

# CYNGOR CYMUNED GORS-LAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, at 19.00 hrs.

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

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

## 125.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 19:00 hrs.
- **Resolved:** To Approve and accept the reasons for non-attendance by members.

## 126.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

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

Agenda Item	Councillor	Nature of Interest
130.3	D Price	Personal: Member of Carms C.C who are party to the negotiation.
130.3	Aled Vaughan Owen	Personal: Member of Carms C..C and Gorslas CP Governing Body who are parties in the negotiations.

- Cllr D Price 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.

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

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

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

- There were no matters arising from the minutes considered at this point.
- **Resolved that:** The information be noted and discussion take place as part of relevant item

## 129.0 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.

## 130.0 Agenda Item 6: Corporate Matters.

### 130.1 Progress Report.

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

### 130.2 Sub Committee Meeting 17.12.21.

- The Chair provided feedback to members on the decisions and recommendations of the Sub Committee which were as follows: -

#### (i) New Play Equipment:

- As instructed by the Council the Sub Committee examined the position in relation to the provision of the new equipment at both parks.
- In terms of processing the invoices it was resolved that: -
  - (i) Gorslas Park: Payment be authorised as the necessary inspections/checks had been made.
  - (ii) Cefneithin Park: Payment of the invoice be made upon receipt of a satisfactory post installation report and a satisfactory inspection by the County Council Inspector.
- **Resolved:** To accept, note and confirm the decision of the Sub Committee.

#### (ii) Priority Budgeting

- To recommend to the Council that: -
  - (i) The need for a process which encouraged proposals to be made be acknowledged.
  - (ii) To enhance the ability to respond quickly to funding opportunities that the form establishes need, timing, costs whilst also linking to the Strategic Document and aims of funding bodies.
  - (iii) A timetable be adopted with proposals being submitted by June each year, considered by the Sub Committee and decided by full Council in time for inclusion in the following and or subsequent financial years budgets.
  - (iv) The Clerk prepare a draft form for the submission of proposals and seek the views of the Regional Co-Ordinator of the National Lottery on its suitability.
- **Resolved:** To accept and adopt the Sub Committees recommendations.

#### (iii) Website Development

- To recommend and advise the Council that: -
  - (i) The need for a 6-week block requirement to undertake the work be acknowledged.
  - (ii) Time would also be needed to review and amend current documentation e.g. minutes to comply with the legislation.
  - (iii) In view of the time required, and of the need to complete current projects, the development be postponed for the present time.
  - (iv) That member and the Clerk, review the documentation held on the current website with a view to removing as many documents as possible.
  - (v) That members look at examples of websites of other Councils in Wales and bring suggestions as to what they would wish to see on the website to the next meeting.

- **Resolved:**
  - (i) To accept and adopt the recommendations of the Sub Committee.
  - (ii) That Cllr N Beckett be provided with access to edit and amend the Council’s website.

**130.3 Consultation on Future Use of the Current Gorslas CP School Site.**

- As advised at the December meeting the County Council were undertaking consultation to ascertain if there was interest in making use of the building, when it becomes vacant, for community use. The closing date for responding is 22.01.22.
- Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen indicated that together with Cllr Darren Price they had contacted local organisations, and distributed letters to every household in the ward, advising them of the consultation and how to submit proposals. They had also drawn the attention of those involved in the Ten Towns initiative to the opportunities the site presented.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

**130.4 Consultation: Carmarthenshire County Council Additional Dog Control Measures**

- The County Council had written seeking comments and observations regarding the possible extension of dog control measure in Public Spaces.
- **Resolved:** To respond to the consultation to the effect that the Community Council supported the extension of the measures to include a requirement for owners to keep dogs on a lead of no more than 5m in length whilst in a public recreational park.

**130.5 Chairs Christmas Message.**

- Following consultation with members a letter of seasonal greetings and providing information on investment programs undertaken by the Council over the year was published on the Council’s website and Facebook page.
- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the actions taken and the information provided.

**131.0 Agenda Item 7: Park Operational Matters.**

**131.1 Gorslas Park: Teen Shelter.**

- A communication had been received regarding issues at the Teen Shelter and the possibility of providing a tarmac base.
- A response had been provided noting that the location of the Shelter was under review following the receipt of several requests for its removal.
- **Resolved to:** Note and approve the actions taken and to continue to monitor the position in relation to the shelter

**131.2 Gorslas Park: Litter Recycling**

- A communication had been received form a pupil at Gorslas C.P. School regarding the possibility of introducing recycling facilities within the Gorslas play area itself.
- Discussion took place in relation to the existing provision, current disposal arrangements and contracts at the three parks which the Council operate as well as new opportunities arising out of the re-location of the new school.

- **Resolved that:**
  - (i) The option be explored during the re-tendering of the litter disposal contract during 22/23.
  - (ii) Ways of involving pupils in measures to encourage the use of existing re-cycling facilities adjoining the park be examined together with an analysis of the nature of litter in the park.

