

# CYNGOR CYMUNED GORS-LAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an online meeting of the Gors-las Community Council

held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, at 19.00 hrs.

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

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

## 97.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone.
- It was noted that Cllr T Jones had provided additional information indicating that he would not be attending meetings for the foreseeable future.
- **Resolved to:** Approve and accept the reasons for non-attendance by members including approving an extended period of approved absence for Cllr T Jones.

## 98.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

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

Agenda Item	Councillor	Nature of Interest
102.2	D Price	Personal: Member of Carms C.C who are party to the negotiation.
102.2	Aled Vaughan Owen	Personal: Member of Drefach Football Club who are the applicant.
107.0	N Beckett	Personal and Prejudicial. Joint Owner of a property the subject of a planning application
107.0	L Williams	Personal and Prejudicial. Joint Owner of a property the subject of a planning application

- Cllrs D Price and Aled Vaughan Owen had a personal but not prejudicial interest in matters regarding the new school and thus could join in discussions and voting on the relevant items.
- **Resolved to:** Note and record the declarations of interest from members.

## 99.0 Agenda Item 3 Consider the Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Council.

- Members examined and considered in detail each page of the October minutes of the Council.
- **Resolved that:** The notes be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and decisions.

## 100.0 Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- There were no additional items of discussion to those included in the progress report.
- **Resolved that:** The information be noted and discussion take place as part of relevant item

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

- There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.

- **Resolved to:** Note and record the position.

## 102.0 Agenda Item 6: Corporate Matters.

### 102.1 Progress Report.

- An update was provided regarding progress in implementing previous Council decisions.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

### 102.2 New Gorslas School Management Agreement.

- It was noted that the County Council Officers were seeking to progress the matter.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 102.3 New Play Equipment.

- The installation of the new play equipment at Gorslas and Cefneithin Parks was proceeding as per time table i.e. equipment fitted by 12.11.21 with safety surfaces by 19.11.21.
- It was noted that the inspection reports had highlighted issues regarding the safety surfacing at Gorslas Park which required attention.
- **Resolved to:**
  - (i) Receive and note the information provided.
  - (ii) Suspend the relevant sections of the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders to allow the work to proceed as a matter of urgency to prevent injury to park users.
  - (iii) Instruct that the works be incorporated within the current contract at a cost of £ 4,886.00.

### 102.4 CCTV Provision.

- As advised following discussions with County Council Lighting Engineers it had been necessary to revise the requirements to include for CCTV camera poles and additional electrical work.
- The County Council has also indicated that, in view of the height of the poles, there would now be a need for a planning application.
- The additional costs were as follows: -
  - (i) Provision and fitting of additional Poles and transmitter units etc - £ 3,999.00
  - (ii) Electrical works to buildings and lighting units - £ 2,000
  - (iii) Planning Fees - £ 460.00
  - (iv) Preparation of Applications: £ 350.00
- **Resolved to :**
  - (i) In view of the number of incidents and the damage to Council property to suspend the relevant sections of the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders to allow the work to proceed as a matter of urgency.
  - (ii) Publish information on the Council's social media platforms and provide hard copy notices in the information boards stating the intention to place CCTV cameras in the parks , and specifying that measures will be taken to safeguard the privacy of neighbouring properties.

#### 102.5 Additional Fencing: Cefneithin MUGA.

- Members were advised that the County Council required more formal plans in relation to the proposal. A price of £220 was obtained for the work.
- **Resolved:** To instruct and proceed with the work asap.

#### 102.6 Access: Drefach Park.

- A request had been received from Drefach Football Club to be provided with access to the park to cut the grass on the area used for training the under 12's football team.
- Cllr Green provided members with background information regarding the provision of barriers at the main entrance.
- It was also noted that the request had been received in response to the purchase of a larger mowing machine by the club which was capable of mulching the cuttings.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) To agree to the request subject to the provision of updated risk assessments.
  - (ii) That it would be beneficial, given the turnover in personnel. for the Sub Committee to meet with representatives from the club to discuss arrangements.

#### 102.7 Vandalism: Gorslas Toilets.

- Three of the new doors fitted on 23.09.21 had their locks broken and one sash damaged on 15.10.21. The matter was reported to the Police.
- Costs had been obtained for the repair with two options provided - £198 for a replacement lock and £ 952.36 for a replacement sash.
- **Resolved:** To proceed with the lock repair only and reconsider the position following the installation of CCTV cameras.

#### 102.8 Damage: Gorslas New Barriers.

- It was noted during a site visit on 26.10.21 that the bolt securing the two halves of the barrier together had been damaged.
- Lloyd and Gravell were providing assistance in effecting repairs.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

#### 102.9 Delegation Report.

- To allow a fuller discussion it was proposed to defer consideration until the next meeting.
- **Resolved:** To discuss the report at the December meeting of the Council.

#### 102.10 Council's Website.

- Discussion took place in relation to the considerable work undertaken in the pre-pandemic period in developing a new website. There remained a need to do so.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) To ascertain an assessment of the technical suitability of the current website.
  - (ii) That the matter be progressed by the Sub Committee.

#### 102.11 Newsletter.

- It was appreciated that much work had been undertaken regarding the preparation of a newsletter however the impetus had been somewhat diluted since the start of the pandemic.

