for the contribution
87.2.26	Capel Hebron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication thanking the Council for the contribution
87.2.27	Age Cymru Dyfed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free online sing along sessions available via app.
87.2.28	Traws Link Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on New Rail Corridor Carmarthen to Aberystwyth.
87.2.29	Eden Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online resources linked to Community Action Response
87.2.30	Carms Horse Riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking to be allowed to make a representation at the next meeting of the Council regarding parking of vehicles at Llyn Llech Owain.
87.2.31	Hywel Dda Public Health Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of funding for individuals or groups supporting people affected by suicide/self-harm. Closing date 27.11.20
87.2.32	WLGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic copy of latest Coronavirus updates available.

87.2.33	BHIB Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance on Managing Buildings During Winter. Assessment for Homeworking, Complying with Website WCAG 2.1AA
87.2.34	Repair Café Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of a £13.2m Welsh Govt fund to support repair and re-use activities in town centers. Closing date 01.12.20. The organisation can help write bids for the funds.
87.2.35	Cymdeithas Yr Iaith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of an online Post 16 – Equipping Young People for work in a bilingual country seminar 14.11.20 (10-12p.m.)
87.2.36	One Voice Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of Starleaf Video Conference – the training platform used by OVW – have an offer of a free licence for Councils to the end of December
87.2.37	One Voice Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free webinar - potential pitfalls of leases. 10.11.20 (1.30p.m)

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

88.0 Agenda Item 9 One Voice Wales.

88.1 Online Training Opportunities for November.

- Details of online courses for November had been circulated to members.
- **Resolved:** Members interested to forward a request to Chair and Clerk

89.0 Agenda Item 10 Planning Matters

89.1 Planning Applications.

Ref	Type and Description	Location
PL/00657	Section 73 application (re-submission of W/40080) to amend Condition No's 2&6 of planning approval no. W/16539, dated 24.07.07., in respect of a two-storey side extension and rear conservatory.	78 Heol Y Parc, Cefneithin, SA14 7DS
W/29766	Outline Planning consent. Residential Development. Withdrawn following approval of alternative application.	Land off Bron Yr Ynn, Drefach Llanelli. SA14 7AH
PL/00412	Consultation: Proposed Agricultural Building.	Land off Brynhirwaun Road, Drefach, SA14 7AJ
PL/00593	First Floor extension over existing garage,	Brynhawddgar, Capel Road, Foelgastell, Llanelli, SA14 7EW.
PL/00574	Consultation: Proposed Detached Garage with Storeroom within Roof Space	51, Llandeilo Road, Gorslas, Llanelli, SA14 7LW
PL/00325	Outline Planning Consent- some matters reserved. Proposed dwelling and detached garage including access.	Land at Capel Seion Road, Capel Seion, Drefach, SA14 7BN

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

90.0 Finance Agenda Item 11.

90.1 External Audit Arrangements.

- As from the audit of the 2020/21 year, in addition to the current audit, a transactional audit will be introduced on a three- year rolling programme.
- There will be an additional cost which has not yet been calculated.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

90.2 Monthly Income and Expenditure/ Receipts and Payments

(i) Income and Expenditure

Paid To	Description	Amount £
Income	N/A	Nil
Expenditure		
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge	24.60
Clerk	Wages Inc. Arrears	1,259.60
Danfo	Monthly Charge P Conv	651.00
Cefneithin Welfare Assoc	Donation Christmas Festivities	175.00
Drefach Welfare Assoc	Donation Christmas Festivities	175.00
Gorslas Welfare Assoc	Donation Christmas Festivities	175.00
Mensshed	Donation – Community Work	500.00
Capel Hebron	Donation Community Project	456.00
Urdd Eisteddfod 2021	Donation – Community Event	250.00
Peace Pledge Union	Donation Chairs Fund to Poppy Appeal	30.00
Proctor Bros	Drefach Park Community Fencing	3,038.78
Towy Works Ltd	Lock and Chain for Park.	35.50
Bowen and Weaving Ltd	Stationery	19.65
Total		£6,790.13

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

90.3 Grant Funding.

- Cllr Linda Williams indicated advised that, on occasion, at this time of year, Welsh Government was seeking bids for grants related to play equipment in parks. The contact Officer being Caryl Alban.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and to make enquiries of the Council.

91.0 Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the Council would be online at 7.00p.m. on Monday 14th December,2020.
- There being no further busines to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:25hrs