

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an online meeting of the Gorslas Community Council

held on Monday, 14th December, 2020, at 19.00 hrs.

92.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Iestyn Llwyd (Chair), Andrew King (Vice Chair), Darren Price, Anthony Rees, Nia Lewis, Wyn Edwards, Clive Green, 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 Tina Butler, Janice Price and Simon Martin.

92.1 General.

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

93.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

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

Agenda Item	Councillors	Nature of Interest
96.3	Aled Vaughan Owen	Personal not prejudicial. County Councillor and member of the School Governing Body. Both being parties to the Management Agreement.
96.3	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.

94.0 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 N Beckett and seconded by Cllr Clive Green, and agreed by all that the minutes were a true and accurate record of discussions and the decisions made.

95.0 Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Ref	Issue	Details
95.1.1	New School Management Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Corporate Matters
95.1.2	Grass Cutting Tenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advert placed in Local Press and online.
95.1.3	Cefneithin Dev Plan Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cefneithin Park. Additional Seat delivered. Received and awaiting fixing.• Awaiting meeting with Carms C.C. Re Y Glyn

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95.1.4	Cefneithin Park Gates Painting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting contractor.
95.1.5	Cefneithin MUGA Rust Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Corporate Matters.
95.1.6	Drefach Park New Fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay in supply
95.1.7	Cefneithin Park Weld Repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting actioning by contractor
95.1.8	Drefach Toll Bar Roofing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts made to contact contractor- no response. • Deadline to be set and alternative supplier instructed.
95.1.9	Gorslas Park Bench Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting actioning by contractor
95.1.10	Gorslas Park P Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further communication
95.1.11	Footpaths FP31/7 and FP31/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting meeting to be organised by Carms C.C.
95.1.12	Communications Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being Progressed.
95.1.13	Park New Equipment Allocation parks from Reserves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be considered by Sub Cttee following notification of precept funding from Carms C.C.
95.1.14	Play Equipment Grant Funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further information received from Carms C.C
95.1.15	Member Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr N Beckett booked to attend two free online courses. L.G. Finance and Understanding Law.
95.1.16	Strategic Development Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Corporate Matters
95.1.17	Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being progressed by Communications Group

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

96.0 Agenda Item 5: Corporate Matters

96.1 Draft Strategic Document.

- Discussion took place in relation to the draft document which had been prepared by the Sub-Committee and circulated to members beforehand.
- Members considered in depth the detail of the draft document and an useful and informative discussion took place.
- The document was welcomed by all as a major step forward for the Council.
- **Resolved:** -
 - i) The draft document be placed on the Council’s website, and also publicised on Social Media, together with an opportunity for comments or observations to be submitted to the Council.
 - ii) The Draft Document be placed for discussion on the agenda for the January meeting.
 - iii) That it be acknowledged that the document was a “living document” and as such certain elements would need to be reviewed and updated periodically to reflect changing circumstances.

96.2 Monitoring Statistics: Engagement

- Members considered and discussed a paper, which had been circulated previously, regarding the collection and use of Engagement Statistics which would link and feed into the Strategic Document.
- **Resolved:** That adopt the proposal that engagement monitoring statistics be collected.

96.3 New School Gorslas Management Agreement.

- A request had been sent to Carms C.C. requesting a meeting with representatives of the Governing Body to progress discussion of a Management Agreement.
- The County Council had responded to the effect that they were under the impression that the school had forwarded a number of possible dates for such a meeting to the Community Council.
- As that at not happened they would contact the school afresh to make arrangements.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

96.4 Supplier Warranty Issue Cefneithin MUGA.

- A communication was sent to the Contractor who was awarded the contract for the supply and installation of the MUGA identifying the issues identified together with a request that they be rectified under warranty.
- The contractor had responded to the effect that the matter was outside the warranty period, which the contractor claimed was for one year only, and had been provided by a supplier who had since ceased trading. They considered that there was therefore no obligation on them to rectify the issues.
- A further communication had therefore been sent to the Contractor enclosing a copy of the original warranty which was issued by the contractor, and not by a supplier.
- The terms of the warranty issued by the contractor was not one for one year and the claim was therefore within the guarantee period stated on the warranty issued by the contractor. The contractor was asked for an explanation and a response however none had been received.
- Members considered the options available including taking legal action.
- **Resolved:**
 - i) That a further communication asking the company, Sunshine Playgrounds, to meet their obligations or for an explanation as to why they should not do so.
 - ii) That in the absence of any action by the company to rectify the issue, or to explain why they were not required to do so the Council re-consider its options and that the matter be formally recorded and that such information be considered as part of assessing the contractor's suitability when considering any future tender.

