

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for October Ordinary monthly meeting of Gorslas Community Council held in
Gorslas Community School on 14th October 2024

93.0 Agenda Item 1: record of those present/ Apologies for absence

- Cllr N Beckett, S Martin, C Green, C Wilkins, E Goldsmith, M Gronow, L Williams, N Lewis,
- Others present – H Jones (translator), C Williams (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence - Cllr K Jones, C Douch, T Butler

93.1 General

- The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 19.05hrs.
- Minute silence as a mark of respect for Cllr Terry Davies who passed away last month – Cllr T Davies had been chair of the Community Council on 6 occasions and a County Councillor.

Resolved to: Proceed with the other of business

93.2 Agenda Item 2: Declaration of Interest

- No declarations of interest were made during the meeting.

Resolved to: note and record the position

94.0 Agenda Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

- The minutes of the Ordinary September meeting held Monday 09/09/24 were considered in detail by the members.

Resolved to: Approved the minutes for the meeting 09/09/24 as being an accurate record of the discussions and decisions made.

95.0 Agenda Item 4: Opportunity Public to Address the Meeting.

- No members of the public present and no requests to address the Council received.

Resolved to: note and record accordingly

96.0 Agenda Item 5: Corporate Matters.

96.1 Member Vacancies Cefneithin and Drefach Wards.

- No expressions of interest received in respect of either vacancy
- New posters have been placed in all noticeboards

Resolved to: members to seek to recruit representatives.

96.2 ILCA Qualification

- ILCA – clerk started ILCA qualification.

Resolved to: Receive and note information provided.

96.3 General update

- Cefneithin Park Wooded Area Clearance rear boundary ditch rear of wooded area to prevent any flooding during Winter months - Quote obtained - £1350

Resolved to: Receive, note and approve the work.

- Gorslas School Management Agreement - Draft Submitted awaiting Consideration by Governing Body.

Resolved to – receive and note information provided – Clerk to contact the Headteacher for update

- Gorslas Park Car Park Barriers – Vehicle incident 15 04 24 ‘Denying liability for this matter as based on the CCTV Footage, I cannot see the wind moving the barrier into the Third-Party vehicle. I see the Third-Party vehicle crashing through the barrier however and therefore I will be looking to deny Liability for the damage to his vehicle.’ – solicitor

Resolved to: receive and note information provided

- Drefach, Brynglas Water Ingress Site visit by Clerk. Hedge to be cut September/October to provide access to ditch. Quote £450 to clear ditch to provide access to inspection points.

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Resolved to: Receive, note and clerk to contact County Councilors for clarification on what work the County Council have completed to deal with the issue.

- Bridge near PlasBach Maes-y-Bont Landowner has created an entrance into his field, in the process cracked the wall of the bridge – reported to Cllr A Owens with photo. Same landowner has taken away a section (approx. 1 – 1.5 metres) of the bridge wall from the crack – creating a larger entrance. Reported to Cllr A Owen with photos before and after. Cllr A Vaughan Owen has contacted the relevant department in Carmarthenshire County Council regarding permission to alter the structure of the bridge.

Resolved to: receive and note information provided monitor the situation with the County Council.

- Land Registry/Title Deeds Update Solicitors emailed 30/07/24 + 24/09/24.

Resolved to: Receive, note and await response from solicitor

97.0 Agenda Item 6: Park Matters

- Gorslas Park - Safety flooring under Multi-Play frame coming away from base – Sutcliffe representative site meeting acknowledged the problem - awaiting response. Sutcliffe emailed multiple times in September. 1/10/24 emailed Sutcliffe – contractors should be in the park to repair the flooring Monday 7th October. Due to the wetpour surface being placed on existing surface guarantee not valid according to contractor.

Resolved to: receive and note current situation, clerk to look at contract for the work + contact Sutcliffe follow up.

- Cllr A Vaughan Owen has had a concern from a member of the public regarding the bush near the entrance of the school – hinderance on the pavement and blocking view of the road – Wrenvale to cut the bush/tree when next in the park.

Resolved to: work completed by contractor

- Park inspections by Carmarthenshire County Council have identified issues in all 3 parks – contractor has been asked to provide quote for the work – quote received for painting gates in each park

Resolved to: Receive, note and approve the work of removal of signs and painting gates. Further quotes will be discussed as and when received.

- Members of the public has requested for the bottom gate in Gorslas Park (Cefneithin side) to be unlocked – clerk explained the gate is locked due to safety concerns of children running from the park on to the carpark but would discuss with Councillors.

Resolved to: Receive and note clerk to unlock the gate and monitor situation.

97.1 Agenda Item 7: Urgent Local Issues.

- 06/09/24 - Gorslas Park – vandalism security barrier – reported to the police and they are investigating. CCTV footage + statement have been provided to the police. Discussed by members if police to continue with their investigation. PCSO's to be contacted by the clerk to ask for their presence in the park to deter anti-social behaviour.

