

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes July Ordinary Monthly meeting of Gorslas Community Council held at
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas Monday 14th July 2025

49.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/ Apologies

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

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

50.0 Agenda Item 2: Declaration of Interest

- Cllr N Lewis declared an interest as a member of Drefach Welfare Association. Item 54.4
- Cllr K Jones declared an interest as a resident of Heol Caegwyn. Item 51

Resolve to: accept and note the declaration of interests

51.0 Agenda Item 3: County Council Update – Cllr Darren Price.

- Cllr Darren Price gave an update on matters which were relevant to the area which included
- Carmarthenshire County Council has appointed a new Director of Community Services – Darren Matter. County Council have completed their 2024 – 25 Annual Report which will be published in the next few weeks
- Carmarthenshire County Council have launched 'Tim Tacluso Tai' a new maintenance and cleansing service which focuses on enhancing Council owned homes and housing estates. Tim Tacluso Tai will carry out small scale general maintenance and cleansing tasks to maintain and improve the appearance of Council owned homes and estates as well as supporting the Council's Housing Repairs service with completing small scale repairs.
- Changes to Full time education start date. The decision was made to remove the Rising 4s policy and admit full time learners to primary schools in the school term following their fourth birthday. This policy change will be implemented from the 2025/26 Academic Year by all Community, Voluntary Aided & Controlled schools within the County.
- Some local organisations have benefited from SPF funding – Hebron Vestry, Drefach. SPF funds have decreased this year with some organisations not being successful.
- Safe routes in the Community Drefach. Flash back speed signs have been installed on the road from Capel Seion to Drefach and on the road from Porthyrhyd to Drefach. Ranch style fencing was not included as part of the final bid. Work has started near the entrance of Drefach Cricket club which is increasingly becoming a hub for young people in the area. Creating an island in the middle of the road was not possible, an alternative of narrowing the road to slow down traffic has been adopted.
- The deadline for the planning application Ty Canol, Cefneithin has been extended to 1st August 2025.
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cefneithin has begun its bid for Safer Routes in the Community working with Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen and has asked for the support of Gorslas Community Council.
- The old Gorslas School site will be added to the schedule for routine ground maintenance.
- Cllr N Lewis commented on overgrown weeds and grass verge behind Bron yr Ynn, Drefach – this has been brought to the County Council's attention and will be dealt with in the next few days.
- Cllr C Wilkins asked when will the Tywi Valley Cycle track be completed – track between Llanarthne and Dryslwyn will be completed by the end of August 2025 – a very scenic route. Other sections are waiting for bridges to be manufactured and installed. Funding for the project has been extended due to various issues. CCC are now working with local businesses along the route to promote the track and businesses. The open sections of the cycle track have, thus far, had positive feedback.
- Cllr S Martin enquired about the bridge near Ffynnonluan, MaesyBont and installing appropriate signs on the roads. Cllr D Price to ask CCC for an update.
- Cllr M Gronow commented on a lovely afternoon celebrating Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas centenary year with an open afternoon in the school. Cllr D Price attended the celebrations also.

Resolve to: receive and note information provided by Cllr D Price and Chair thanked him for his contribution to the meeting.

52.0 Agenda Item 4: Minutes of Previous Meetings

- The minutes of the June Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 09.06.25 were considered in detail by members.

Resolve to: Cllr N Lewis noted the date for Carnival Carwyn was incorrect on the June meeting minutes and 19/07/25 was the correct date.

- The date of Carnival Carwyn to be changed on the minutes and then approved as being an accurate record of discussions and decisions made.

53.0 Agenda Item 5: Opportunity Public to Address the Meeting.

- There were no items for discussion by members of the public under this agenda item.

Resolve to: To receive, note and record the position

54.0 Agenda Item 6: Corporate Matters.

54.1 Member Vacancies Cefneithin and Drefach Wards.

- Drefach: No expressions of interest received.
- Cefneithin: No expressions of interests received.

Resolve to: Receive and note the information, members are encouraged to continue their efforts to promote the Community Council as much as possible in the local area and to encourage individuals to join the Community Council.

- Cllr K Jones noted a few upcoming events in the area and if councilors are attending could be a way of promoting the Community Council.

54.2 – Member retirement

- Members discussed arranging an event to celebrate Cllr C Green's contribution to Gorslas Community Council. Event planned for September 2025 with Monday 22nd of September convenient with all members.

Resolve to: Clerk to contact Cllr C Green and ask if Monday 22nd of September is a suitable date.

54.3 Standing Orders

- Members discussed the new version of the Standing Orders and amendments made to the model.
- Cllr K Jones explained the Standing Orders set out the principles Gorslas Community Council follow in their work and conduct.

Resolve to: to accept the working group's recommendations. Cllr K Jones thanked Cllr C Wilkins for his work and suggestions on the Standing Orders and members of the working group for their time and contributions.