- **Resolved to:**
  - (i) Aim to produce a newsletter by March 2022.
  - (ii) Ascertain if assistance on the technical aspects of producing a newsletter could be obtained from educational institutions.
  - (iii) Each ward to nominate an individual who would be responsible for collating and putting forward items and articles for inclusion in the newsletter.

## 102.12 Ward Updates.

### 102.12.1 Drefach Ward Members Meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November,2021.

- Details of the issues discussed at the above meeting were provided.
- Speeding was raised as an issue. Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen advised that following the tragic incident near the Mansel Arms an assessment of traffic and speeds would be undertaken by the County Council. Concerns regarding speeding vehicles had also been reported at Heol Cwmmawr. A group of residents who were concerned at the speeding in Drefach had been established. The group had been offered a speed camera to undertake their own traffic checks.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 103.0 Agenda Item 7: Park Operational Matters.

- There were no other operational matters for discussion.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 104.0 Agenda Item 8: Urgent Local Matters.

#### 104.1 Wayside Seat at Y Glyn, Cefneithin.

- Members were advised that in the light of provision of a wayside seat by the County Council at Heol Afallon Drefach, a request had been made by the County Councillors for the County Council to provide the seat at Y Glyn.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

#### 104.2 Schedule of Benches/Assets.

- Cllr D Price advised that he had submitted a request for the County Council to provide a schedule of the benches/ Bus Shelters which were within the ward and in their ownership.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

### 105.0 Agenda Item 9: Members Reports.

#### 105.1 County Council Matters: Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price.

- A summary of the matters relevant to the area and electorate was provided and included: -
  - a) Speeding: As advised in 102.12.1 the issue remains a concern and assessments are underway.
  - b) Waste Strategy: Was proceeding and would see 3 weekly black bag collections.
  - c) Flooding: Houses in Gorslas suffered water ingress during the bad weather. It appears the work undertaken by Dwr Cymru during the summer had not been successful.
  - d) Defibrillators: Gorslas Welfare Association were looking at providing an additional defibrillator in the village. Cllr A King offered to look into the non-working unit outside the Phoenix and to provide training in the three villages for Councillors and the public on the use of defibrillators

- e) Canolfan Carwyn: The process of transferring the facility to the Welsh Baton Twirlers was underway and in the hands of the County Council Solicitors. A community liaison type committee would be established and there were opportunities for anyone interested to join.
  - f) Uwch Gwendraeth Site: The County Council were in negotiations with the company and remained hopeful of a solution. It was noted that a broadband provider undertaking work on the site had been required to ensure the work undertaken would be to an adoptable standard.
  - g) Former Ysgol Y Gwendraeth Site: It was reported that there had been sporadic maintenance of grassed areas on the site. The County Council were preparing a management plan for the site.
  - h) Social Services: Due to the pandemic both public sector and private providers were experiencing considerable difficulties and delays in providing care packages for clients.
  - i) Heol Y Gelli, Foelgastell: Some progress had been made in resolving the difficulties regarding the rights of residents to sell or dispose of properties. Seemingly the only way forward for the County Council to purchase the site from the Crown Estates at a mutually acceptable price.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

#### **105.2 Cross Hands Hall and Public Cinema Trust- Cllr C. Green.**

- An update was provided regarding the discussion at the meeting on the 27.10.21. which included the practical aspects of the new requirement regarding Covid passports.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

#### **106.0 Agenda Item 10 Correspondence and Consultation.**

##### **106.1 Consultation: Dog Control Orders.**

- Discussion and consideration was given to the matter and the practical issues and difficulties which were arising from the present arrangement.
- **Resolved:** To allow considering of all options discussion be deferred to the December meeting.

#### **107.0 Agenda Item 11: One Voice Wales.**

##### **106.1 Carmarthenshire Area Committee: Cllr W Edwards**

- Cllr Edwards provided an update in relation to the meeting at which it was noted that the National Lottery had appointed County Co-Ordinator's to assist organisations in making bids.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

##### **106.2 Model Informal Resolution Protocol.**

- Members considered and discussed the model protocol provided by One Voice Wales.
- **Resolved:** To adopt the model protocol and to use it as a basis for further development.

##### **106.3 Questionnaire: Issues arising for Councils from New Meeting Requirement.**

- Details of the questionnaire were discussed by members.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk complete the questionnaire based on a summary of the discussion.

##### **106.4 Training/Correspondence: Details of courses and correspondence**

- Details of upcoming courses had been provided to members.
- **Resolved that:** Any member wishing to attend a course contact the Chair and Clerk direct.

**107.0 Agenda Item 12: Planning Matters.**

- Deceleration of personal and prejudicial interest was made by Cllrs N Beckett and Linda Williams in application PL/02743.as the owners of the property. The members did not take part in or present during consideration of this matter.
- Members proceeded to then consideration the schedule of applications received.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

**108.Agenda Item 13 Finance**

**108.1 Monthly Transactions September**

<b>Paid /Received</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
<b>Income</b>	VAT Refund Qtr 2	2,408.63
<b>Expenditure</b>		
WCVA	Payroll Charge September	21.30
Wrenvale	Grass Cutting Charge	1,116.00
Clerk	Pay	1,172.40
Danfo	P Convenience Monthly Charge	688.20
Wrenvale	Weedkiller	216.00

**109.0 Agenda Item 14 Next Meeting.**

- The next ordinary meeting would be at 19:00hrs on 13.12.21 online.
- There being no further items of business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:25hrs