96.5 Requirement for Tree Works.

- The Annual Tree Inspection Report had been received. The report stated that remedial action was required in relation to the stock at both Cefneithin and Gorslas Parks.
- **Resolved:**
 - i) That a minimum of three tenders be sought in relation to the work from suitable contractors.
 - ii) The tenders be considered by the Sub-Committee.

96.6 Excess Water Issue: Cefneithin Park.

- Reports had been received on the evening of Sunday 13th December,2020, that excess water was flowing down footpaths in the park with residents concerned it would flood their properties.
- Temporary measures had been put in place to divert the water from the footpath however, as complaints were received that these could represent a danger to walkers the paths were closed and warning tapes put in place.
- A site visit was undertaken with a contractor during a period of heavy rainfall. To alleviate the problem, it was suggested that eco-drains be placed across the footpath, the existing stone on the boundary drain be refreshed and the pipe and outfall checked for blockages.

- **Resolved:** That to aid removal of water from the footpaths and to help allay the fears of residents the work be authorised and undertaken as a matter of urgency.

96.7 Excess Water Issue: Gorslas Park

- Concerns were received on Sunday 13th December; from a resident whose property border the park that homes were at risk of flooding as a result of water from the park and new school site.
- A site meeting was held on Monday 14th December, with the contractor and resident.
- The contractor had commenced remedial action in respect of water run-off from the school site and cleaning of drainage stone on the park side of the boundary would also be undertaken.
- Following discussion, it was agreed that two eco drains be provided on the footpath and to the boundary on the Brynlluan side of the footpath to remove excess water.
- An offer was made by the contractor for all present to access the school site to view and examine the revised drainage arrangements. The Clerk accepted the offer however the resident did not.
- The resident was also informed that should he have any concerns in the future regarding the new school works he was welcome to contact the site manager direct or to call at the site office.
- **Resolved:** In view of the prospect of more bad weather, the drainage work be undertaken asap.

96.8 Maintenance Park Footpaths

- It was noted that, in certain areas of the parks, a build- up of moss was present mostly along the edges of the footpaths. To prevent a possible injury, it was proposed that the paths be cleaned.
- **Resolved:** That an instruction for the works to be undertaken be issued.

96.9 Clerking Services: Reciprocal Clerking Arrangements.

- A request had been received from Llanddarog Community Council to consider an arrangement whereby one Authority would provide cover for the other should the Clerk be unavailable.
- **Resolved:** Members were supportive, in principle, of such an arrangement but asked that further information be obtained in relation to the nature and extent of the cover to be provided.

96.10 Public Lighting Drefach Park.

- A request had been received from a member of the public for lighting to be provided in the park to allow users, and specifically dog walkers to use the park during the periods of winter darkness. Currently individuals felt unsafe in the park during such periods.
- **Resolved:** That regrettably the Council was not in a position to provide the lighting and that individuals be encouraged to use other areas in the village which were available and had lighting.

97.0 Agenda Item 6: Parks.

97.1 Cefneithin Park Anti-Social Behaviour.

- A complaint had been received from a resident that young people using the MUGA were frequently climbing over their garden fence to retrieve footballs and in so doing caused damage to property and made them feel insecure and not safe in their own home.
- A number of measures for reducing the incidents of trespass were discussed however the resident was content to let the matter rest for the time being. They were advised to report any incidence of trespass or damage to the Police immediately.

- Additionally, the Clerk visited site on the morning the complaint was received. At that time no external damage to the fence was visible but there were marks to indicate it had been scaled. It was not possible to view any damage within the rear of the property.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and monitor the position.

97.2 Cefneithin MUGA Dog Fouling

- It was reported that, on the 11.11.20, the local primary school children had been unable to use the MUGA due to the presence of dog faeces on the MUGA surface.
- The incident was publicised on Social Media together with an appeal for co-operation from dog owners to make sure there would be no re-occurrence. The post attracted a considerable number of comments from the public who supported the request by the Council .
- **Resolved:** To receive note and approve the actions taken.

97.3 Gorslas Park: Shopping Trolleys.

- On 07.12.20 it was reported that two shopping trolleys from B+M Stores Cross Hands had been left in the park car park. Having regard to the fact they could be used to gain access to nearby roofs and the proximity of traffic on Cefneithin Road the cleaning contractor had secured them to a fence.
- The Clerk contacted the store who were appreciative and recovered both units.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

97.4 Gorslas Park: Public Convenience Incident 14.12.20

- A communication was received during the meeting of an incident involving damage to the facility.
- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen advised that, at a recent meeting with representatives from the Police it had been noted that CCTV coverage had been provided in places for £500. There might also be an opportunity to bid for funds to support such provision.
- **Resolved:**
 - i) The matter of damage at the facility be pursued
 - ii) Any further details regarding CCTV systems and possible funding be forwarded to the Clerk.

