

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an online meeting of the Gorslas Community Council

held on Monday, 10th May, 2021, at 19.45 hrs.

17.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

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

18.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed members to the meeting which was declared open at 19:45 hrs.
- **Resolved to:** Approve and accept the reasons for non-attendance.

19.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

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

Agenda Item	Councillors	Nature of Interest
23.7	Darren Price	New School: Member of County Council which is party to negotiation
27.0	Darren Price	Member of a body seeking financial assistance.
23.7	Aled Vaughan Owen	Member of Governing Body and County Council who are party to negotiation.
27.0	Aled Vaughan Owen	Member of a body seeking financial assistance.
29.0	Wyn Edwards	Involvement with the organisation submitting the planning application
29.0	Anthony Rees	Involvement with the organisation submitting the planning application

- Item: It was noted that the 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 issues.
- **Resolved to:** Note and record the declarations of interest from members.

20.0 Agenda Item 3 Consider the Minutes of the April Ordinary Meetings of the Council.

- Members, under the direction of the Chair, examined in detail each page of the minutes of the April Ordinary meeting of the Council for accuracy.
- **Resolved that:** The notes of the meeting be confirmed as an accurate and true record of the discussions and decisions.

21.0 Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- Members considered the updated information provided with the papers for the meeting.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided and for any discussion relating to those matters to be undertaken under the appropriate agenda heading.

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22.0 Agenda Item 5: Opportunity for the Public to address the Council.

- **Resolved:** As there were no members of the public present to move onto the next agenda item.

23.0 Agenda Item 6: Corporate Matters.

23.1 Tenders Landscaping Work Cefneithin.

- No tenders had been received in respect of the works.
- **Resolved:** To re- tender at the end of August,2021.

23.2 Tenders Play Equipment

- Discussion took place in respect of the tenders received.
- **Resolved that:**
 - (i) An extra ordinary meeting of the Council be convened on the 17th May,2021
 - (ii) Two contractors be invited to attend and give a presentation to support their submission with a Question-and-Answer session following each presentation.
 - (iii) That, in view of the possibility of the Association making a donation towards the cost of equipment at Gorslas Park, up to 3 representatives from the Gorslas Welfare Association be invited to attend the meeting.

23.3 Quotation Works Gorslas Public Convenience.

- Prices had been received from a specialist contractor in relation to various options for the replacement of the current steel doors.
- **Resolved:** The quotation for the replacement of four cubicle doors be accepted and actioned at a cost of £5,265.63 ex VAT.

23.4 Maintenance Works Play Equipment and Surfaces.

- A quotation of £300 had been received from the maintenance contractor for the pressure washing of play and safety equipment in the three parks.
- **Resolved:** To instruct that the works proceed at the price submitted.

23.5 Ward Members Update.

- Members received and considered a report from the Drefach Ward meeting which had been held on the 4th May,2021.
- It had not been possible for the other ward members to hold meetings during the period.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

23.6 Annual Review Clerk.

- The Chair and Vice Chair met with the Clerk online on Wednesday 28th April,2021.
- A review was taken of the objectives set for the previous year and progress made.
- It was noted that a number of the key objectives had been dependent on decisions by outside bodies e.g. School Governing Body and thus should not form part of the appraisal process.
- Agreement was reached on objectives for 2021/22 details of which had been provided with the documents for the meeting. It was proposed that the Clerk should undertake Cilca training.

- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
 - (ii) That an application be made for the Clerk to undertake Cilca training and financial assistance be sought towards the cost from Welsh Government.

23.7 Other Corporate Matters

- An update report in relation to progress on corporate matters was considered by members.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
 - (ii) That the Chair and Clerk attend an online meeting relating to the Ten Towns Initiative.

24.0 Agenda Item 7: Park Issues.

Ref	Issue	Detail	Resolved
24.1	Cefneithin Park	Damage to Wooden seat Bench Reported on 10 05 21. Temporary repairs to make safe undertaken 10.05.21. Contractor instructed to repair. 10.05.21	To receive, note and approve the actions taken.
24.2	Gorslas Park	Request for additional bin to be provided as a result of dog owners leaving dog poo bags in the hedge bordering the park and the property.	To monitor and review the position.
24.3	Gorslas Park	Topsoil for Park Flowerbed.	For consideration at next meeting
24.4	Gorslas Park	Report received 10.05.21 that a Flower planter had been Vandalised and broken Contractor instructed to remove.	To receive, note and approve the actions taken.

