

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for June Ordinary Monthly meeting of Gorslas Community Council held at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas on Monday 09th June 2025.

37.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/ Apologies

- Present – Councillors K Jones, S Martin, A King, M Gronow, N Lewis, E Goldsmith, C Wilkins.
- Also present - C Williams (Clerk) H Jones (Translator)
- Apologies – Councillors N Beckett, L Williams, T Butler, C Douch (illness)

Resolve to: accept and approve the apologies for absence and the reasons provided

37.1 General

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 19.00hrs
- Cllr N Lewis commented on a point from the May ordinary meeting made by Cllr L Williams. HeloBlod is a translation service that translates documents to Welsh. Helo Blod can translate up to 500 words into Welsh per month for your business, completely free of charge. This service could be used by organisations who do not have the ability to create Welsh translation of posters and documents.

Resolve to: receive and note

38.0 Agenda Item 2: Declaration of Interest

- None declared

Resolve to: receive and note

39.0 Agenda Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

- The minutes of the May Annual General Meeting of the Council were considered in detail by members.
- The minutes of the May Ordinary Meeting of the Council were considered in detail by members.

Resolve to: approve the minutes as being an accurate record of discussion and decisions.

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

- There were no members of the public present in the Council meeting.

Resolve to: receive and note

41.0 Agenda Item 5: Corporate Matters.

41.1 Member Vacancies Cefneithin and Drefach Wards.

- Drefach: No expressions of interest received.
- Cefneithin: No expressions of interests received.
- Concern shown by members as to the decreasing number of Councillors within the wards together with lack of interest in becoming a Community Councillor.

Resolve to: Receive and note.

- Clerk to email Cllr C Douch with relation to his position on the Community Council
- Clerk to continue to advertise vacancies on Social media platforms and place posters in Community Council noticeboards and other public noticeboards in the area.

41.2 – Member retirement

- Cllr C Green had tendered his resignation from Gorslas Community Council due to ill-health.
- Chair had emailed C Green asking if there was a way the Council could support him to allow him to stay on as a Community Councillor as his knowledge and experience were valued by the Council.

Resolve to: Receive and note.

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41.3 - Gorslas Community Council Instagram account

- Account launched on Instagram
- Content schedule established: weekly posts now live on Instagram

Resolve to: Receive and note.

41.4 Standing Orders

- Model standing orders are available to be adopted by the Community Council.
- Cllr C Wilkins had reviewed Gorslas Community Council Standing Orders and the Model Standing Orders and had emailed members of the working group with points to discuss.

Resolve to: for working group to meet to discuss Model Standing Orders on Monday 23rd of June.

42.0 Agenda Item 6: Ward matters

42.1 General update

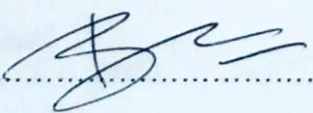
1	Cefneithin Park – wooded area	• No information/advice from Carmarthenshire County Council. • Clerk had contacted Beicio Cymru directly and was waiting for a response
2	Replacement bench Gorslas Park	• A new site has been identified within the park area – quote to create a base + install bench = £450
3	Repair wooden picnic table – Gorslas Park	• Work to be completed – contractor
4	Drefach Park - Tollbar roof	• Work completed to replace broken/ missing slates
5	Gorslas Toilets – Gorslas Park	• Work completed to replace broken tiles
6	Cefneithin Park – MUGA	• Goalend is damaged – quote - £295 ex VAT to replace goalend, replace missing fixings + repair gate latch.
7	Bridge near Ffynnonluan Maesybont	• Neighboring CC has been approached with regards to asking Carms CC if it would be possible to install a sign at the crossroads leading down from Church Rd, Maesybont through to Penrhiwgoch.
8	Cadw Mynydd Mawr yn daclus/ Keep Mynydd Mawr tidy	• Litter picking event arranged by Cadw Mynydd Mawr yn daclus/ Keep Mynydd Mawr tidy. • 28/06/25 – Drefach – Ysgol y Gwendraeth Bus Bay – 10am
9	Sign Cefneithin Park – Alan Williams	• Work had started on the new sign for Cefneithin Park. • Clerk waiting for more photographs of the area to be used on the sign.
10	Basket swing – Gorslas Park	• Basket swing had been removed by CCC 27/05/25 – Clerk had emailed Liam Cole from Carmarthenshire County Council but no response. • Basket swing returned 06/06/25.

