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Minutes of the meeting of the Gorslas Community Council held at Cefneithin C.P. School on Monday, 14th January, 2019, at 7.10 p.m.

116.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Cllrs Simon Martin (Chair), Wyn Edwards, Nia Lewis, Tina Jukes, Clive Green, Darren Price, Anthony Rees, Terry Jones, Aled Vaughan Owen, Wynne Jones and Iestyn Llwyd.
- Others: Ten members of the public, Llew Thomas Clerk to the Council, Hefin Jones, Translator.
- Apologies for absence: Cllrs David Evans, Andrew King and Janice Price.

116.1 Welcome

- The meeting commenced at 7.10p.m. with the Chair welcoming and thanking Councillors and the members of the public for their attendance.
- The Chair enquired of the members of the public as to whether or not they wished to address the Council in respect of a specific issue or concern.
- The members of the public advised that they would like to address the meeting in relation to concerns regarding the proposals contained in the draft Local Development Plan (L.D.P) recently been published by the County Council.
- Members were asked by the Chair if they would accede to the request.
- **Resolved:** That the agenda be changed to provide an opportunity for the members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the Local Development Plan.

117.0 Additional Agenda Item: Local Development Plan (L.D.P)

- The members of the public present stated that they had become aware of the proposals following the publication of an awareness raising post by Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen on Social Media for which they were grateful.
- As a result of the post they had examined the proposals and wished to convey to the Community Council their shared concerns regarding the severe and negative impact on the community should the developments outlined in the plan take place on the scale indicated in the draft plan.
- To assist and inform discussion Cllrs. Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen outlined the processes and procedures the County Council were required to follow in relation to the draft plan and which included the following: -
 - a) Legislation required the County Council prepare a Local Development Plan.
 - b) The Plan would identify areas for future development over a 15-year period.
 - c) There were specific processes and procedures which had to be followed.
 - d) The first stage involved land owners/developers and other bodies putting forward proposals for various sites or areas to be included in the L.D.P. Such sites being referred to as candidate sites. This stage had been completed.

- e) As part of the second stage the County Council was then required to consult with the public, other agencies and bodies on the proposal which it had received. i.e. on the candidate sites.
- f) That process was currently underway with the closing date for the receipt of views being the 8th February,2019.
- g) After the closing date the County Council would assess and review the candidate sites against a number of factors including the observations and objections received.
- h) It would also consider legislative and policy requirements and the assessed demand for future housing and other developments in the area.
- i) Stage 3 would involve a revised draft L.D.P. being prepared based upon the findings of the assessments undertaken and views having considered the responses received during the second stage.
- j) Consultation would then take place towards the latter part of 2019 on the updated LD.P.
- k) This would provide a further opportunity for the views of the public and other bodies to be considered before a final version was produced.
- Discussion then took place in relation to various aspects of the plan, the process and the impact should the developments at the candidate sites take place. These included the following: -
 - (i) There was a recognition of a need for limited and targeted developments appropriate in scale and nature to provide for the future housing and other needs of the young people and residents of the area.
 - (ii) The scale and density of the developments proposed in the draft plan were inappropriate and unnecessary. They would totally overwhelm, subsume and alter the unique character and culture of the area which would be lost forever.
 - (iii) The existing infrastructure and utilities including roads, schools, water, sewage, electricity would not be able to support developments on such a scale.
 - (iv) There were also individual examples of proposed developments at specific sites which seemed illogical and/or detrimental to existing properties.
 - (v) There was a frustration at the lack of clarity with regard to the process, timescales and when and how input and decisions relating to the draft L.D.P could be made.
- Community Council members also stressed the importance of individuals taking the time to formally respond and submit views as part of the current consultation.
- In that respect Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen had prepared letters to be distributed to each household to make them aware of the draft L.D.P. and of the opportunity afforded by the consultation process to submit observations.
- The members of the public were appreciative of the work done and agreed to assist with the distribution of the letters.
- Accordingly, it was agreed that they meet with the two members at 6. 30p.m on Tuesday 15th January,2019, at the Drefach Welfare Hall to help with distribution.
- There being no further issues of concern the Chair thanked the members of the public present for their attendance and also for the constructive manner of their input. They were also invited and welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

- The members of the public thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting however as their concerns had been addressed and as they had other commitments, they left the meeting at this point.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided and that discussion by the Community Council in respect of the draft L.D.P. would take place under planning matters.