97.5 Gorslas Public Conveniences November Useage.

- Used by 306 individuals
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

98.0 Agenda Item 7 Urgent Local Matters.

98.1 Gorslas: Damaged Highway Railings Cefneithin Road.

- The County Council advised that new railings had been ordered to replace the damaged items.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

98.2 Gorslas: Excess Water Cefneithin Road.

- It was noted that there were significant amounts of water running down from the square and pooling near the entrance to the park car park.
- As had occurred previously the excess water was emanating from two drains in the highway nearer Gorslas square which were not accepting water. On this occasion the volume of water was such that

the drain on the highway outside the park car park did not have the capacity to cope with the flow from the two other non- functioning drains.

- Since the previous occasion the County Council has sought to progress the issue of the non - functioning drains however there is uncertainty as to whether or not they are in the ownership of Welsh Water. The County Council is currently persuing the matter.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

98.3 Temporary Road Closure C2066 Porthyrhyd.

- Carmarthenshire County Council advise of a request received for a temporary closure of a 160mtr length of the C2066 northeast of the junction with the B4310 Crosshands Road.
- The proposed closure would be from 09:00 on 2nd March,2021 to 17:00 hrs on 3rd March,2021.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

98.4 Police Station Cross Hands.

- Concerns were received that it had been reported that the facility had been closed.
- Enquiries made of Dyfed Powys Police confirmed that the station was operational.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

98.5 Drefach: Damaged Highway Railings B4310

- It was reported that the railings, which were on the highway forming part of the crossing point from Hen Ffordd to the site of the former Ysgol Y Gwendraeth had been damaged.
- The County Council have been advised of the position and will investigate. .
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

98.6 Drefach: Proposed Housing Development Nantdydderwen Drefach.

- At a previous meeting of the Council an officer from the County Council addressed the Council with regards to proposed housing developments at the site.
- To make sure the type of housing provided would be appropriate to the needs of the area data from a new system would be used and shared with the Community Council.
- It was appreciated that there had been issues with obtaining the data from the system however, as some time had elapsed, a request for an update on progress had been made.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

98.7 Drefach: Excess Water on Public Highway.

- Members reported that during the recent heavy rainfall a considerable volume of water was being discharged onto, and running down and across the public highway near the Lay-by at Parc y Dai. The volume was such as to represent a danger to road users.
- Difficulties were also observed at the site of recent drainage works on Heol Blaenhirwaun near Drefach school. As a result of the volume of water the system had been overwhelmed and excess water discharged onto the public highway.
- **Resolved:** The County Councillors kindly agreed to take the matter up with the relevant Officers.

98.8 Drefach: Bus Stop Provision at Heol Cwmmawr.

- It was noted that developments were proposed under planning application PL/00820 to 35, Heol Cwmmawr.

- Members recalled that an undertaking had been given at a meeting with County Council Officers in relation to the re-instatement of a bus stop outside that property when it had ceased trading as a commercial undertaking which, it was apparent from the application, was now the case.
- **Resolved:** That enquiries be made of the County Council in relation to the re-instatement of the bus stop.

99.0 Agenda Item 8. Members Reports.

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

- Members received a summary report from the two members which included the following: -
 - i) Flooding: On Sunday 13th December affecting roads and properties in Drefach and Gorslas including Penygroes Road.
 - ii) School Re-Organisation Plans: Approval for new 120 pupil school to replace Heol Goffa Special School and consultation on the prospective closure of Blaenau and Mynydd y Garreg C.P. Schools due to very low pupil numbers.
 - iii) Local Development Order: discussion on streamlining certain planning development processes.
 - iv) Highways Annual Report: Indicating that some £6m was required to bring roads up to standard..
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

