

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for Ordinary Monthly meeting Monday 8th September 2025 held in Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas

61.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/ Apologies

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

Resolved: To accept and approve the apologies for absence and the reasons provided

62.0 Agenda Item 2: Declaration of Interest

- Cllr E Goldsmith declared an interest as a owner of property which borders with Gorslas Park.
- Cllr K Jones declared an interest as a resident of Heol Caegwyn.
- Cllr S Martin declared an interest as a neighbour of Y Wern, MaesyBont.

Resolved: To accept and note the declaration of interests

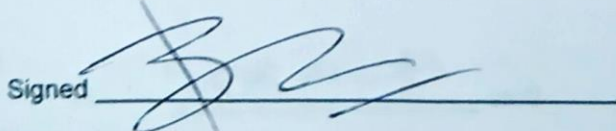
63.0 Agenda Item 3: County Council Update - Cllr Aled Vaughan Owens

- Planning Bron yr Ynn, Drefach. Reserved matters with outline planning. County Councillors have reaffirmed they believe that a junction opposite Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Drefach is not appropriate.
- Planning Y Wern, MaesyBont. County Councillors have voiced concern with regards to the road accessing the proposed campsite and the existing damage to the bridge wall near the entrance.
- Planning Ty Canol, Cefneithin. Ecology section of the planning department has refused the planning application on ecological reasons, but no final decision has been made yet.
- Y Fron, Cefneithin. Housing department is dealing with a concern with a parked boat which is leaning on a garage.
- County Council Housing Department are dealing with 3 neighbourhood disputes, 1 in each village.
- Parking restrictions Consultation on Heol Caegwyn, Drefach. Double yellow lines to be placed on Heol Caegwyn near the entrance of Clwb Criced Drefach to deter roadside parking.
- Garreglwyd, Drefach. Change in use. The facility will be used primarily for short stay respite care.
- The Highways Department is currently working on a potential solution for adopting Ffordd Werdd, which was left in poor condition by the original developer. A road in Drefach could also potentially be adopted.
- First week back after summer break, first full County Council meeting will be Wednesday 10th September.
- It has been identified that a high level of nitrates in rivers and other sewerage and drainage works flowing into the sea, with Carmarthen Bay being identified as a problematic area. Pembrokeshire and Cardiff /Newport bay have also been identified. This issue will affect planning decisions in the areas where high nitrate levels flow into Carmarthen Bay, with planning decisions been placed on hold until further information is received. Report was produced by NRW.
SM – will this affect the potential planning application on the old scrapyard site in Gorslas?
AVO – not yet known
LW – this will affect the building/development of schools, residential care homes, housing estates?
AVO – any development which is adding to the population.
KJ – Government + County targets for increasing social housing will be affected
AVO – some data shows the agricultural sector is one of the main contributors. Duty on local authorities not to contribute further to this matter.
- Discussions have started with regards to next year's budget. There is no definite figure, but it will once again be a challenging year.
KJ – can I bring your attention, the people who live in our villages, low and medium earners, they do not have any further spare money to contribute towards additional Council Tax requirements.

64.0 Agenda Item 4: Minutes of Previous Meetings

- A member noted a resolution noted in the incorrect place.

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Resolved: Clerk to rewrite the minutes with the resolution in the correct place. Once completed minutes can be deemed correct

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

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

Resolved: To receive, note and record the position

66.0 Agenda Item 6: Corporate Matters.

66.1 Member Vacancies Cefneithin and Drefach Wards.

- Drefach: No expressions of interest received.
- Cefneithin: No expressions of interests received.
- It was discussed if a resident from Gorslas could join the Community Council under another Ward.

Resolved: the resident could be co-opted under Cefneithin or Drefach Wards.

66.2 Change of web domain

- Following presentations from three companies on Monday, 1st September 2025, members engaged in extensive discussions regarding the services offered and how each company could meet the specifications of Gorslas Community Council.

Resolved: for Clerk to contact Company 1 to formally offer them the opportunity to develop a new website and email system for Gorslas Community Council.

- Clerk also to email company 2 and 3 to thank them for their proposal and for taking the time to engage with Gorslas Community Council

66.3 Policy update + review

- Gorslas Community Council policies. The policies on Gorslas Community Council website were adopted in 2015. These policies need to be reviewed and updated.
 - ✓ Code of Conduct
 - ✓ Environmental policy
 - ✓ Publication and Freedom of Information Scheme (ICO)
 - ✓ Procurement Policy
 - ✓ Publication of Information
- New policies to be adopted following new guidelines
 - ✓ IT policy
 - ✓ Retention + Disposal policy
 - ✓ Concern + complaint policy

Resolved: For working group to meet on Monday 29th of September to review the policies for discussion in the October meeting.

