

# CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an online meeting of the Gorslas Community Council Sub-Committee

Held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020 at 19.00 hrs.

## 1.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Iestyn Llwyd (Chair), Andrew King (Vice Chair), Tina Butler, Terry Jones, Nia Lewis.
- Others: Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council.
- Apologies for absence: None received

## 1.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 19:00hrs.
- Cllr Llwyd also conveyed, on behalf of the Council, how sorry they were to learn of the passing of Cllr Terry Jones's daughter and wished to convey the Council's sympathy and condolences to Cllr Jones and his family.

## 2.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- No declarations of interests were made.
- **Resolved:** To note and record accordingly.

## 3.0 Agenda Item 3 Consider the Reopening of Play Areas in the Council's Parks

- Details of the report, risk assessments together with draft signage had been forwarded to each member of the full Council prior to the Sub-Committee's meeting.
- Members were provided with the details of the observations submitted by members as a result of that process. Whilst different views were received the majority of members were in favour of reopening the play areas once the appropriate measures were in place.
- Following guidance from Welsh Government, the Council's insurers and the Association of Play Industries Risk Assessments had been undertaken in respect of each park and play area.
- In accordance with the assessment the play equipment had been inspected by Carmarthenshire County Council and no items of concern had been reported.
- A number of seats had been removed from swings in the play areas to ensure compliance with social distancing guidelines.
- Discussion then took place in relation to the observations received from members, the guidance received, the individual risk assessments and the signage.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) The play areas be opened as soon as possible subject to the necessary measures being in place.
  - (ii) The measures to include the implementation of the principles included in the risk assessment as far as practical at each park.
  - (iii) That the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the purchase and fitting of suitable signage based on the template and subject to the amendments agreed by the Sub-Committee

#### 4.0 Agenda Item 4 Other Matters.

##### 4.1 Cefneithin Park

- Requests had been received from three organisations to be allowed to use the park for various activities over the summer period.
- The activities would normally take place at Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Hall however due to the Covid-19 restrictions such activities were not allowed to take place indoors.
- The organisations had each completed the application form and agreed to the terms of use.
- Details of the applications had been forwarded to the Cefneithin Ward members for comment. The responses received were in favour of granting the requests.
- Members considered the requests, the benefits to the community and whether the use was in accordance with the conditions and purposes assigned to the park.
- **Resolved:** That on the basis of the information provided and subject to compliance with the terms and conditions approval be granted for the following applications for the periods stated
  - (i) Rugbytots
  - (ii) Cefneithin R.F.C.
  - (iii) Gavin Rees- Solid Foundations N.L.F.

##### 4.2 Drefach Park.

- A request had been received from Drefach Football Club for the use of the Park during July and August 2020 for the use of the park for junior training purposes. The Covid-19 social distancing restrictions meant that they could not facilitate all of the young people during these months on the facilities at the old Ysgol Y Gwendraeth pitches and greater space per player was needed.
- **Resolved:** To approve the request on the same terms and conditions as the existing agreement.

##### 4.3 Drefach: Signs Traffic Island Henffordd.

- Members were advised that the damaged items had been replaced.

##### 4.4 Cefneithin: Footpaths 31/7 and 31/6.

- Footpath 31/7 was overgrown and badly in need of cutting back.
- Footpath 31/6. There had been a long-standing issue between the County Council and the landowner regarding the footpath.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk report the matters to the County Council.

##### 4.5 Cefneithin: Memorial Gates to Carwyn James.

- Members advised that an enquiry had been received from the Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association regarding the whereabouts of the memorial gates which had been taken away for repair a considerable number of years ago.
- **Resolved:** The Clerk to make enquiries.

##### 4.6 Cefneithin Park: Park Gates.

- Prior to Covid-19 outbreak the Council was looking to progress with the painting of the park gates.
- **Resolved:** That further enquiries be made of the contractor to obtain a quotation.

**5.0 Closure of Meeting.** There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:35hrs.