118.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- Declarations of a personal but not prejudicial interest were declared by Cllrs Darren Price and Aled Vaughan Owen as members of the body seeking to purchase the land.
- The Clerk advised that a dispensation had been applied by the monitoring officer in relation to allowing members to take part in discussions relating to the matter.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the declaration of interest.

119.0 Agenda Item 3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

- It was proposed by Cllr Darren Price and seconded by Cllr Tina Jukes that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to agenda item 6 (ii) Proposed Sale of Land at Gorslas Park for the purposes of erecting a new primary school as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'
- **Resolved:** The motion was agreed unanimously.

120.0 Agenda Item 4 Consider the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

- Members proceeded, under the direction of the Chair, to examine each page of the minutes of the meeting of the Council on the 10th December, 2018, for accuracy.
- **Resolved:** It was proposed by Cllr Clive Green and seconded by Cllr Nia Lewis, and agreed by all that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and confirmed as an accurate representation of the discussions and decisions made.

121.0 Agenda Item 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- An update was provided for members in relation to the following matters: -

Ref	Item	Update
121.1	Cefneithin Hall Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC advised arrangement terminated.
121.2	GDPR Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised date proposed of 25/02/19. • Llanddarog C.C available on 25/02/19
121.3	Health and Safety Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC advised that offer accepted. • Training to take place at March Meeting of the Council.

121.4	Cefneithin Ward Vacancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant accepted nomination. • County Council notified
121.5	Gorslas Ward Vacancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice Re Election Published
121.6	New School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Parks and General Matters
121.7	Play Sufficiency Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Parks and General Matters
121.8	Footpath Ty Canol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County Council have responded
121.9	Social Media Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information forwarded by Clerk.
121.10	Cefn Park Boundary Hedge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of negotiations with contractor for 2019/20 arrangements.
121.11	Cefn Park Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment to be made in January.
121.12	Gorslas Park Tenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 106 funds £ 74,440
121.13	Gorslas Toilets Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award received.
121.14	LGPS Discretionary Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication requirements met with notification to Employees and Carms C.C.
121.15	Finance Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule of grants for which bids could be submitted received and analysed.

- **Resolved:** To receive, note the information provided and approve the actions taken and to consider further actions necessary under the relevant agenda heading.

122.0 Agenda Item 6 Parks and General Matters.

122.1 Cefneithin Ward. Acceptance of Office.

- Cllr Iestyn Llwyd formally read and signed the declaration of office with the Clerk witnessing and signing the declaration.
- **Resolved:** To formally welcome and accept Cllr Llwyd as a member for the Cefneithin Ward.

122.2 Gorslas Ward Vacancy.

- The period of notice in the published notice whereby the public can call for an election closed on the 7th January, 2019, with no such request being received.
- **Resolved:** To fill the post by co-option and that the necessary notices be published.

122.3 Minor Authority Representative Vacancy. Gorslas C.P. School.

- Discussion took place in relation to the above with nominations being considered
- **Resolved:** That the County Council be advised that Cllr Andrew King be nominated as the representative of the Community Council.

122.4 Proposed Sale of Land at Gorslas Park - New Primary School.

- It was proposed by Cllr Darren Price and seconded by Cllr Tina Jukes that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from discussion relating to agenda item 6 (ii) Proposed Sale of Land at Gorslas Park for the purposes of erecting a new

primary school as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'

- An update was provided by the Chair in relation to progress on the proposed sale of land to the County Council.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To receive, note the information provided and the actions taken.
 - (ii) To authorise the Clerk to undertake or commission any statutory requirements necessary to progress consideration of the proposal.

122.5 Parks. Grass Cutting Contract

- The current arrangement relating to grass cutting contract is to end on 31/03/19.
- In view of the uncertainty relating to the disposal of land at Gorslas Park it is suggested that the contract be extended for a two-year period i.e. the expected period of the new build subject to the revised price being acceptable.
- To assist with the setting of the precept for 2019/20 initial contact has been made with the company and details of the possible area within Gorslas Park which would be occupied by the New School provided.
- **Resolved:** To extend the contract for a two-year period subject to the revised price being reported to and accepted by the Community Council.

