

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORS-LAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly meeting of the Gors-las Community Council
held at Hebron Vestry Drefach on Thursday, 11th August, 2022, at 19:00hrs.

70.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Councillors: Nia Lewis (Chair) Simon Martin (Vice Chair) Clive Douch, Gareth Jones, Wyn Edwards, Clive Green, N Beckett, Andrew King and Linda Williams.
- Others: Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council.
- Apologies for absence: Cllrs Roy James, Chris Wilkins, Tina Butler, Kevin Jones, Melody Gronow and Elinor Goldsmith.
- **Resolved:** To note and accept the apologies and reasons for absence.

70.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed members to the meeting which was declared open at 19.00hrs.

71.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

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

72.0 Agenda Item 3: 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.

73.0 Agenda Item 4: Corporate Matters.

73.1 New Play Surfaces and Equipment Drefach Park.

- The Clerk advised that the tender had been advertised on the 12th June,2022.
- There had been a number of initial enquiries regarding the tender however the contractors had since advised that they would not be submitting a tender.
- The reasons stated by the contractors had common themes: -
 - a) Contractors were currently, and for the foreseeable future, were at capacity.
 - b) The tarmacadam element was outside of their expertise.
- The closing date for the receipt of tenders was 18.08.22 and a site visit was required before submitting a tender. It would therefore be likely that, at the closing date, there would not be any submissions from contractors.
- Given the prospect of their not being a tender, the next scheduled meeting of the Council not being until 12th September,2022 and the onset of winter it was prudent for the Council to consider the options available to it should there be no submissions from contractors.
- A wide ranging discussion then took place including consideration of:-
 - a) Allowing the current tendering process to run to completion.
 - b) Re-tendering immediately on the same basis as the current tender.
 - c) Re-tendering immediately but excluding the tarmacadam element and adjusting the contract sum accordingly.
 - d) Delaying re-tendering until later in the year and tendering on the same basis.

- e) Delaying re-tendering until later in the year, removing the tarmacadam element and adjusting the budget accordingly.
- f) Delaying re-tendering until later in the year
- g) Revising the specification to include removal of the tarmacadam surface and replacement with a grassed surface. The remaining requirements not to change.

- **Resolved that:**

- (i) To allow the existing tender cycle to run its course.
- (ii) Re-tender later in the year, if necessary, and exclude the tarmacadam element and adjust the tender sum to £42k.

73.2 Annual Tree Safety Survey:

- The Council was obliged to undertake regular inspection of trees at the facilities for which it was responsible.
- The current contract had come to an end and there was a need to secure the services of a suitable qualified company or individual to undertake the work.
- **Resolved:**
 - a) That tenders be invited for the provision of the services for the next five years.
 - b) That suitable companies and individuals be invited to submit a tender.
 - c) The tenders be considered at the September meeting of the Council.

73.3 Gorslas New School Works: New Public Lighting Units/Signage

- It was reported that the work on the new school was proceeding well with an anticipated handover to the facility to the Council early in September,2022.
- The contractor had advised that, as part of the works, new and additional lighting units would be placed in the park and play area to illuminate the footpaths and access points.
- The Clerk also advised that it would be prudent to provide additional signage at the park and car park in relation to the use of facilities particularly at times of inclement weather.
- **Resolved to:**
 - a) Receive, note and approve the provision of the public lighting units.
 - b) Place the issue of suitable signage for discussion on the agenda for the September meeting.

74.0 Agenda Item 5: Next Meeting.

- To be held at Hebron Vestry on Monday 12.09.22. at 19:00hrs
- There being no further business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and declaring the meeting closed at 20:30hrs.