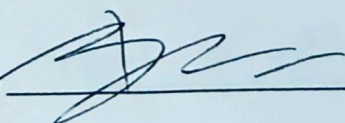
- Clerk to email copies of the draft policies to members of the working group

67.0 Agenda Item 6: Ward matters

67.1 General update

1	Parc Cefneithin – wooded area	• Work authorised through email correspondence due to no Community Council meeting in August • Work completed in August
2	CCTV Parc Cefneithin	• Dyfed Alarms completed the work– issue with cable connection
3	Parc Gorslas	• damage to Swing seat Tango – no update from residential home • Awaiting contractors
4	Parc Gorslas	• Titan swing bearings need to be changed, which entails dismantling the swing • Awaiting contractors

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5	Parc Cefneithin	- Multi-frame climbing net – worn in places - Awaiting contractors
6	Parc Drefach + Cefneithin	Hedges to be cut in both parks in September as part of the ground maintenance contract.

Resolved: To receive and note the information received.

67.2 Ward issue – work identified

- Following the Annual Tree inspection completed in August the following recommendations have been made in the report.
 - ✓ Parc Gorslas - removal of deadwood, removal of 2 diseased trees, remove trees which are separating from the main root at ground level + **crowning of trees** (included in other work identified).
 - ✓ Parc Cefneithin – **removal of overextended branches above the footpath and bench** (included in other work identified), remove one dead Ash tree near the footpath and northern end of the woodland, asymmetric crown.
 - ✓ Parc Drefach – Removal of all deadwood above 3cms diameter which is above the footpath and exercise equipment + Twin stems with dense Ivy growing on the two stems. Reduce 1 low over extended branch which is above the highway on the northwest side by 2 metres.
- Annual Play equipment inspection has been undertaken in March 2025, report received July 2025. Following risks identified in the reports for Cefneithin and Drefach park are all low risk - no recommendations.
 - ✓ 3 medium level risks identified in Gorslas park – 2 have been addressed before report was received (Basket swing shackles replaced + Titan swing bearings worn), 1 manufacturer will inspect the equipment when they are in Gorslas Park repairing Titan Swing.

Other work identified

- Parc Gorslas – removal of boundary tree, crowning of trees, quote - £1350
- Parc Drefach, Cefneithin + Gorslas - Small areas of Japanese Knotweed have been identified in all three parks. Contractors contacted to treat the areas to prevent spreading.
- 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. Quotes - £240
- Weed removal 3 parks – Parc Gorslas - removal of weeds area in front of the toilets, Parc Drefach – area in front of Tollbar + footpaths, Parc Cefneithin – footpaths + carpark – quote £240
- Parc Gorslas - Wetpour surfaces coming away from edges + areas worn under sweeping swing - contractor contacted.
- ✓ Parc Cefneithin - Wetpour surfaces coming away from edges – contractor contacted

Resolved: To work to be completed at earliest convenience so to reduce further deterioration

67.3 Events

- Cadw Mynydd Mawr yn Daclus/ Keep Mynydd Mawr Tidy - Litter picking event - 27/09/25 – Coedtir Mynydd Mawr – 10am
- Bore coffi MacMillan Coffee morning – 26/09/25 - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas

Resolved: To receive and note the information.

67.4 Member of the public complaint

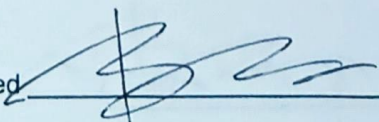
- The Community Council had received an official complaint regarding the work carried out in the woodland area of Cefneithin Park.

Resolved: Council members considered a suitable response to be signed off by the chair.

68.0 Agenda Item 8: Members Reports:

- Cllr K Jones + Cllr S Martin attended a Local Mayor and Chairs and their Deputies Networking group at Llandybie Tennis & Bowls Pavilion Tuesday July 22nd. The event was well attended, and many issues and topics were discussed during the event. Chair and clerk to explore funding opportunities.
- Cllr K Jones – consultation of parking restrictions on Heol Caegwyn, Drefach – Cllr Jones had made officials of Drefach Cricket Club aware of the proposed plans.
- Cllr K Jones reported a tarmac lorry shed some of its load on Heol Blaenhirwaun resulting in the road being closed for a period of time. Cllr Jones had emailed Torcoed Quarry and had received an explanation which had been conveyed to residents.