Resolved to: Receive and note information and request the police to continue with their investigation.

- 09/09/24 – glass thrown from path into the school car park. Cans of alcohol also thrown. School CCTV footage + GCC CCTV footage given to the police. Police not pursuing the incident due to no criminal damage.

Resolved to: Receive and note information provided.

- 30/09/24 – Tree in Drefach Park leaning into the park after windy weather over weekend – Wrenvale contacted to remove the tree when they are in the park cutting grass.

Resolved to: Receive and note information provided.

98.0 Agenda Item 8: Members Reports:

- Cllr C Green - public consultation meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner – unable to log on the event - Despite many attempts, was unable to sign in. The code given was 12 digits long, but Zoom would only take 10 digits. Cllr Green contacted the Police & Crime Commissioner office regarding the logging in issue and received an apology for the issue the meeting was held on Teams not Zoom. This information was not included in the original correspondence.

Resolved to: Thank Cllr Green for his attempt to join the meeting and for following up with the Police & Commissioner office regarding the issues.

- Cross Hands Hall and Cinema – Cllr C Green + Cllr M Gronow attended an event to raise money for the hall and it was well attended. Go Fund page raised over £10,000. More people are now using the cinema, and restructuring has provided an opportunity for new groups to use the building.
- Next event 'Cross Hands Has Talent' in November.

Resolved to: Thank both Cllr Green and Cllr Gronow for the information and wish Cross Hands Hall and Cinema every success in the future.

- Children and staff visited Drefach Park to hear about the map and information board on the entrance of the park and the Tollbar situated in the park. Cllr C Green and Cllr N Lewis spoke to the children, and they all had an opportunity to take a look in the Tollbar. Squash and biscuits were provided by Drefach Welfare Association and a lovely afternoon was had by all.
- Cllr Green has extended the invitation to Cross Hands School children as both schools are under the Headteacher Mrs E Walters.
- Cllr C Green has spoken to Nia Griifiths MP and Cllr J. G Prosser Mayor of Llanelli inviting them to visit and hear the history of the Tollbar.

Resolved to: Thank both Cllr Green and Cllr N Lewis for their time and the success of the event.

99.0 Agenda Item 9: Consultation/Correspondence.

99.1 Consultation

Ref	From	Consulting/Seeking Views on
1	Carmarthenshire County Council	Notice of Conclusion of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places/ Hysbysiad Cwblhau Adolygiad o Ddosbarthau Pleidleisio a Mannau Pleidleisio

99.2 Correspondence

- Leony Hall - Pobl Group - Community Development project worker – offering free advice, signposting & support to anyone within the community. Assist with housing & benefits support or help building a meaningful social or wellbeing connections that positively impact people's lives. Would like to hold surgeries/ drop-in sessions and wondered if she could use the Community Council office. Surgeries would be monthly /fortnightly depending on demand.

Resolved to: receive, note information provided. Approve Miss Hall's request and invite Leony Hall to trial sessions in the Community Council office on Fridays when the office is not in use. Clerk to contact Leony Hall.

- Cefneithin Foelgastell Welfare Association - Request to place a banner on the fence to promote a new group using Y Neuadd

Resolved to: receive and approve placing a banner on the railing but ask existing banners to be moved as they create a blind spot for vehicles turning in and out of the car park. Also to encourage groups to display bilingual banners and posters.

- Jessie Henrich-Davis – Plant Dewi - Looking for a storage space, somewhere we can access regularly, store and sort items and prepare baby bundles to give out to the community. The space needs to be dry and secure with lighting and parking outside in the Gorslas/ Cefneithin area.

Resolved to: receive and suggest Ysgol Gwendraeth as a place to store equipment. Clerk to contact County Councillors as to the use of the old Gorslas School.

- PTA Ysgol Cefneithin - Would like to use the park for a fund-raising Halloween event? Event would be held late October depending on the weather.

Resolved to: receive and approve the event in Cefneithin Park on the bases risk assessments and insurances in place

- Ysgol Cefneithin - Could they place their clothes bin near the clothes bin that is in the car park in Cefneithin Park? Due to the new gates and fencing members of the public cannot access the school to take in bags.

Resolved to: receive and approve clothes bin to be moved near existing clothes bin in Cefneithin car park.

- Carmarthenshire carers forum - Invitation to Carmarthenshire Carers Forum County Wide Event at The Plough, Rhosmaen Thursday, 24th October

Resolved to: receive and note the information.

100.0 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

100.1 Training Courses.

- Course details emailed to members 25/09/24 – 2 free places available on certain courses. Interested parties to contact the Chair and Clerk

Resolved to: receive and note the information provided.