122.6 Parks and Public Conveniences Cleaning

- The current contractual arrangement would end on the 31st March,2019.
- Due to uncertainty regarding the arrangements relating to the building of the new school and the arrangements which would apply at that time discussions have taken place with the contractor with regard to a possible extension and amendment to the contract for a period of one year.
- The revised arrangements would include enhanced litter picking to include Cefneithin MUGA, together with a monthly litter pick of the Gorslas School Side Bus Shelter. The cost is an additional £ 2.50 per day.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To approve the revised arrangement to be implemented as from 1st April,2019,
 - (ii) To discuss options for revised arrangements for the period following the establishment of the new school.

122.7 Play Sufficiency Grant

- Following the December meeting of the Council a successful submission was made to the County Council for funds to purchase play equipment for the park.
- The Sub Committee, at its meeting on the 17th December ,2018, considered an anonymised schedule of prices received, services offered, ability to meet deadlines and service delivery.
- Following consideration, the contract was awarded to Contractor C i.e. G.L Jones Playgrounds, at the tendered price of £5k. for the provision of a Birds Nest Swing at Gorslas Park.

- The Contractor has confirmed acceptance of the conditions of contract and been instructed to proceed with the works. Fitting scheduled for w/c 25/02/19.
- **Resolved:** That the decisions made and the actions taken be approved and adopted.

122.8 Section 106 Funding for Gorslas Park Play Equipment.

- The Clerk advised that clarification had been sought from the County Council in relation to the funding for which the Community Council could bid for replacement equipment at Gorslas Park.
- The Clerk had been notified that there was a sum of £ 74,440 available for which the Community Council could make a bid and which would be considered.
- Clarification was also sought in relation to the payment or repayment of any purchasing of equipment by the Community Council. It was suggested that the Clerk should meet with County Council Officers to discuss the matter.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted and that the matter be progressed as quickly as possible

122.9 Cefneithin Park. Monitoring by Dog Warden.

- Members were advised by Cllr Terry Jones that Carmarthenshire County Council's dog warden patrol had visited the park over a five-day period as part of an investigation into complaints raised by the Community Council.
- It was noted that during the monitoring period no incidents of dog fouling or of unsupervised dogs in the park took place. The Officers recommended the provision of signage prohibiting dogs from the MUGA area
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted and that enquiries be made in relation to the procedures for prohibiting dogs from the MUGA.

122.10 Drefach Park. Litter / Dog Fouling

- A report was received on the 10th January,2018, of an overflowing bin at the park with a number of bags of dog fouling left on top of the bin.
- The Clerk visited site same day and arranged for contractor to remove the excess waste that afternoon.
- Members advised that 35 individual incidents of dog fouling which had not been bagged had been picked up on the playing field area by volunteers during a morning's clearing in the park.
- Members advised that there were issues relating to dog fouling in the other parks and that there seemed to be particular difficulties with dogs in the parks which were not on a lead
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) That enquiries be made of the County Council as to the possibilities of requiring all dogs in the parks to be on a lead
 - (ii) Enquiries be made in relation to stencils/ signage which could be used in the park to reduce the incidents of dog fouling not being picked up and placed in the bins.

122.11 Drefach Park. Agreement Drefach Football and Cricket Club.

- The above agreement comes to an end on the 19/01/19. An application for renewal has not been received.
- **Resolved:** That the contract be renewed and extended for a five-year period on the same terms and conditions.

122.12 Gorslas Park. Titan Swing

- Following a communication from the playground inspector in December relaying concerns over the shackles/ chain wear etc. the item has been de-commissioned.
- The cost of renewing and replacing the worn parts is estimated at £1,157. Awaiting fitting costs.
- **Resolved.** That the information provided be received and noted.

122.13 Gorslas Park. Aerial Runway.

- The item has been de-commissioned and is not operational.
- The item does however appear as a high-risk item on the inspector's report with attention being drawn to the risk arising out of the landing platform in particular.
- **Resolved:** That the platform be removed as soon as possible.