**132.0 Agenda Item 8: Urgent Local Matters.**

- There were no items of discussion under this heading.
- **Resolved:** To note the position.

**133.0 Agenda Item 9: Members Reports.**

**133.1 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) Funding: There had been a 9.2% increase in funding from Welsh Govt for 22/23.
  - b) Education Scrutiny: The process associated with school re-organisations proposal, including the Gorslas CP School experience, had been examined and recommendations for changes in the process made.
  - c) Public Convenience Strategy being progressed.
  - d) Planning Enforcement: Backlog 710 cases – many were civil and not Planning matters.
  - e) Housing Issues: experiencing a significant volume.
  - f) Flooding: Remains an issue at Gorslas Square.
  - g) Drefach: Compton House parking issue.
  - h) Drefach: Uwch Gwendraeth/Cae Coch Road adoption: Cllr D Price to ascertain current position.
  - i) Speeding Vehicles: an issue throughout the wards.
  - j) Llyn Llech Owain: Issue had arisen following tree cutting at the site.
  - k) Section 106: A motion proposing changes to the system in light of the Cae Coch experience would be presented to the County Council in February,2022.
- **Resolved to:**
  - (i) Receive and note the information provided.
  - (ii) To accept Cllr D Price’s offer to ascertain progress regarding Cae Coch/ Uwch Gwendraeth.

**134.0 Agenda Item 10 Correspondence and Consultation.**

- Members considered the schedule of correspondence received.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the items of correspondence received.

**135.0 Agenda Item 11: One Voice Wales.**

**135.1 Area Committee Meeting: Cllr W Edwards**

- Cllr Edwards provided an update in relation to the meeting which he attended on behalf of the Community Council online on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January,2022. Items discussed included: -

- (i) News of the sudden and unexpected passing of Cllr Mair Stephens who had been one of the founder members of One Voice Wales.
  - (ii) IRPW Allowance: Positive progress had been made in persuading HMRC that the allowance should not be taxable. The Association was seeking the same status for Carers Allowance.
  - (iii) Mid Wales Fire and Rescue: Commencing a recruitment drive for 28 retained fire fighters.
  - (iv) Funding: Members advised of receiving funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- **Resolved to:**
    - (i) Receive and note the information provided.
    - (ii) Send a letter of condolence to Cllr Mair Stephens's family.

### 135.2 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.

### 136.0 Agenda Item 12: Planning Matters.

- Consideration was given to the schedule of planning applications which had been received
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

### 137.0 Agenda Item 13 Finance

#### 137.1 Monthly Transactions December

Paid /Received	Description	Amount £
<b>Income</b>	Final Precept Instalment	37,051.33
<b>Expenditure</b>		
WCVA	Payroll Charge September	21.30
Wrenvale	Grass Cutting Charge	1,116.00
Clerk	Pay/ Trav/ Refund of Payments	1,172.40
HMRC	Qtr 3 Payments Employee and Employer	1,682.42
Dyfed Pensions	Qtr 3 Payments Employee and Employer	1,651.50
Danfo	P Convenience	688.20
Sutcliffee Play	Play Equip Stage 1 Payment	99,562.80
Sutcliffee Play	Play Equipment Stage 2 Payment	23,314.76
Dwr Cymru	Gorslas P Conv	193.38
SWALEC	Gorslas P Conv	89.75
Bowen & Weaving	Litter Bin Drefach Park	234.00
One Voice Wales	Training Course Councillor	30.00
LW Design	Plans MUGA Fence and CCTV	770.00
Carms C.C.	Planning Fee Cefneithin CCTV	230.00
Carms C.C.	Planning Fee Drefach CCTV	230.00
Proctor Fencing	Additional Fencing Post Drefach	113.39
Llanlluan Chapel	Donation	250.00
Tabernacl	Donation	250.00
Gorslas Church	Donation	250.00
Capel Tabor	Donation	125.00
Capel Peniel	Donation	250.00
Capel Seion	Donation	250.00

Cwm Gwendraeth Mensshed	Donation	200.00
Cefneithin Welfare Assoc	Community Event Grant	175.00
Drefach Welfare Assoc	Community Event Grant	175.00
Gorslas Welfare Assoc	Community Event Grant	175.00

**137.2 Precept 22/23**

- C.C.C. advise that the Band D Rate for the 2022/23 financial year is £ 2,068.24.
- Election May 22.: The C.C.C. estimates do not indicate an amount payable for the election.
- **Resolved:**
  - (i) To receive and note the information provided.
  - (ii) That the Sub Committee meet and make recommendations in respect of draft budgets for the five-year period and the level of precept for the 2022/23 financial year.

**138.0 Agenda Item 14 Next Meeting.**

The next ordinary meeting would be at 19:00hrs on 14.02.22 online.