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- Cllr C Wilkins reported the One Voice Wales Extraordinary Meeting 3 September 2025 was cancelled and the points to be discussed will be included in the One Voice Wales National Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at the Royal Welsh Showground on Wednesday 1 October 2025.
- Cllr C Wilkins attended Cadw Wynydd Mawr tidi event in Cross Hands.

69.0 Agenda Item 9: Consultation/Correspondence.

69.1 Correspondence

Ref	From	Advise or/Provide Information Regarding
1	Cardiganshire County Council	Notice of Vacancy – Drefach Ward
2	Hate Crime Training & Engagement Officer	Hate Crime Awareness Week 2025 free Open Training
3	Tanja Neumayer-James	Vacancy for an Additional Community Governor on the Governing Body of Ysgol Cefnethin
4	Hwyel Dda health board	Clinical Services Plan Consultation
5	Cardiganshire County Council	Proposed waiting restriction at Heol Caerwyn, Drefach
6	Barclays Bank	Barclays Bank are reducing the interest rates in the business account

Resolved: To receive and note the information provided

70.0 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

70.1 Correspondence /Update

- One Voice Wales National Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) are being held at the Royal Welsh Showground on Wednesday 1 October 2025.

Resolved: To receive and note information provided

71.0 Agenda Item 11: Planning Matters/ Road Closures.

71.1 Planning Matters

- The following applications have been advised by the County Council

Ref	Type and Description	Location
PL/09773	Reserved Matters to Outline PL/08393 (Details of the appearance of the development (Condition 3 of PL/08393); details of existing ground levels and proposed finished ground and floor / ridge levels of the site (Condition 8 of PL/08393); details including the positions, height, design, materials and type of boundary treatment to be erected (Condition 7 of PL/08393); details of a scheme of traffic management measures, including the provision of a speed hump on the carriageway of Heol Blaenhirwaun to the east side of the proposed access, together with all associated measures, and new 'Except for Access' signage at the junctions of the new access with Heol Blaenhirwaun and the junction of Bron Yr Ynni with Heol Cwmnewr (Condition 15 of PL/08393)	Land between Bron-Yr-Ynni and Heol Blaenhirwaun, Drefach, Llanelli, SA14 7AH
PL/09784	Retrospective creation of an off-road parking facility with provision of drop kerbs	Cilgwyn, 23 Black Lion Road, Gorslas, Llanelli, SA14 6RS
PL/09733	Non-Material Amendment to W/40740 (Change construction to an oak frame building rather than steel frame. The roller shutter doors will be replaced with open fronted car ports)	Everlasting, Gorslas, Llanelli, SA14 7NL
PL/09850	Change of use of grazing land to a camp site for 6 tents	Wern, Maesyfont, Llanelli, SA14 7HD

Resolved: To receive and note the information

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71.2 Temporary road closure

The following have been advised by the County Council

- B4297, MaesyBont, Llanelli 09.11.25

Resolved: To receive and note the information

72.0 Agenda Item 12 Finance.

72.1 Financial Review Quarter 1 Bank Reconciliation

Bal b/f 1/4/25	57,873.00	107,798.66	165,671.66
Expenditure		-34,441.41	-34,441.41
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income	192.25	47,943.43	48,135.68
Bal 30/06/25	58,065.25	121,300.68	179,365.93
Bank Stmt 30/06/25		129,147.81	
Bank Stmt 11/06/25	58,065.25		187,213.06
Diff	0.00	7,847.13	
Represented by:			
Unpresented cheques and outstanding DDs		7,847.13	

72.1.1 Reserves Quarter 1 Overview

Summary	Balance	Trs from res	Trs to res	Trs between res	Balance
Assets Replacement and Investment Fund	78,702	0	0	0	78,702
Earmarked Projects	7,840	0	0	0	7,840
Gorslas Car Park Commuted Sum	13,400	0	0	0	13,400
Commitments Outstanding	19,339	-12,401	0	0	6,938
Total Earmarked Reserves	119,281	-12,401	0	0	106,880
Operational Reserve	46,391	0	0	0	46,391
Total reserves	165,672	-12,401	0	0	153,271

- Operational reserves will be reduced in line with any payments or income not already committed.

72.1.2 Budget quarter 1 summary

- The following statements include payments made and income received to date together with commitments for each budget for the year.

2025/26	Revised Budget 25/26	Total Forecast Inc/Exp	Variance
Income			
Precept	-135,894	-135,894	0
Bank Interest	-800	-800	0
VAT Refund	-2,645	-5,951	-3,306
Total Income	-139,339	-142,645	-3,306

Expenditure				Comments
Parks	47,775	36,888	-10,887	
Public Conveniences	14,898	12,906	-1,992	
Public Lighting	13,932	13,772	-160	
Other Assets	1,815	250	-1,565	

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Corporate Running Expenses	41,531	42,015	484	Monitor
Democratic	11,427	0	-11,427	IRPW allowance + carers allowance
Grants/Donations & Other	8,900	700	-8,200	Underspend donations + Com Agreement with Ysgol Gorslas.
VAT Expenditure	0	3,915	3,915	
Total Expenditure	140,278	110,445	-29,833	

- The position indicates that most of the budgets are operating as expected. The only issue is the underspend in the Democratic + Grants / Donation budgets which need to be monitored. IRPW allowance is allocated during the 3rd Quarter of the year.
- The option exists to transfer funds to the council's savings account to gain interest.

Resolved:

- Retain and monitor the current position and review at the end of the next quarter (September)
- Saver account balance £58,065 transfer £15,000 to the saver account in Qtr2
- Transfer additional £15,000 (contingent on satisfactory budget review at end of Qtr3)

Receipts/ Payments Through Bank July

72.2 Expenditure: July

Date	Amount	Payment	Payee	Description
21/07/25	DD	38.00	OVO Energy Ltd	Electricity Charges Gorslas Toilets July
09/07/25	DD	22.26	Three Mobile Network	Monthly Mobile Phone Bill June
24/07/25	DD	1,595.37	HMRC	Q1 Tax & NI contributions
14/07/25	105468	200.00	Canolfan Carwyn	Donation
14/07/25	105470	1,286.40	Wrenvale N&L Ltd	June grass cutting payment
14/07/25	105471	1,710.00	Danfo (UK) Ltd	June Charge Toilet and litter cleaning
14/07/25	105472	120.00	Dyfed Alarms Ltd	Annual service Aug 25 - Jul 26 Drefach
14/07/25	105473	498.00	ACE Engineering	repairs to MUGA - hinges, goalends
14/07/25	105475	250.00	Mathew B Phillips	repairs to picnic table Gorslas Park
14/07/25	105476	219.90	Clear Insurance Management	Insurance 2025 - 26 - closing balance
31/07/25	105478	1,513.31	C Williams	July Salary
14/07/25	105479	230.00	Audit Wales	Audit fees 2023 - 24
14/07/25	105480	34.80	C Williams	2nd Class Stamps 8 x 5 books

Expenditure August

Date	Amount	Payment	Payee	Description
20/08/25	DD	38.00	OVO Energy Ltd	Electricity Charges Gorslas Toilets August
08/08/25	DD	10.97	Three Mobile Network	Monthly Mobile Phone Bill July
14/07/25	105481	1,965.55	Dyfed Pension Fund	Pension Qtr1 2025 - 26
11/08/25	105482	1,286.40	Wrenvale N&L Ltd	July grass cutting payment
11/08/25	105483	1,767.00	Danfo (UK) Ltd	July Charge Toilet and litter cleaning
11/08/25	105484	386.50	Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli Cyf	Translation April 25 - July 25
31/08/25	105485	1,980.98	C Williams	August Salary
11/08/25	105486	115.20	Bevan & Buckland	Qtr1 payroll services

Resolved: To note and approve the payments made.

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72.2 Payment to be made – September

Payee	Payment	Description	£
OVO Energy Ltd	DD	Electricity Charges Gorslas Toilets September	38.00
Three Mobile Network	DD	Monthly Mobile Phone Bill July	10.97
C Williams	105487	3mths Web hosting renewal	35.96
CCC	105488	Qtr1 Ground Maintenance	964.64
Arb Team	105489	Annual Tree inspection	310.00
Wrenvale N&L Ltd	105490	September grass cutting payment	1,286.40
Danfo (UK) Ltd	105491	September Charge Toilet and litter cleaning	1,710.00
Dylan Jones	105492	Groundwork – Cefneithin Park	715.00
C Williams	105493	September salary	1513.51

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

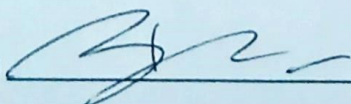
72.3 Applications for financial assistance/ Ceisiadau am gymorth ariannol

- 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

Resolved: To receive and note the information provided

73.0 Next Meeting: - Monday 13thOctober 2025 in Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gorslas

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