

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORS-LAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

held on Monday, 11th April, 2022, at 19.00 hrs.

171.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Councillors: Andrew King (Chair), Nia Lewis (Vice Chair) Iestyn Llwyd, Wyn Edwards, Anthony Rees, Clive Green, Tina Butler, Darren Price, Linda Williams, N Beckett, Aled Vaughan Owen. Janice Price and Simon Martin
- Others: Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council and Hefin Jones (Translator).
- Apologies for absence: None
- **Resolved:** To note the information provided.

171.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed members to the meeting

172.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

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

173.0 Agenda Item 3 Consider the Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Council.

- Members examined in detail each page of the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 10th March, 2022 and the Ordinary March Meeting held on 14.03. 22.
- **Resolved that:** The minutes of both meetings be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings and decisions.

174.0 Agenda Item 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

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

175.0 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.

176.0 Agenda Item 6: Corporate Matters.

176.1 Progress Report.

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

176.2 Community and County Council Election Thursday 5th May, 2022

- The County Council had informed the Clerk that they had received 11 nomination papers to serve as Councillors on the Gors-las Community Council.
- As there were 15 member vacancies with 11 nominations received those individuals would be automatically appointed as elected members.
- It was noted that there were 3 vacancies in the Gorslas Ward and 1 the Drefach Ward.

- The possibility of convening an induction/hand-over day for the existing and newly elected members was discussed.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To seek to fill the vacancies by co-option as soon as possible.
 - (ii) To proceed with an induction/handover day the arrangements for which could be made via the Sub Committee.

176.3 Park Issues: Safety Surfaces

- The Clerk indicated that a concern had been in relation to an individual tripping over the safety surface edge in the Drefach Park Play Area.
- The edging of the safety surfaces had been painted bright yellow to accentuate the edge of the safety surface from the surrounding surface.
- Additionally, the Clerk had met with officers' from Carmarthenshire County Council Grounds Team and a private contractor in relation to considering options for improvement.
- **Resolved:** That the Clerk, and if necessary, the Sub Committee, review the position in a fortnight's time.

176.4 Litter Bins

- An opportunity had been identified to purchase surplus second hand litter bins from the County Council.
- **Resolved:** To investigate the matter further and proceed subject to price.

176.5 Authorised Signatories.

- To comply with financial regulations there was a requirement for two authorised signatories to authorise payments.
- Currently there were 4 authorised signatories however the position would change following the May election with only one authorised signatory remaining.
- **Resolved:** That Cllrs N Lewis, Andrew King and N Beckett be appointed as authorised signatories for payments from the Council's Bank Accounts.

176.6 Payroll Processing Contract.

- The payroll was currently processed by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) and had just recently been renewed.
- Notification had since been received from the WCVA that they would be withdrawing from the arrangement and ceasing to undertake payroll services.
- They were however able to offer an arrangement whereby the service would be offered by Bevan Buckland LLB on the same terms and conditions for a 12-month period.
- **Resolved:** To accept the offer to transfer the function for a period of one year on the same terms and conditions and to review the position at the end of that period.

176.7 Buildings Survey: Asbestos

- Discussion took place in relation to the buildings in its ownership in relation to whether or not the materials used in their construction contained asbestos.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That prices be obtained in relation to management plans in respect of the buildings owned by the Community Council including concrete bus shelters

- (ii) The Sub Committee be authorised to consider the matter and award a contract for progression of the work.

176.8 Membership SLCC

- Notification had been received that the annual membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks was due at a cost of £186.00 for the 2022/23 year.
- **Resolved that:** The membership be renewed for the 2022/23 year.

176.9 Dog Control Measures

- At the previous meeting members sought information from a local Community and a Town Council who, it was believed, had managed to introduce restrictions on dogs accessing the parks in their control.
- The Clerk advised that regrettably the matter had not been progressed but it was hoped to have a response by the next meeting of the Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

176.10 Additional Height Fencing at Cefneithin MUGA.

- Members were advised that the works to supply and fit the fencing had been completed and a visual inspection undertaken.
- It was noted that there was an amount of fine mesh fencing surplus which might be suitable for fitting to the goal end nearest the wooded area.
- **Resolved:**
 - (iii) To make payment in respect of the additional height fencing.
 - (iv) That the possibility of using the surplus fencing be examined further.

