CYNGOR CYMUNED GORS-LAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of an additional March meeting of the Gors-las Community Council**

**held at Hebron Vestry, Drefach on 4th March,2024, at 19:00hrs.**

152.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

* Cllrs: Simon Martin (Chair), Nia Lewis, Kevin Jones, Chris Wilkins, Clive Douch, Catrina Williams, Andrew King, Melody Gronow, Elinor Goldsmith, and Clive Green.
* Others: Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council.
* Apologies for absence: Cllrs N Beckett, Linda Williams, and Tina Butler.

Resolved: To note and record the position.

150.1 General.

* The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 19:00hrs.

Resolved: To proceed with the order of business.

151.0 Agenda Item 2: Declaration of Interest

* No declarations of interest were made.
* Resolved to: Note and record the position.

152.0 Agenda Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting.

* The minutes of the previous meeting would be presented and considered at a future meeting.
* Resolved to: Receive, note, and approve.

153 .0 Agenda Item 4: Opportunity for the Public to Address the Meeting.

* There were no members of the press or public present.
* **Resolved to:** Receive and note the position.

154.0 Agenda Item 5: Corporate Matters.

154.1 Shortlisting of Candidates for Clerk/RFO Position.

* Members were advised that four applications had been received for the post.
* The Working Group had met on Monday 26.02 24 to consider and assess the applications against the person and job specification.
* Having diligently done so it was the recommendation of the Working Group that the three highest scoring candidates be invited for interview.
* Sample interview questions were also provided for members consideration.
* **Resolved to:**

1. Accept and action the recommendation of the Working Group that the three highest scoring candidates be invited for interview.
2. Update the sample questions taking into account the comments and observations of members.
3. Interviews be held at Cefneithin CP School on Monday 18.03 24.
4. Adopt a system for the formal handover of duties from the retiring Clerk to the appointee.
5. To assist the new Clerk regular review meetings be held with members during the first 6 months.

154.2 Park Matters: Water Issues Drefach and Cefneithin.

* Members were advised of ongoing issues relating to water ingress to properties at Brynglas estate.
* A discussion regarding the issue had taken place between County Council Officers and the Clerk in relation to possible water ingress from a blocked drainage pipe in the park adding to the difficulties.
* The Clerk had advised the Officers that, during a site visit, it had been observed that a significant water flow into the back gardens of those properties was emanating from the rear of adjoining properties on the estate.
* It was also noted that, prior to the construction of the site, there had been a large ditch on the Brynglas side of the boundary hedge, which had removed any excess water from the higher-level ground in the park, but which had been filled in when the site was being constructed. The removal of the ditch had added to the problem and prevented any excess water from being taken away.
* To seek to progress the matter the Clerk met with a specialist drainage company in relation to the blocked drain. It was noted that the outflow from the stone covered land drain was not functioning but there were no obvious signs to indicate the location of the blockage or of any escape of water. The company were requested to provide an estimate for the provision of a camera to examine the pipe and a cost for flushing out of the land drain.
* As the same land drain system had been placed in Cefneithin Park the contractor was also asked to provide a price for undertaking the same investigative and clearance work.
* **Resolved to:**

1. Await the quotations for undertaking the work.
2. Seek a meeting with the County Council members for the area together with the relevant officers to examine options for assisting the residents.

**155.0 Agenda Item 6 Next Meeting:**

* Next Meeting 11.03.24 at 19:00 hrs. at Hebron Vestry Drefach.
* There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:15 hrs.