

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORS-LAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly meeting of the Gors-las Community Council

held online on Monday, 9th May 2022, at 20:05hrs.

26.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Councillors: Nia Lewis (Chair) Simon Martin (Vice Chair) Roy James, Gareth Jones, Chris Wilkins, Clive Green, Tina Butler, Kevin Jones, N Beckett and Andrew King.
- Others: Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council and Hefin Jones (Translator).
- Apologies for absence: Cllr Clive Douch
- **Resolved:** To note the information provided and accept the reason for Cllr Douch's absence.

26.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed members to the meeting which was declared open at 20:10hrs

27.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- There were no declarations of interests made by members.
- **Resolved to:** Note and record the position.

28.0 Agenda Item 3 Consider the Minutes of the April Meeting of the Council.

- Members examined in detail each page of the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 11th April, 2022.
- **Resolved that:** The minutes be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and decisions.

29.0 Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- There were no matters arising from the minutes considered under this item.
- **Resolved to:** Note and record the position.

30.0 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.

31.0 Agenda Item 6: Corporate Matters.

30.1 Progress Report.

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

30.2 Safety Surfaces: Drefach Park

- An update was provided for members on progress related to obtaining quotations for the rectification of issues related to the safety surfaces at Drefach Park.
- Quotations for various options for rectifying the issue had been sought from 4 contractors however thus far only one quotation had been received.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That the contractors be requested to urgently provide quotations
 - (ii) If necessary, the Sub Committee visit the site and make a recommendation in relation to the best option for progressing the matter.

(iii) An option of including the repair to the concrete base of a bench at Drefach Park be explored.

30.3 Compensation Claim – Gorslas Park

- Members were advised that a communication had been received from a solicitor seeking compensation for injury to a child in the park on the 6th June,2021.
- The Council’s solicitors and the County Council inspectors had been advised of the situation and the Clerk interviewed by an inspector appointed by the insurance company.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note then information provided.

30.4 Insurance Policy Renewal 2022/23

- Members were advised that the Council’s insurance policy in respect of buildings, equipment, public liability was due for renewal on 01.06.22.
- The renewal price had increased significantly as a result of the claim and also additional cover related to the use of the Gorslas MUGA. The renewal quotation was fixed for three years.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) In view of the outstanding claim to remain with the same insurer.
 - (ii) The renewal price from the specialist broker for the sector be accepted at £ 2,620.95 p.a.

30.5 Application for Use – Cefneithin Park.

- A request had been received from the Cefneithin and Foelgastell Welfare Association to be allowed to have exclusive use of part of the park and car park for a Jubilee Fun Day on Friday 3rd June,2022.
- **Resolved:** To grant the request subject to the Association providing proof of insurance and agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions for the use of the park as provided to them.

30.6 Maintenance Works.

- The importance of regular maintenance work in the parks by suitable contractors was considered and discussed.
- The Clerk advised that it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain suitable contractors for relatively small jobs. Other Clerks in the area were reporting similar difficulties.
- A possible way forward would be to secure an arrangement whereby the County Council provide a suitable person to undertake such works on a fixed basis of one-half day a month.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk make enquiries of the County Council as to the possibility and cost of such an arrangement for the 2022/23 year.

30.7 New Gorslas C.P. School Site Visit Tuesday 17.05.22

- Through the good offices of Messrs. Lloyd and Gravell and the County Council a visit had been arranged for members to visit the new school build on Tuesday 17th May at 17:30hrs.
- **Resolved that:** All members who are able to do so to attend.

30.8 Members Handover Meeting Sunday 29.05.22.

- As discussed previously it was felt that it would be useful for both the new members and those who retired from the Council in May 2022, to meet, exchange information and discuss ward and Community Council issues.
- **Resolved:** To proceed with the event and for all members to attend if possible.

30.9 Progress Update

- Members considered the update, which had been provided with the papers for the meeting, on previous decisions made by the Council.

30.9.1 Management Agreement.

- Members noted that there had not been any further progress in relation to establishing a Management Agreement for Community Use of certain of the facilities.
- **Resolved that:** Further contact be made with the representative of the Governing Body to progress matters.