54.4 Electricity supply – CCTV Parc Drefach

- At a recent Drefach Welfare Association meeting, questions were raised about the electricity supply for the CCTV system in Drefach Park.
- Clerk has emailed an official from the Association regarding the electricity supply.

Resolve to: Clerk to contact Drefach Welfare Association to rectify the issue.

54.5 Change of web domain

- Migrating to a .gov.wales/ llyw.cymru website address and email addresses.
- The current package/subscription with 123Reg comes to an end in August. Annual subscription with 123Reg £107.88 annually.
- The clerk contacted Parish Online + Aubergine Web developer to obtain a quote for a subscription which includes a website, email addresses, and gov.uk domain.
- Cost £455 - £1249 ex VAT per year approx. with each web developer.
- Choice of new domain name – gorslascommunitycouncil.gov.uk or gorslas-cc.gov.uk.
- Current website address gorslascommunitycouncil.co.uk



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Resolve to: receive and note the information and invite the web developers to deliver an online presentation to councillors and answer any questions. Members have scheduled this meeting with the web developers for Monday, 1st September.

54.6 Performance review

- The Chair completed a performance review with the Clerk on 26th June 2025.
 - Members discussed the review in the Clerk's absence.
 - Councilors agreed to Clerk's request to change her working days to Tuesday – Friday in September.
- Resolve to:** to offer the Clerk a permanent contract and to pay any outstanding overtime in the next salary payment.

55 Agenda Item 6: Ward matters

55.1 General update

1	Cefneithin Park – wooded area	• Clerk to meet with Actif Communities Coordinator - 10/07/25
2	Repair wooden picnic table – Gorslas Park	• Work completed.
3	Cefneithin Park – MUGA	• Work completed to replace goal end, replace missing fixings + repair gate latch. Also gate hinges fixed.
4	CCTV Parc Cefneithin	• CCTV system – no display • Dyfed Alarms are replacing recorder

Resolve to: ask contractor for a quote to clear a track in the wooded area of Cefneithin Park.

55.2 Ward issues

- **Gorslas Park** - Incident – damage to Swing seat Tango.
 - Replacement seat - £618 ex VAT
 - The clerk contacted the residential home. An incident report was provided, but no further response.
- Resolved to:** request a 50% reimbursement for the damage caused and cost of replacing the swing seat.
- Clerk + Chair to draft a letter to Residential Care Home.

- **Parc Cefneithin** - overgrown trees/ hedge row Trees are growing over the play equipment in the children's play park + boundary path creating a slippery surface.
- **Parc Gorslas - Titan swing** – bearings need to be changed, which intends dismantling the swing
- Carms CC are unable to do these repairs
- Quote £1824.90 for replacement parts
- **Parc Cefneithin Multiframe climbing net** – worn in places
- Carms CC are unable to do these repairs
- Quote £840 for replacement net
- **Labour costs** - £1950
- **Total cost** - £4614.90 ex VAT

Resolve to: approve the work as it is essential and the work to be completed as soon as possible.

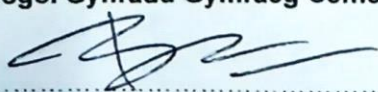
55.3 Events

- Carnifal Carwyn – Canolfan Carwyn – Drefach 19/07/25 – 11.00 – 16.00
- Cadw Mynydd Mawr yn Daclus/ Keep Mynydd Mawr Tidy - Litter picking event - 26/07/25 – Gorslas Park – 10am
- Cadw Mynydd Mawr yn Daclus /Keep Mynydd Mawr Tidy – Litter picking event – 30/08/25 Cross Hands Park – 10am
- Cadw Mynydd Mawr yn Daclus/ Keep Mynydd Mawr Tidy - Litter picking event - 27/09/25 – Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park – Heol Blaenhirwaun – 10am

Resolve to: Receive and note the information and members to attend events if possible.

- Clerk + Chair to draft a letter to Residential Care Home.

55.4 Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cefneithin – Safe Routes in Community Application

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- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cefneithin Safe routes in Community Application. The application has been completed, and the School would like the support of Gorslas Community Council and any suggestions from members.

Resolve to: Receive and note the information and support the Safe Routes in Community Application for Cefneithin.

56 Agenda Item 8: Members Reports:

- Cllr C Wilkins attended the One Voice Wales area meeting in St Peters Carmarthen.