100.0 Agenda Item 9. Correspondence.

100.1 Consultation		
Ref	From	Details
100.1.1	Natural England	• Views sought on Revision of Countryside Code. Deadline: 15.12.20
100.1.2	Mid Wales Fire and Rescue	• Draft Corporate Plan 2021-2026
100.1.3	Welsh Wildlife Org	• Survey regarding Invasive Non-Native Species. Closing date 25.11.20
100.1.4	Welsh Govt	• Ministerial Survey on Ageing. Survey on Strengthening and Advancing Equality and Human Rights
100.1.5	Welsh Govt	• Seeking views on revised TAN 15 flood map. Deadline 08.01.21.
100.1.6	Welsh Govt	• Consultation regarding draft statutory guidance for principal Council's on Performance and Governance functions
100.1.7	Police Commissioner	• Online Survey Seeking Views on Police Priorities and Budgets 2021/22
100.1.8	Luke National Charity/Age Concern/ Carers Trust Wales	• Online survey regarding the experiences of people aged 50+ who provide unpaid support to family and friends

100.2 Correspondence		
Ref	From	Guidance or Information Regarding
100.2.1	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friend in Need Grant of up to £2k which promote social connections between people eg befriending project, school. Care home. Grant closes 04.02.21 Q+A Online session 09 12 20
100.2.2	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forget Me Knot Choir sessions for dementia sufferers and their families via zoom Mondays and Wednesdays until 21.12.20.
100.2.3	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drefach square bus shelter. Work to start 07.12.20.
100.2.4	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic copy of Happiness December Calendar provided.
100.2.5	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of a grant, of up to £1k, which third sector organisations can apply for from ASDA. Deadline 06.12.20
100.2.6	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect to kindness advent calendar. Local community story available on Facebook.
100.2.7	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Community Support List provided. • In future such details will be provided on the Dewis/ Infoengine. Any organisations/ companies or Volunteers wishing to continue to promote their service should register on the Dewis system.
100.2.8	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise that Owen Davies have been appointed to work on the development of a long-term strategic vision to support the economic resilience and future sustainable growth of Cross Hands. They will make contact with the Community Council and other stakeholders to gather evidence and produce a plan.
100.2.9	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise of a Carers Rights day programme of activities available online November 23-26th.
100.2.10	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetable for November and December on online events.
100.2.11	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Toy Appeal Seeking toys, gifts or financial support.
100.2.12	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm appointment of Cllr N Lewis to the Cross Hands-Drefach Federation for a four-year period ending 13.11.24.
100.2.13	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of Volunteering Recovery Grant (Covid) 2020/21 provided. Closing date applications:18.12.20.
100.2.14	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic copy of Electoral newsletter available.
100.2.15	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas advice for people who are shielding
100.2.16	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular Economy Fund: Grant available to organisations involved in re-use and re-cycling who create wealth from waste. • Closing date 01.12.20
100.2.17	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Biodiversity Partnership Conference 23 to 27th November

100.2.18	Commissioner for Future Generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise that the organisations has adopted a policy of providing access for their employees to a grant or loan to help them leave an abusive partner.
100.2.19	Wales Inst of Social and Economic Research and Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic copy of November Newsletter available.
100.2.20	WLGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic Update on Coronavirus available.
100.2.21	Mid Wales Fire and Rescue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter edition of newsletter available electronically.
100.2.22	Police and Crime Commissioner Dyfed Powys Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise that Town and Community Councillors are being targeted by fraudsters using online contact details.
100.2.23	Hywel Dda CHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October newsletter available.
100.2.24	Gorslas Welfare Assoc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation for Chair to attend Christmas Tree Light Switch on Friday 04.12.20.
100.2.25	Age Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic copy of Autumn Newsletter provided.
100.2.26	Age Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fuel Poverty: Advice available on their website how to stay warm and safe this winter.
100.2.27	Age Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of a digital support programme which has provided support by telephone for 215 people across 3 counties. Contact details are provided for anyone needing support.
100.2.28	Age Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of World Kindness Day and Christmas Calendar competition.
100.2.29	Versus Arthritis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of two online group events on 02/03 December,2020
100.2.30	Cancer Information 7 Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for financial assistance To be included with request for 2021/22
100.2.31	WCVA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance on re-opening Community Centers.
100.2.32	Refill Wales Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking for details of any water fountains owned by the Council for inclusion on an app. They also link to a water fountain supplier should the Council wish to install one.
100.2.33	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaint re external condition of a property. Advised property not in G.C.C 's area and to report to Carms C.C.
100.2.34	Member of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of an event at 6.00p.m Christmas Eve where people will go outside and ring a bell for 2 minutes to celebrate Christmas.
100.2.35	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Future Wales National Plan 2040
100.2.36	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of Community Support Services available over Christmas

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100.2.37	Hywel Dda CHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Copy of November Newsletter provided.
100.2.38	Peace Pledge Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of thanks for donation form Chair's Fund
100.2.39	Welsh Ambulance Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking organisations who have a defibrillator to register a guardian for it with the Trust.
100.2.40	Dyfed Powys Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning of domain pretending to be Microsoft
100.2.41	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery Grant for Volunteers accepting bids. Closing 18.12.20
100.2.42	Age Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New National 50+ Alcohol Helpline operational.