177.0 Agenda Item 7: Park Operational Matters.

177.1 Drefach Park.

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

178.0 Agenda Item 8: Urgent Local Matters.

178.1 Drefach: Property Adjoining the Brynglas Estate

- The Council had received a concern relating to the cutting of an entranceway in a border hedge and the laying of paving stones across a public grassed area by a tenant of the County Council. The matter had been reported to the County Council Housing Officer.
- During discussion it was also noted that residents had expressed concerns that the tenant was parking a motor vehicle on the public grassed area.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and to also refer the additional matter relating to motor vehicle to the County Council Housing Officer.

179.0 Agenda Item 9: Members Reports.

179.1 PACT Meetings: Cllr Clive Green.

- Cllr Green advised that he had been invited and made efforts to attend an online meeting of PACT on the 11th April, 2022.
- Having failed to do so subsequent enquiries made of the Police advised that the meeting had been cancelled and that there would be no further meetings of PACT but a return to other methods of engaging with the community such as “Cuppa with a Copper”.
- Resolved: To receive and note the information provided

179.2 County Council Matters: Cllr Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen.

- A summary of the matters relevant to the area and electorate was provided and included: -
 - a) Meetings: Due to the forthcoming County Council elections no formal meetings of the Council had taken place.
 - b) Drefach Speeding; Confirmation had been received from the Police that speeding checks would be undertaken on Heol Cae Gwyn on a more frequent basis.
 - c) Community Project: Members were made aware of an exciting community project to grow organic food on a field near Penygroes Road.
 - d) Planning Enforcement: Issues continued to be experienced with certain developers and the County Council were looking at ways of monitoring compliance with the required standards where use was made of a private company for compliance checks.
 - e) Planning: There continued to be delays especially in relation to home improvements.
 - f) Ukraine Crisis: It was noted that some 70 families were expected to re-locate to Carmarthenshire.
 - g) Drefach; Fencing Mansel Arms: Cllr Darren Price had received further details regarding the ownership of the land in question and was happy to meet with Cllr A Rees on site to discuss and show the information which he had been provided with.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

180.0 Agenda Item 10 Correspondence and Consultation.

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

181.0 Agenda Item 11: One Voice Wales.

181.1 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.

182.0 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.

183.0 Agenda Item 13 Finance

183.1 Monthly Transactions March

Paid /Received	Description	Amount £
Income	Interest	0.03p
Expenditure		
WCVA	Payroll Charge	21.30
Wrenvale	Grass Cutting Charge	1,116.00
Clerk	Pay/ Trav and Arrears Pay Award 01 04 21	1,398.10
HMRC	Qtr. 4 Employee/Employer Contributions	1,842.70
Carms C.C.	Qtr. 4 Employee/Employer Contribution	1,767.16
SWALEC	Electricity Gors P Conv	74.82
Carms C.C.	Parks Inspection SLA 2021 22	1,346.40
Menter Gwasanaethau	Translation Feb and March	146.25
Dyfed Alarms	CCTV Phase 1	4,616.40
One Voice Wales	Membership 2022/23	817.00
FC Bookbinder	Minutes Book 2019 -2021	140.00
Danfo	P Conv Jan	666.00
Danfo	P Conv Feb	599.40
Danfo	P Conv March	688.20
Carms C.C.	Street Lighting Inspection/Recharge	4,825.35
Wrenvale	Cutting/Disposal Trees after Storm	180.00
TBM	Litter Sept/Oct/Nov	1,680.00
TBM	Emergency clearing of tree from footpath	36.00
Wrenvale	Cefneithin Ditch and Trees	1,380.00
Carms C.C.	Remedial Works Gorslas Park	59.64
Carms C.C.	Recharge works in Parks/Play Areas	789.63

183.2 Budget 2021/22.

- Members considered and discussed a report on the end of the 2021/22 financial year accounts and financial governance matters.
- A proposal was made to vire an amount of £1k from reserves, being the unspent portion of the Chairs Fund for 2021/22, and previously earmarked to develop the Council's website, to fund the purchase of civic regalia of a more permanent kind to that currently used.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive, note and approve the 2021/22 financial report.
 - (ii) That the proposal to vire funds be not adopted.

184.0 Agenda Item 14 Next Meeting.

- The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting which those Councillors who had decided not to stand for re-election in the May election would attend.
- He therefore wished to extend the sincere gratitude and thanks of the Council for the outstanding services those members had provided to their local community over many years.
- The Clerk also expressed his gratitude for the kind assistance and help those members had freely given to him in the years since his appointment. It had been very much appreciated.
- The next meeting of the Council would be The Annual General Meeting which would be online at 19:00hrs on 11.05.22 followed immediately by the Ordinary Monthly meeting.
- There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:39hrs