122.14 Gorslas Public Conveniences. Useage.

- December Useage: 267 persons.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

122.15 Gorslas Park/ Public Convenience. Anti-Social Behaviour.

- Dyfed Powys Police advised that they had interviewed a number of young people who had admitted committing the offences.
- As a consequence, appropriate action had been instigated in each case.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

122.16 Gorslas Park – Newspaper Article.

- An article which appeared in the Carmarthen Journal regarding a serious incident which was reported as occurring in the park and which had resulted in an arrest.
- As a result of further enquiries, it has become apparent that the information published was incorrect and that no such incident occurred in Gorslas Park.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

122.17 Gorslas Park – Lighting Unit 711-129.

- The unit was reported by a member of the public as being out of order.
- County Council Maintenance Unit will repair within the contract period.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

122.18 Council Annual Dinner

- Discussion took place in relation to the possibility of arranging a dinner for members and their partners.
- Attendance would be voluntary with all costs being met by individuals.

- **Resolved:**

- (i) That an annual dinner be held.
- (ii) That the event be held annually and establishments within the Council's area.

123.0 Agenda Item 7 Urgent Local Matters.

123.1 Gorslas Square. Cross Hands Road Water Leak.

- A concern was relayed to the Community Council on the 4th January,2019, that water was leaking from a mains supply in the main road and was forming a puddle.
- The location of the puddle was such that spray from vehicles was splashing members of the public waiting in the bus shelter.
- The water being sprayed onto the pavement had frozen in the cold weather presenting a risk to pedestrians.
- The matter was reported to the County Council and Welsh Water. The County Council attended that day and arranged for gritting of the pavement. Welsh Water representatives also attended site at 4. 30p.m on the same day.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

123.2 Gorslas Square. Cwm Mwyn.

- Concerns had been received that there was movement in the embankment on the Cwm Mwyn side of Cross Hands Road which could lead to the collapse of earth/footway into the adjoining properties.
- The area in question had been examined previously by a County Council inspector on the 17th November,2017, following the relying of a similar concern by the Community Council. No evidence was found at that time of collapse or slippage.
- **Resolved:** That the position had worsened and the County Council be advised of the situation and invited to attend a site meeting to discuss the matter.

123.3 Gorslas Square. Request for Cleaning of Planters

- A request had been received from the Gorslas Welfare Association that the planters in the square be cleaned.
- **Resolved.** To obtain a price for undertaking the work.

123.4 Drefach. Site of the old Ysgol Y Gwendraeth.

- Notification was received that there had been damage to a bollard in the area between the bus bay and the highway. The matter had been reported to the County Council. It was noted that metal railing adjacent to and used to prevent access to the highway had also been damaged.
- The arrangements for the parking of vehicles in the bus bay had improved considerably since the implementation of a plan by the County Council.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

123.5 Drefach. Consultation Parking Restriction Heol Cwmmawr and Henffordd.

- It was noted, and welcomed, that there would be consultation on the proposal to introduce parking restrictions in relation to a section of that road including

entrances from Heol Cwmmawr to Uwch Gwendraeth and Henffordd. The closing date for the receipt of observations was the 08/02/19.

- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted and that the consultation process was greatly appreciated and welcomed.

123.6 Drefach. Recycling Facilities at Drefach Cricket and Football Club.

- Concerns had been relayed to members that the facilities were full and overflowing over the Christmas period.
- The backlog had since been cleared. Concerns remained however that the higher than usual level of material was a consequence of the closing of the recycling facilities at the former site of the Cooperative store at Cross Hands.
- Members were informed that the County Council were in discussion with the new owners of the Cooperative site in relation to the re-instatement of recycling facilities.
- **Resolved:** That the situation in relation to the facilities at Drefach be monitored.

123.7 Library Facilities.

- It was reported that the library facility at Cross Hands Hall and Cinema had been re-located to the ground floor. The move was proving to be popular with users.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

124.0 Agenda Item 8. Members Reports

124.1 Crime Statistics Analysis by Ward for November 2018 by Cllr Clive Green

- The following information had been extracted from the Police UK website and analysed by ward: -
 - (i) Drefach Ward
 - 1 x ASB in/near Heol Cwmbach
 - 1 x Violence & sexual offence on/near Heol Blaenhirwaun
 - (ii) Cefneithin Ward
 - 2 x Violence & sexual offence in/near Heol Y Dre
 - 1 x ASB in /near Heol Y Dre
 - 1 x ASB in /near Clos Treventy
 - 1 x Violence & sexual offence in / near Heol Y Parc
 - 1 x Violence & sexual offence in/near Rhosybonwen
 - 1 x Criminal damage & arson in / near Heol Treventy
 - 1 x Criminal damage & arson in/ near Garreg Holtt
 - (iii) Gorslas Ward.
 - 2 x ASB in / near Brynlluan
 - 1 x Burglary in/near Llandeilo Road
 - 1 x Other theft in / near Llandeilo Road
 - 1 x Violence & sexual offence in / near Ffordd Werdd.
- Details of how to access the site and obtain the information were provided by Cllr Green for members.

- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

124.2 PACT Meeting.

- Members were advised that there would not be a PACT meeting during January.
- Negotiations were ongoing in relation to an alternative venue. It was therefore anticipated that a meeting would be held in February, 2019.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

125.0 Agenda Item 9. Correspondence.

125.1 Consultation.

No	From	Details
125.2	Hywel Dda Community Health Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking views on priorities and activities for the NHS patient representative body for 2019-20. • Report online. Return of views by 19/01/19
124.3	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the Town and Community Council Forum meeting in December the County Council have forwarded a link to the Budget Setting Strategy Report prepared for the Executive Board. Link available from Clerk.
124.4	Older People's Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking views on areas to address under the following priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ensuring everyone ages well, (ii) Ending ageism and discrimination, (iii) Stopping the abuse of older people.

124.5 General Correspondence

No	From	Subject
124.6	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Town Council Update December, 2018. The document sets out the actions W.G propose following the Independent Review Panel Report. They include: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To legislate requiring Annual Reports by Councils. (ii) Consult with O.V.W. in relation to a member core training package. (iii) Survey Councils to understand how Social /Digital mediums can engage with communities and assess the support necessary to expand their use. (iv) Discuss with O.V.W. and W.LG.A. how Community and Principal Councils can work together to sustain services. (v) Discuss further with Councils an approach to dual hatted County Councillors sitting on Community Councils and the one term co-option period for Community Councillors.

124.7	Cardiff and Vale Social Value Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have developed and made available a toolkit to assess the Social Value of projects.
124.8	Welsh Gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise that as from 07/01/19 all new developments of more than 1 dwelling house or over 100 square meters will be subject to new SuDS regulations relating to drainage. Details on WG website.
124.9	Community Transport Assoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December Newsletter available electronically from Clerk.
124.10	BHIB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obligations and Winter Checklist for Operation Commercial Property relating to clearance of footpaths, walkways, entrances, car parks. etc.
124.11	Carms CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to Community and Town Councils to register any facilities e.g. meeting or function rooms they have on the CCC website.
124.12	Carms C.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Development Plan. The following documentation has been published for consultation and can be viewed on the Council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Deposit Preferred Strategy Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environmental Assessment Habitat Regulations Assessment Carmarthenshire LDP Review Report
124.13	Welsh Govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an update of ministerial portfolios following the appointment of Mark Drakeford as First Minister. Copy available from Clerk.
124.14	Charity Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking ideas for location for a textile re-cycling bank in Gorslas.
124.15	Carms C.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of inclusion in the South. West Wales Regional Construction Framework 2020 to 2024.
124.16	Age Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise of free Home Energy Check Service for the elderly. Fitting of draught excluders, light bulbs, use remote control plug sockets and radiator panel backing which reflects heat back into the room.

- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

125.0 Agenda Item 10 One Voice Wales.

125.1 Newsletter

- The latest edition of the newsletters has been circulated electronically to members.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

125.2 National Awards Conference.

- The closing date for nominations in respect of the above was the 25th January,2019.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

125.3 Carmarthenshire Area Committee.

- Cllr Wyn Edwards had attended the meeting which had been held on the 9th January,2019, at St Peters Civic Hall Carmarthen.
- An overview of the salient points from the meeting was provided for members.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

126.0 Agenda Item 11 Planning Matters

126.1 Planning Applications.

No /Ref	Type and Description	Location
W/38152	Discharge of Planning Conditions 16 &18 of W/33230(Acer Ecology, Ecological Management Plan Site Location Plan	Land at Penygroes Rd, Gorslas SA14 7LB
W/3822	Full Planning. Agricultural Building (Hay Storage)	Land off Blaenhirwaun Rd, Drefach, SA14 7AJ.
W/38221	Full Planning. Relocation of Agricultural Shed (To facilitate a proposed dwelling house)	Land Ty Penybanc, Black Lion Road, Gorslas, SA14 6RU.
W/37763	Full planning. Construction of new extension to existing Gwernllwyn Care Home and conversion of bungalow to ancillary staff accommodation with associated access, car parking and landscaping.	Land at rear of Gwernllwyn Care Home, Llandeilo Road, Cross Hands.