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

101.0 Agenda Item 9 One Voice Wales.

101.1 Online Training Opportunities

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

101.2 Members Survey.

- A summary report detailing the outcome of a member survey is available.
- Amongst the findings were that members were of the view that the Association provided an excellent and necessary service.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information received.

101.3 Scam Royal Mail Notifications.

- Dyfed Powys Police advise of fake Royal Mail notifications being sent out by e-mail asking for a payment to re-arrange a non-delivery.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information received.

101.4 Town and Country Planning

- Welsh Government are seeking to arrange a seminar in relation to the proposal to establish Joint Committees. Responses by 18.11.20.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information received.

101.5 Fake Calls purportedly from the Police.

- Advise criminals are contacting individuals and claiming there is fraudulent activity on a bank card and asking for personal information and a pin to check their identity.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information received.

102.0 Agenda Item 10 Planning Matters

102.1 Planning Applications.

Ref	Type and Description	Location
PL/00506	Householder Planning Permission. Two storey rear extension to dwelling.	65 Heol Y Parc, Cefneithin, SA14 7DL
PL/00586	Removal/Variation of Conditions No 4,5&10 on W/34955 to allow for an increase in house type scales.	Land adjacent to the A48, Heol Y Parc, Cefneithin SA14 7DS
PL/00773	Non-Material Amendment. Allow Alteration to Plan as approved. Enlargement of rear annex of plot 1 only,	10 Heol Y Dre, Cefneithin, SA14 7DR
PL/00651	Full Planning. Replacement Single Storey Dwelling.	78 Black Lion Rd, Gorslas, SA14 6RU.
PL/00820	Full Planning Permission Proposed New Residential Dwelling, Detached Garage and Associated Works	35, Heol Cwmmawr, Drefach, Llanelli.
PL/00822	Householder Planning Permission Replacement Domestic Garage (Retrospective)	36 Heol Y Parc, Cefneithin, SA14 7DE

- **Resolved:**
 - i) To receive and note the information provided.
 - ii) PL/00820: Linked to Urgent Local Matters 98.8.

102.2 Drefach Cae Coch Development: Decision to waive Section 106 Contributions Cae Coch.

- Councillors Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price had met with the Head of Planning and officers from the County Council's legal department in relation to the decision by the County Council to accede to the developer's request for the section 106 charges to be waived due to additional unforeseen building cost.
- Details of the process which the County Council was required to follow in such circumstances had been provided. The application by the developer had been assessed by the relevant department accordingly and the request approved.
- There would therefore not be any section 106 contributions arising from the development.
- The two County Councillors had taken the matter up directly with the Leader of the County Council as a result of which representations would be made to Welsh Government to change the requirements relating to the consideration of such requests to make them transparent and fair.
- **Resolved:** To thank the Councillors for their work and to convey in the submission to Welsh Government that the Community Council wholeheartedly supported the proposed changes.

103.0 Finance Agenda Item 11.

103.1 New External Audit Arrangements.

- Under the revised audit arrangements all Councils have an additional transactional audit once every three years. For Gorslas Community Council that audit will be for the 2022/23 financial year.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

103.2 Section 137 Limit.

- Welsh Government have advised that the sum for calculation of the limit for the 2021/22 financial year is £ 8.41 per elector. The information would be used in setting the precept for the year.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

103.3 Audit 2019-20.

- External Auditor enquiries regarding variations in pattern of expenditure from previous years. Explanation provided and the audit could proceed.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information received.

103.4 Precept Determination 2021/22.

- Carmarthenshire County Council have advised that there has not yet been a formal meeting in relation to advising on the Band D figure which is used by Community Councils in determining the precept for the 2021/22 year
- **Resolved.** To receive and note the information provided

103.5 Monthly Income and Expenditure/ Receipts and Payments

Paid To	Description	Amount £
Income	VAT 2019-20 Refund	7,761.94
Expenditure		
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge	24.60
Clerk	Wages Inc. Arrears	1,209.72
L Mainwaring	Attending to P Conv Plumbing Fault	60.00

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

104.0 Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the Council would be online at 7.00p.m. on Monday 11th January,2021.
- There being no further busines to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:55 hrs and reminded everyone to stay safe and to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.