25.0 Agenda Item 8: Urgent Local Matters.

25.1 Cefneithin: Fly Tipping and abandoned Camper Van.

- It was reported that a number of items such as mattresses had been fly tipped at the site. There was also an issue related to the parking of an old camper van.
- **Resolved:** That the local members pursue the matter with the County Council.

25.2 Drefach: World War 2 Pillar Box

- A request had been received for the Community Council to seek to do something to celebrate and commemorate a World War 2 Pillar Box situated on land adjacent to Heol Blaenhirwaun.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen to make enquiries of the County Council regarding the ownership of the land on which the pillar box is situated and which would be required for public access.
 - (ii) That the inclusion of the pillar box be considered as part of any local history/heritage board.

25.3 Gorslas: Abandoned Vehicle Clos Y Gwendraeth.

- It was reported that a vehicle had been left and abandoned for a period of some weeks at the site. The County Council were in the process of removing the vehicle.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

26.0 Agenda Item 9: Members Reports

26.1 County Council Update Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price.

- An update was provided for members which included the following: -
 - ❖ Drefach: Bron Yr Ynn Tree Issue – meeting requested with C.C.C. Officers.
 - ❖ Penygroes: Further flooding issues.
 - ❖ Cefneithin/Foelgastell- Planning enforcement issue.
 - ❖ Housing Transfers: Means of helping those not online to access system being examined.
 - ❖ Drefach: Lorry Traffic Issue being investigated by C.C.C Officers.
 - ❖ Cefneithin: Leaning Wall/footpath issue being monitored.
 - ❖ Drefach; Canolfan Carwyn re-opening 15.05.21.
 - ❖ Gorslas: Investigations ongoing into flooding at Gorslas square.
 - ❖ Gorslas: Owners of three abandoned vehicles tracked. Vehicles removed by owners.
 - ❖ Drefach: Heol Cwmmawr- illegal Clothes Bank removed.
 - ❖ Waste Collection: Proposal to reduce black bin collection to once every 3 weeks and introducing a system of collecting a greater variety of items for recycling from homes.
 - ❖ L.D.P. Had been adopted by C.C.C. and an error in classification of land at Drefach as recreational had been corrected. The plan was now with Welsh Govt.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

27.0 Agenda Item 10: Consultation/ General Correspondence

- Members considered the items of correspondence detailed in the papers for the meeting.
- Applications for Financial Assistance: Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen declared an interest in the matter and took no part in the discussion or decision.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
 - (ii) That consideration of applications for financial assistance be deferred to the June meeting

28.0 Agenda Item 11 One Voice Wales Matters.

28.1 Area Committee Meeting 4th May,2021.

- Cllr Wyn Edwards attended the meeting and provided feedback for members which included; -
 - (i) A requirement to provide an opportunity for the public to address Council meetings.
 - (ii) Future requirement to produce Annual Report. O.V..W to produce a template.
 - (iii) Future requirement to provide Training Plan: O.V.W to produce a template.
 - (iv) A very informative talk had been given by a representative of the Hywel Dda Community Health Council in relation to feedback regarding issues related to Health issues.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

29.0 Agenda Item 12: Planning

- Consideration was given to the schedule of planning applications for the month
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

30.0 Agenda Item 13 Finance Monthly Payments April

Paid / Received	Description	Amount £
Income	Precept Installment 1	37,051.34
Expenditure		
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge	21.30
Clerk	Wages and Travel	1,233.60
TBM	Litter March	480.00
TBM	Fencing Drefach and Litter Feb Jan	1,560.00
Extreme Trees	Tree Supply Planting and removal 2 trees	576.00
One Voice Wales	Membership 2021/22	782.00
Proctor Supplies	Additional Post Drefach Park	14.40

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

31.0 Agenda Item 14. Next Meeting.

- Members with an interest in developing a newsletter were asked to remain online for a discussion once the formal Council meeting finished.
- Next Meeting: Online Monday 17th May,2021, at 18:15hrs.
- There being no further matters of business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:15hrs.