Resolve to: receive and note information

- Clerk to email Liam Cole to ask if any items are removed from the parks could he or the maintenance workers let the clerk know by message, email or phonecall.
- Clerk to contact local County Councillors to ask for a quote for placing an appropriate sign on Church Rd Maesybont to deter HGV lorries using the road leading down from Church Rd, Maesybont through to Penrhiwgoch.

42.2 Events

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cefneithin – School Sports - 13/6/25 – Parc Cefneithin
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas School Sports + Summer Fayre - 19/6/25 – School Site
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Drefach Open afternoon + Summer Fayre – 19/06/25 – School Site
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas - School's Centenary Celebration - 04/07/25 - 14:30-18:00 – School site

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- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas – Treasure Hunt 10/07/25
- Canolfan Carwyn – Carnifal Carwyn 19/07/25

Resolve to: receive and note the information provided.

42.3 Enquiries

- Cllr C Wilkins had received enquiry from a member of the public regarding defibrillators in the area and how they are managed.
- Cllr A King provided information regarding defibrillators in the wards which are managed by Welsh Ambulance, some others are privately managed. If the defibrillator is on the circuit Welsh Ambulance Service would have the access code. Information is available on the Welsh Ambulance Service Website on where defibrillators are sited.
- First responders carry their own defibrillators; members of the public should, if possible, access a defibrillator as soon as possible in a case of a heart attack.
- GoodSAM App is a platform that connects emergency services with app users who can provide video, location, or volunteer support when needed.

Resolve to: receive and note information

- Clerk to list defibrillators in the area and place information on the Community Council Website.
- Clerk to check if defibrillators within the parish are on the Welsh Ambulance circuit.
- DeFibuary – campaign run by Welsh Ambulance. Cllr A King to run defibrillator training locally in Feb 2026.

42.4 Management Agreement Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas.

- Updated version of the Management Agreement for the use of the facilities in Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas provided to all members

Resolve to: receive and note information given.

- Councillors to email any amendments to the Clerk by midday on the 10th of June 2025.
- Clerk to email the Management Agreement to Headteacher + Chair of Governors on the 10th of June with a view to signposting the templated document at the School's Governing Body meeting on the 11th of June 2025 and to place on the formal agenda for the Autumn Term meeting 2025.

43.0 Agenda Item 7: Members Reports:

- Cllr K Jones attended a meeting of the Torcoed Quarry Liaison group on the 14th of May 2025. Torcoed Quarry produce 170,000 tons of stone over the last few years with the stone mostly going to the road improvements – Heads of the Valley and Llanddewi Valfrey. On average 6 blasts a month with an average PPV o 5.1. There are no plans to demolish Ty Gwyn an old farmhouse near the quarry. Potentially 3.5 million tons of stone available on the site which is an average of 35tons a month for the next 8 years. The issue of speed of lorries travelling through the villages was discussed, to remind drivers to drive with care.
- Cllr E Goldsmith + Cllr M Gronow – visited Cylch Meithrin Cefneithin/ Gorslas to present a cheque to support them to purchase resources.
- Cllr M Gronow attended an event in the National Botanical Gardens of Wales to celebrate their 25th anniversary

Resolve to: receive and note the information provided and to thank the councillors for their attendance in the events.

44.0 Agenda Item 8: Consultation/Correspondence.

44.1 Correspondence

Ref	From	Advise of/or Provide Information Regarding
1	Hywel Dda Engagement	Clinical Services Plan Consultation: Invitation to a meeting for Town and Community Councils (Carmarthenshire – 9 June 2025)
2	Hywel Dda Engagement	Clinical Services Plan Consultation

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3	Royal British Legion	80th anniversary of Victory over Japan
4	Shelly Williams – Carmar CC	Notice of Vacancy - Gorslas Community Council (Drefach Ward)
5	Department for Communities – Carmar CC	Mid and South-West Wales Community Cohesion Fund 2025
6	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report 2025 to 2026