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100.2 Other correspondence OVW

- Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 - Publication of consultation paper/ Deddf Seilwaith (Cymru) 2024 - Cyhoeddi papur ymgynghori.
- One Voice Wales National Conference 16 October /Cynhadledd Genedlaethol Un Llais Cymru - 16 Hydref
- Newsletter from the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Team/ Newyddion gan y tîm cymorth argyfwng costau byw
- Webinar Older People's Engagement & Services/ Ymgysylltu â phobl hŷn & gwasanaethau ar eu Cyfer
- One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) are arranging a remote joint event - 20 November 2024.
- Launch of consultation - role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector

Resolved to: To receive and note the information provided.

101.0 Agenda Item 11: Planning Matters/ Road Closures.**101.1 Planning Matters**

The following applications have been advised by the County Council

Ref	Type and Description	Location
PL/08176	Discharge of Condition 5 on PL/06279 (materials)	Plot adjoining Bryneglur, Llanelli, SA14 7ER
PL/08291	Construction of a garage in rear garden to replace an existing sub-standard structure.	Dyffryn Villa, Mary Street, Drefach, Llanelli, SA14 7BG

Resolved to: Receive and note the information provided.

101.2 Road Closures

The following notices of road closures have been received

- B4297 Maesybont, Llanelli - from a point 360 metres northwest of its junction with the C2222 Maesybont for a total distance of 109 metres in a north westerly direction.

Resolved to: Receive and note the information provided.

102.0 Agenda Item 12 Finance.**Receipts/Payments Through Bank September****102.1 Income: No income**

Resolved to: To receive and note the information provided.

Expenditure: September

Chq No	Payee	Description	£
D/D	OVO Energy	Charge Electricity - P Conv Gorslas September	38.00
D/D	Three Network	Monthly Charge - September	21.31
105369	Dyfed Alarms	Service CCTV – Cefneithin Park	120.00
105370	Dyfed Alarms	Service CCTV – Drefach Park	120.00
105371	Alan Williams	Design Fees 18 Park Signs Part Payment 3	2,300.00
105374	Wrenvale N&L Ltd	Monthly Grass Cutting Charge - September	1,286.40
105375	Danfo UK Ltd	Monthly Toilet and Litter Charge - September	1,488.00
105373	C Williams	Wages September	1,532.30
105376	Advance Custom Engineering	Goalends MUGA Cefneithin	756.00
105377	Cefneithin RFC Juniors	Donation	200.00
105378	Greenbarnes Ltd	Lock + keys Foelgastell noticeboard	17.46
105379	Redkite locks	Replacing lock in Foelgastell noticeboard	45.00
105380	Pensions income Account	Qtr2 Pensions Income Account July - September	2,156.28
105381	Eifion Williams	Maintenance Drefach Park	840.00
105382	Carmarthenshire County Council	Repair damage on see-saw	72.34

Resolved to: Note, receive and approve the payments made

102.2 Payment to be made - October

Payee	Description	£
OVO Energy – DD	Charge Electricity - P Conv Gorslas October	38.00
Three Network - DD	Monthly Charge - October	21.31
Carmarthenshire County Council	Play equipment maintenance	900.00

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HMRC	Qtr 2 employee/er HMRC contributions	1,598.48
C Williams	Money claimed back for 2 nd class stamps 6x books of 8	40.80
Wrenvale N&L Ltd	Monthly Grass Cutting Charge - October	1,286.40
Danfo UK Ltd	Monthly Toilet and Litter Charge - October	1,488.00
C Williams	Wages - October	1,532.30

Resolved to: Approve the payments subject to satisfactory services/goods being received.

102.3 Applications for financial assistance/ Ceisiadau am gymorth ariannol

The Council has powers to provide assistance to organisation where it is of the view that there is a benefit to residents or the area which is commensurate with the amount awarded.

- No applications received
- Members discussed the suggestion of reintroducing 2 specific months (January + June) to discuss financial assistance. As only a small number of applications are received it is not an issue.

Resolved to: Receive and note information provided. Monitor the situation if there is an increase in the number of applications received members will revisit the suggestion.

102.4 Quarterly budget update/ Diwrddariad cwarteol ar y gyllideb

102.4.1 Budget Summary

- Information was provided to members in relation to the financial performance of the Council in relation to the overall budgetary position together with details of individual service area performance against budget.
- The position shows a projected underspend for the year of £27,958.00
- **Resolved to:** note the information provided and that the position continue to be monitored closely

102.5 Audit/Awdit 2023 - 2024

- 20/09/24 - Madison Bevan – Audit Wales - Requesting further documentation – Clerk has emailed the documents to Ms Bevan.

Resolved to: receive and note the information provided and wait for further response.

103.0 Agenda item 14 Next meeting

- Next scheduled meeting of the council be held on Monday 11th November 2024 at 19.00 hrs in Ysgol Gymunedol Gorslas.
- There being no further items of business the chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 18.40hrs.

Signed Chair

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