Resolve to: Cllr K Jones thanked Cllr C Wilkins for attending the meeting

56 Agenda Item 8: Consultation/Correspondence.

56.1 Correspondence

Ref	From	Advise of/or Provide Information Regarding
1	Barclays Bank	Confirmation of mandate change request
2	Youth Offenders Team	Letter – information (Clerk)
3	Sian Taylor - Administrative Officer - Llandybie Community Council	Invite you to an informal gathering of the Local Mayor and Chairs and their Deputies Networking group at Llandybie Tennis & Bowls Pavilion, Woodfield Rd, Llandybie on Tuesday July 22nd at 6.30pm
4	Paul Davies - Community Cohesion Officer	Rural crime survey – official launch of the Rural Crime Survey will be held on Monday 21 st July 2025 at the Royal Welsh show but data collection has begun. Rural Crime Survey - LPIP 2025 - English Final
5	Canolfan Carwyn	Discuss potential opportunities of working together for the benefit of the community.

Resolve to: Receive and note the information.

- Cllr K Jones and Cllr S Martin are to attend the gathering of the Local Mayor and Chairs and their Deputies Networking group at Llandybie Tennis & Bowls Pavilion, on Tuesday July 22nd at 6.30pm.

57 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

57.1 Correspondence /Update

- One Voice Wales Constitution and Governance Framework – Important
- One Voice Wales E Bulletin issue 6
- Child Poverty Strategy for Wales – Lived Experience Engagement Exercise
- Consolidation of Planning Law in Wales - Publication of Draft Planning (Wales) Bill

Resolve to: receive and note the information provided

58.0 Agenda Item 11: Planning Matters/ Road Closures.

58.1 Planning Matters

- The following applications have been advised by the County Council

Ref	Type and Description	Location
PL/09536	Proposed raised decking with balustrading (Retrospective) (Resubmission of PL/08397)	71 Heol Yr Ysgol, Cefneithin, Llanelli, SA14 7EA
PL/09494	Erection of a single storey rear extension	1 Brynseion, Capel Seion Road, Pontyberem, Llanelli, SA15 5AT
PL/09452	Outline application for residential development (2 number dwellings)	Land adjacent to 28 Heol Yr Ysgol, Cefneithin, Llanelli, SA14 7EA
PL/09262	Proposed horse menage	Bedwbach Farm, Capel Seion Road, Pontyberem, Llanelli, SA15 5AR

Resolve to: Receive and note the information

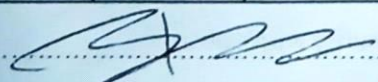
59.0 Agenda Item 12 Finance.

Receipts/ Payments Through Bank June

59.1 Expenditure: June

Date	Amount	Payment	Payee	Description
09/06/25	2,158.70	105461	Clear Insurance Management	Insurance 2025 - 26
09/06/25	1,286.40	105462	Wrenvale N&L Ltd	May grass cutting payment

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09/06/25	1,767.00	105463	Danfo (UK) Ltd	May Charge Toilet and litter cleaning
09/06/25	700.00	105464	William G Owens	Repairs to roof – Gorslas Toilet Block
09/06/25	600.00	105464	William G Owens	Repairs to roof – Tollbar Drefach Park
30/06/25	1,510.73	105465	C Williams	June Salary
09/06/25	243.36	105466	Centerprise International Ltd	Microsoft 365 licence annual renewal
09/06/25	612.00	105467	V L Llewellyn	Independent Audit 2024 – 25
20/06/25	38.00	DD	OVO Energy Ltd	Electricity Charges Gorslas Toilets June
09/06/25	22.26	DD	Three Mobile Network	Monthly Mobile Phone Bill June
24/06/25	298.65	DD	Dwr Cymru	Water Charges Gorslas Toilets

Resolve to: Note and approve the payments made

59.2 Payment to be made – July

Payee	Payment	Description	£
OVO Energy Ltd	DD	Electricity Charges Gorslas Toilets July	38.00
Three Mobile Network	DD	Monthly Mobile Phone Bill July	22.26
HMRC – NIC	DD	NI Contributions	1595.37
Canolfan Carwyn	105468	Donation	200.00
Dyfed Pension Fund	105469	Qtr1 pension contribution	1,965.55
Wrenvale N&L Ltd	105470	June grass cutting payment	1,286.40
Danfo (UK) Ltd	105471	June Charge Toilet and litter cleaning	1,710.00
Dyfed Alarms Ltd	105472	Annual service Aug 25 - Jul 26 - Drefach	120.00
ACE Engineering	105473	repairs to MUGA - hinges, goal ends	498.00
Matthew Phillips	105475	Repairs picnic table – Parc Gorslas	250.00
Clear Insurance Management	105476	Insurance 2025 - 26	219.90
C Williams	105478	July salary	1513.31

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

59.3 Applications for financial assistance/ Ceisiadau am gymorth ariannol

- No application for financial assistance received.

Resolve to: receive and note the information provided

59.4 Auditor General's report and audit opinion 2023 - 2024

- No matters of concern cause for concern have arisen.
- Audit opinion Unqualified.

Resolve to: receive and note the information. Clerk to look at matters and recommendations noted in the report.

60.0 Next Meeting: - Monday 08th September 2025

Venue Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas