

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes December Ordinary Monthly Meeting held in Gorslas Community School on the 9th of December 2024

118.0 Agenda item 1:

- **Present** – Cllrs N Beckett (Chair), K Jones (Vice-Chair), L Williams, M Gronow, E Goldsmith, A King, C Green, N Lewis S Martin
- **Others present** – H Jones (translator) C Williams (Clerk)
- **Apologies** Cllr C Wilkins, Cllr C Douch, Cllr T Butler

Resolved to: note and record the position

119.0 General

- The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 19hrs

Resolved to: proceed with business of the agenda

120.0 Agenda item 2: Declaration of Interest

- No declarations of interest was made during the meeting by members

Resolved to: note and record accordingly

121.0 Agenda item 3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

- The minutes of the ordinary October meeting held on 11th November 2024 were considered in detail by the members.
- Members identified 1 specific point to be changed to ensure clarity and accuracy.

Resolved to: Clerk to make relevant changes and present to chair.

122.0 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

122.0 Agenda item 5 Corporate matters

122.1 Member Vacancies Cefneithin and Drefach Wards.

- No expressions of interest received for Cefneithin Ward nor Drefach Ward. Posters have been placed in noticeboards in Foelgastell, Cefneithin and Drefach and in the garage shop in Drefach.
- Social Media post recruiting new councillors will be reposted regularly
- Schools will be emailed in the New Year when schools are less busy.

Resolved to: Members to seek possible representatives also Clerk to push social media posts to create some interest

122.2 Training

- ILCA – clerk working through the ILCA qualification

Resolved to: note and record accordingly

122.3 General update

- Gorslas School Management Agreement - Draft Submitted awaiting Consideration by Governing Body. Matthew Jenkins (Governor) to propose a date to go through the agreement – no date as yet. Clerk to contact Matthew Jenkins as a reminder.
- Gorslas Planter Hole has been made and Christmas Tree placed in the planter 1/12/24. Storm Darragh has blown tree over and Gorslas Welfare Association are waiting for contractor.
- Gorslas School - Carol Singing – cancelled
- Gorslas Park Safety flooring under Multi-Play frame coming away from base Clerk spoken to Carmarthenshire County Council Park inspector and ground Maintenance staff. Sutcliffe have been contacted to seek explanation on way the existing surface was not removed.
- Drefach Park - Hedge has been cut in the children's playpark. This was cut by hand not with a tractor. Hedge to be cut asap to provide access to ditch. Contractors waiting for the field to dry to have access

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Tree has been trimmed all over, more so on the Brynglas side. To cut the top of the tree the contractor would need tower scaffolding therefore has trimmed the tree as much as possible from the floor approx. 8 metres. To cut the tree further would be approximately £600 - £700.

- Land Registry/Title Deeds Update - Completed – all land/properties have been transferred to Gorslas Community Council address. Email has been received to G-mail with area outlines + documentation.
- PoblGroup – Leony Hall in office 6th December as arranged. In the New Year Leony Hall will be in the office 1st Friday of every month.
- Bron yr Ynn Streetlight outside 35 Bron yr Ynn not working. Due to high winds branches/ trees have fallen on the footpath running along side of Bron yr Ynn. County Councillors have been notified by email.

Resolve to: note and note the information provided.

- PC Andy Williams - Vandalism Gorslas Park. Quotes for replacing the barrier have been sent to PC Andy Williams Gorslas Community Council have 2 options -
 1. Youth Restorative Disposal. This would not involve them receiving a conviction that would necessarily have to be disclosed. It would be on condition of their parents accepting to receive it, and it would be on condition of them paying their share of the total cost. If they then refused to pay, we would need to take out civil action against them to recover the cost (small claims court), as police would not be able to.
 2. The individuals are interviewed and admit carrying out the damage. They would likely be issued some form of conditional disposal option, based on them paying for their share of the damage. If they refused to pay, they would end up in court. This would be disclosable.

Resolve to: clerk to discuss with the Police conditional disposal. Clerk to ask the PC Williams if the parents could be offered the option to pay for the damage in instalments over 6 or 12 months.

123.0 Agenda Item 7: Park Matters

- Maintenance work has begun in the parks – all weather dependant.