Resolve to: Receive and note

45.0 Agenda Item 9 One Voice Wales.

45.1 Correspondence /Update

1	• Biodiversity - 'Section 6 Duty Overview' is now available on the Biodiversity section of our website.
2	• National Awards Conference Report 2025 -
3	• Carmarthenshire - Review of Electoral Arrangements - Notice of Initial Consultation
4	• Feedback on new Wales DeafAware eLearning package - 24th June 2025 10am online event
5	• Community mentors to work with the Welsh Government to deliver the childcare and playwork actions in the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan
6	• Revised Financial Regulations 2025

Resolve to: receive and note

46.0 Agenda Item 10: Planning Matters/ Road Closures.

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

Ref	Type and Description	Location
PL/09264	Proposed rear and side extension	Bedwbach Farm, Capel Seion Road, Pontyberem, Llanelli, SA15 5AR

Resolve to: Receive and note

47.0 Agenda Item 11 Finance.

Receipts/ Payments Through Bank May

Expenditure: May

Date	Amount	Payment	Payee	Description
12/05/25	105453	240.00	SLCC	SLCC membership - 2025 - 2026
12/05/25	105454	1,286.40	Wrenvale N&L Ltd	April - Grass cutting payment
12/05/25	105455	85.00	Mathew B Phillips	Gorslas Park - replace steel security bollard
12/05/25	105455	1085.00	Mathew B Phillips	Gorslas Park – repair wetpour damage
12/05/25	105456	1,795.00	Danfo (UK) Ltd	April Charge Toilet and Litter Cleaning
12/05/25	105457	111.00	Bevan & Buckland	Payroll services – Feb – April
30/05/25	105458	1,510.73	C Williams	May Salary
12/05/25	105459	1,274.78	Carmar CC	Qtr4 Ground Maintenance SLA
12/05/25	105460	325.00	Mathew B Phillips	Parc Drefach – repair wetpour
23/05/25	DD	47.00	Information Commissioner	Yearly GDPR Registration Fee
20/05/25	DD	38.00	OVO Energy Ltd	Electricity Charges Gorslas Toilets May
09/05/25	DD	22.26	Three Mobile Network	Monthly Mobile Phone Bill May

Resolve to: Note and approve the payments made.

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47.2 Payment to be made – June

Payee	Payment	Description	£
OVO Energy Ltd	DD	Electricity Charges Gorslas Toilets June	38.00
Three Mobile Network	DD	Monthly Mobile Phone Bill June	22.26
Clear Insurance Management	105461	Insurance 2025 - 26	2,467.74
Wrenvale N&L Ltd	105462	May grass cutting payment	1,286.40
Danfo (UK) Ltd	105463	May Charge Toilet and litter cleaning	1,767.00
Gregg Owen	105464	Repairs to Tollbar Roof	600.00
Gregg Owen	105464	Repairs to Gorslas Toilets Roof	600.00
C Williams	105465	Salary June	1,510.73

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

47.3 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.
- Canolfan Carwyn
- Carmarthen Shopmobility Caerfyrddin

Resolve to: receive and note information

- That an award of £200 be given to Canolfan Carwyn of providing weekly sessions for families with children with ALN. Feedback of these sessions would be required by the Community Council.
- Not to grant Carmarthen Shopmobility Caerfyrddin with financial assistance

47.4 Virement

- Virement approved in the May Meeting is £10316 not £12500 as noted during the meeting.

Resolve to: receive and note the information

47.5 Annual Return

- Annual Return together with supporting documents were submitted to the Independent External Auditor to facilitate the annual audit.
- Documents have been returned and a report by the internal financial auditor.
- The report states there are no matters for the internal auditor to bring to the attention of the council on this occasion

Resolve to: receive and note the information and to thank the internal auditor for his work.

47.6 Financial Regulation update

Following points of Financial regulations have been updated by One Voice Wales. (updated in bold)

- **5.4.** For a contract for the supply of goods, services or works where the estimated value will exceed the thresholds set by Parliament, the full requirements of **The Procurement Act 2023 and the Procurement (Wales) Regulations 2024** or any superseding legislation ("the Legislation"), must be followed in respect of the tendering, award and notification of that contract.
- **5.7.** For contracts estimated to be over £30,000 including VAT, the council must comply with any requirements of the Legislation regarding the publication of invitations and notices about the award of contracts.
- **5.11.** Contracts must not be split to avoid compliance with these rules.

Resolve to: note and adopt updated points.

48. Next Meeting: - Monday 14th July 2025

Venue Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas

Meeting closed 20.30

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