30.9.2 Dog Fouling.

- Concerns had been relayed to the Council regarding the issues faced by Cefneithin C.P. school when seeking to use the MUGA and park.
- Staff were concerned at the level of litter which they encountered on occasion and also the significant amount of dog fouling in the park and the MUGA.
- Members from Drefach stated that they and also received complaints from park users regarding the high level of dog fouling in the park.
- CCTV would be provided at both Cefneithin and Drefach parks in the near future and would provide tangible evidence of the level of activity. Members were of the view that unless there was enforcement action as a result of the CCTV coverage then matters would not improve.
- **Resolved that:**
 - (i) Steps be undertaken to progress the provision of CCTV as soon as possible.
 - (ii) That a working group be established to examine the problem and make recommendation for improvement. The group membership to be multi agency and led by Cllr Roy James.

31.0 Agenda Item 7: Park Operational Matters.

31.1 Drefach Park – Damage to Signage.

- It was noted that signage had been damaged in the park, a sapling and wooden support stake uprooted and a bag of cement deposited near the entranceway. The issues had been addressed.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

31.2 Cefneithin Park – Damage to Signage.

- Signage attached to a pedestrian gate to the park had been removed and damaged. The sign had been found and re-fitted.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

32.0 Agenda Item 8: Urgent Local Matters.

32.1 Drefach: Speeding Vehicles Heol Cae Gwyn.

- Members had noted that, in response to the concerns of residents, the Go Safe Van and motorcycle had commenced speed checks.
- It was understood that the vehicles undertaking the checks had been located on ground owned by the Drefach Cricket and Football Club and that permission for the siting of the vehicles had since been withdrawn.

- **Resolved that:** The Community Council write to the Club asking that they re-consider the decision.

33.0 Agenda Item 9: Members Reports.

33.1 County Council Matters.

- Members noted that Cllrs Aled Vaughan Owen and Darren Price had been elected as the County Councillors representing the ward.
- It was also understood that Cllr Price had since been elected as Leader of Carmarthenshire County Council
- The Community Council had benefitted in previous years from the feedback provided, on both local and County wide matters, which the two had provided as members of both the Community and County Councils. Equally it was felt that feedback from fellow Community Councillors on issue at a local level had been of benefit to the County Council.
- **Resolved that:** The Clerk contact both Cllr Vaughan Owen and Price to find a way of continuing a mutual exchange and reporting of information on a regular basis.

33.2 Cross Hands Hall and Cinema Trustees – Cllr Clive Green.

- Cllr Green had Chaired the quarterly meeting of the Trustees on the 27TH April,2022.
- The Trustees were faced with increased energy and other inflationary pressures which had led to a decision to increase prices by £1. Feedback from customers had been positive.
- Mr Ellis Davies had retired from the position of Treasurer after many years.
- The next meeting of the Trustees would be on 27.07.22
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

34.0 Agenda Item 10 Correspondence and Consultation.

- Members considered the schedule of correspondence received.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the items of correspondence received.

35.0 Agenda Item 11: One Voice Wales.

- There were no items for discussion for this item.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the position

36.0 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.

37.0 Agenda Item 13 Finance

37.1 Annual Audit 2021/22

- As part of the annual audit process the Annual Return and supporting documentation has been provided to the Independent Auditor for checking and comment.
- **Recommendation:** To receive and note.

37.2 Monthly Payments April 2022

| Paid /Received | Description | Amount £ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Income | Precept – Inst 1 | 39,256.23 |
| | | |
| Expenditure | | |
| WCVA | Payroll Charge | 21.30 |
| Wrenvale | Grass Cutting Charge | 1,164.00 |
| Clerk | Pay/ Trav | 1,332.23 |
| Information Commissioner | Data Protection Licence | 40.00 |
| S.L.C.C. | Membership 2022/23 | 186.00 |
| Alpha Fencing | Additional Height Fence Cefn MUGA | 4,550.40 |
| Bowen and Weaving | Stationery | 24.00 |

- **Resolved:** To receive, note and approve the payments made and received.

38.0 Agenda Item 14 Next Meeting.

- The next meeting of the Council would be held online at 19:00 hrs. on Monday 13.06.22.
- There being no further business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and input declaring the meeting closed at 21:10hrs.