Resolve to: note and record accordingly

124.0 Agenda Item 8: Members Reports:

- Cllr K Jones – Torcoed Quarry – notification of out of hours work and if lorries will be travelling out of normal hours of work.
- Cllr N Lewis – Visited Drefach Primary School, who have received a Creative grant to develop cross curricular activities. Governors and Parents were invited to the school to hear feedback from the children on the project.
- Cllr C Green - Cllr C Green attended and chaired a meeting with the Trustees of Cross Hands Hall and Cinema on the 6th of November 2024. Next meeting arranged for January 2025.

Resolve to: receive and note the information provided and thank the members for their contribution.

125.0 Agenda Item 9: Consultation/Correspondence.

125.1 Consultation

Ref	From	Consulting/Seeking Views on
1	OVW / Aberystwyth University	Arolwg Cymunedol / Community Survey - In conjunction with One Voice Wales, researchers from Aberystwyth University are undertaking a survey as part of a Local Policy and Innovation Partnership / Partneriaeth Polisi ac Arloesi Lleol (LPIP) funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

125.2 Correspondence

Ref	From	Advise of/or Provide Information Regarding
1	Apêl Cronfa Cyfle i Bawb Urdd Gobaith Cymru / Urdd Gobaith Cymru Fund For All Appeal	The Urdd has launched it's 2025 Fund For All appeal. Last year, thanks to the generous support from Community and Town councils across Wales, over 300 disadvantaged children and young people had the opportunity to enjoy their first holiday away from home.
2	CAVS: Bwyd Sir Gâr Food	A newly appointed as the Bwyd Sir Gâr Carmarthenshire Food Network (Community Food) Officer, through the Council and sitting within Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS) for both. Questionnaire has been completed

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3	Natasha Mainwaring Rural Market Towns Officer Economic Development	Carmarthen County Council has commissioned Carmarthenshire based artist Steve Jenkins, Jenks ART, to create Murals across our Rural Market Towns following on the positive response with mural commissions to date. Jenks has informed us that he is hoping to make a start in Cross Hands, located at the side of the former newsagents on Llandeilo Road adjacent to Aldi carpark.
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Resolve to: Receive and note the information provided

126.0 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

126.1 Correspondance

- Training dates – November 2024 – March 2025 / Dyddiadau Hyfforddiant – Tachwedd 2024 – Mawrth 2025 - email from One Voice Wales regarding remote training dates available from November 2024 to March 2025 has been sent to all councillors.
- **National Conference 2024 Report**
- **OVW 2025 conferences as follows:**
 - Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - annual National Awards Conference.
 - Wednesday 2nd July 2025 - annual Innovative Practice Conference
- Pay Agreement for 2024-25 // Cytundeb Tâl ar gyfer 2024-25 – Gorslas Community Council employee contract states wages linked with NALC pay scales.
- **Guidelines about Naming Domains and Websites** – ONW are encouraging councils to move to .gov websites and email addresses. The Digital Health of Community and Town Councils project team have emailed guidance about Cloud Storage for your Councils. As with everything in the Digital field, things change regularly around these topics so the team would welcome any feedback or suggestions for improvements or changes to the documentation

Resolve to: Receive and note the information provided

127.0 Agenda Item 11: Planning Matters/ Road Closures.

- 11.1 Planning Matters
- The following applications have been advised by the County Council

Ref	Type and Description	Location
PL/08393	Variation of Condition 1 on PL/03471 (additional time to submit reserved matters) consultation period extended to 19/12/24	Land between Bron-Yr-Ynn and Heol Blaenhirwaun, Drefach, Llanelli, SA14 7AH
PL/08397	Raised decking to make patio doors safe, 3m x 3m at back of property. Privacy screens on both sides and handrail to front	71 Heol Yr Ysgol, Cefneithin, Llanelli, SA14 7EA
PL/08532	The area is currently a field used for grazing, the proposal is to erect a 45m x 25m manage, with full drainage system in place. The area will be used for winter turnout and for exercising owners' horses	Pen-Y-Foel Farm, Heol Y Foel, Foelgastell, Llanelli, SA14 7EN