- **Resolved:**

- (i) That the information provided be received and noted.
- (ii) L. D. P. That the Community Council submit a formal response to the consultation relating to the proposals contained in the plan supporting and conveying the concerns expressed by local residents including those expressed by the members of the public during the first half of the meeting.
- (iii) L.D.P. Individual Ward members re-examine the proposals contained in the draft plan and submit views /concerns on behalf of their communities as appropriate.
- (iv) L.D.P. Where members of the public have concerns they be advised and encouraged to submit those views as part of the consultation process.

127.0 Finance Agenda Item 12.

127.1 Budget 2018/19.

- Following the success of the bid for Play Sufficiency Grant of £5k it is necessary to further revise the income and expenditure budget figures as follows: -
- Income: Grants/ Section 106 – from £ 9,060 to £ 14,060
- Expenditure: Parks Major Maintenance from £ 12,305 to £ 17,305.
- **Resolved:** To approve and adopt the proposed amendments.

127.2 Precept 2019/20. Tax Base

- The County Council advise that the 2019/20 Band D Council Tax Base figure for the Gorslas Community Council area is £1,950.64.
- Precept payments will be made in three instalments i.e. 30th April,2019, 30thAugust,2019 and 31st December,2019.
- A request for the return of the notification of precept by the 31st January,2019.
- **Resolved:** That the Sub-Committee be authorised to consider and prepare a draft budget and recommendation in respect of a precept for the 2019/20 financial year.

127.3 Precept 2019/20- Section 137 Limit.

- The number of electors was confirmed as 3,701 as at 01/12/18. The allowance per elector of £8.12 the ceiling for section 137 expenditure is therefore be £ 30,052.
- **Resolved.** To receive and note the information provided and for it to be included as part of the budget and precept setting process for 2019/20.

127.4 External Funding.

(i) Targeted Finance Fund – Community Development Officer.

- Following further enquiries by Cllr Clive Green it was established that the funding was only available to Councils levying a precept in excess of £200k per annum. The requirement excluded the Council qualifying for assistance.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

(ii) Other Funding Sources.

- The County Council had kindly undertaken and a search of possible grant funding available to assist the Community Council.
- In total some 24 separate grants were identified as possibilities however having examined the criteria regrettably there were none which could assist the Community Council in developing the services it provides for the community.
- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

127.5 Statement of Monthly Income and Expenditure/ Receipts and Payments

(i) Payments Made to Creditors.

Paid To	Description	Amount
Spencer Environmental	Monthly Grass Cutting Charge	1,476.07
WCVA	Monthly Payroll Charge	22.20
Clerk	Monthly Wages	941.40
Bus Shelter Cleaner	Monthly Wages	17.92
Danfo	Monthly Charge P Conv/Park	522.00
HMRC	Qtr. 3 Employee/ Employer Contributions	1,282.08
Dyfed Pensions	Qtr. 3 Employee/Employer Contributions	1,534.57
Dwr Cymru	Water Charges P Conv Gorslas	334.20
SWALEC	Electricity Charges P Conv Gorslas	66.83
Menter Cwm Gwendraeth	Translation Services to Sept/ Nov/ Dec	315.75
Drefach Welfare Association	Hire Hall December	35.00

(ii) Income

Received from	Description	Amount £
Carms C.C	Final Precept Instalment	27,096.52

- **Resolved:** That the information provided be received and noted.

127.6 National Pay Agreement 2019/20.

- The National Joint Council for Local Government Services advise agreement has been reached in respect of the pay scales to be applied as from 1st April,2019.
- For the Community Council this will affect the Clerks post and, if agreed, would need to be factored into the 2019-20 budget.

- **Resolved:** To accept and implement the pay agreement as detailed.

128.0 Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting

- The business of the meeting having been concluded the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.
- Monday 11th February, 2019, at Gorslas C.P. School.