Resolve to: Receive and note the information provided

127.2 Road Closures

The following notices of road closures have been received

- C2066 Maesybont, Llanelli, from a point approximately 1.1km southeast of the junction with the C2059 Maesybont for a distance of 250 metres in a south easterly then south westerly direction -17 January 2025

Resolve to: Receive and note the information provided

128.0 Agenda Item 12 Finance.

Receipts/Payments Through Bank November

128.1 Income:

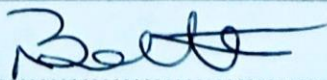
- No income received

Resolve to: Receive and note the information provided

Expenditure: November

30 11 24	1,440.00	105396	Danfo (UK) Ltd November
30 11 24	1,286.40	105397	Wrenvale N+L Ltd - November

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30 11 24	1,532.69	105395	Catrina Williams wages November
20 11 24	38.00	D/D 02 OVO	Ovo Energy October
08 11 24	21.31	DD/04 Three	Three Mobile October
14 11 24	43.87	105402	Ysgol Cefneithin - Hire of room for meeting
12 11 24	250.00	105399	Cefneithin/Foelgastell Welfare Ass - Donation
12 11 24	250.00	105400	Capel Llanlleuan - Donation
12 11 24	138.00	105401	Ungoed-Thomas + King
21 11 24	268.48	D/D 02Dwr Cymru	Welsh Water (2) 6mths
25 11 24	450.00	105404	Wrenvale N+L Ltd - Cutting hedge Parc Drefach
27 11 24	275.00	105405	S.T.R Grounds Maintenance - prepare + paint gates Drefach + Cefneithin

Resolve to: Note and approve the payments made

128.2 Payment to be made - December

Payee	Description	£
OVO Energy - DD	Charge Electricity - P Conv Gorslas November	38.00
Three Network - DD	Monthly Charge - November	21.31
Wrenvale N&L Ltd	Monthly Grass Cutting Charge - December	1,286.40
Danfo UK Ltd	Monthly Toilet and Litter Charge - December	1,488.00
C Williams	Wages - December	1,532.30
Wrenvale N +L Ltd	Trimming tree Parc Drefach	350.00
Bevan + Buckland	Payroll services 3mths Sept, Oct, Nov.	91.00
HMRC	Employer/EE/Contributions Qtr. 3	2156.28
Carmarthenshire CC	Employer/ Pensions Qtr. 3	1598.48
Carms CC SLA	QTR2 Ground Maintenance SLA Payment 2	1274.77
	Total	9836.54

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

128.3 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

Organisations Requesting Assistance but not Submitted Form (Last meeting)

- Urdd - Adran Myrddin
- Canolfan Carwyn - Drefach
- Radio Glangwili

These have been emailed the correct form and an explanation but no further correspondence.

Resolve to: receive and note the information provided

128.4 Members expenses/ Treuliau aelodau

I.R.P.W. Payment of £156 Per Annum and Refund of Expenses Payment. Communication has been received advising as follows:

Annual Payment of £156. Will be exempt from income tax provided

The must be a formal agreement has been received from the majority of councillors. Payments will be processed when all formal agreements have been returned.

Resolved to: note and approve payments to members. Clerk to issue payments through payroll company.

128.5 Draft budget /Cyllid drafft 2025 - 2026

- Working group met on the 25.11.24. - revised draft budget included. Base financial information not yet received from Carmarthenshire County Council.

Resolve to: consider the draft budget and defer decision on draft budget to January 2025 due to base financial information not yet received

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128.6 Local Government Pay Agreement / Cytundeb Cyflog Llywodraeth Leol

- Pay Agreement for 2024-25 // Cytundeb Tâl ar gyfer 2024-25 – Gorslas Community Council employee contract states wages linked with NALC pay scales.
- This would include previous clerk back dated to April 1st 2024.
- Increase from £17.16 to £17.79 per hr. 108.35 hrs a month
- Increase to be paid = 4 months @ £68.27 per mth = £273.09 excluding pension + NI contributions

Resolved to: note and approve back pay to clerk and previous clerk

129.0 Next Meeting/ Icyfarfod nesaf: 13.01.25 – Ysgol Gymunedol Gorslas.

With no further items of business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting closed 20.15hrs

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