

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORS-LAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the April Ordinary Monthly meeting of the Gors-las Community Council

held at Hebron Vestry, Drefach on 8th April, 2024, at 18.30 hrs.

177.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Cllrs: Simon Martin (Chair), Nick Beckett (Vice Chair), Nia Lewis, Kevin Jones, Chris Wilkins, Catrina Williams, Clive Douch, Melody Gronow, Elinor Goldsmith, Linda Williams and Clive Green.
- Others: Hefin Jones, Translator and Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council.
- Apologies for absence: Cllrs: Tina Butler and Andrew King.
- **Resolved:** To note and record the position.

177.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 18.30hrs.
- **Resolved:** To proceed with the order of business.

178.0 Agenda Item 2: Declaration of Interest

- There were no items for declaration of interest.
- **Resolved to:** Note and record the position.

179.0 Agenda Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting.

- The minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on 04.03.24, 11.03.24 and 18.03.24 were considered in detail by members.
- **Resolved to:** Approve the minutes as being an accurate record of discussions and decisions made.

180.0 Agenda Item 4: Opportunity for the Public to Address the Meeting.

- No issues were raised by the members of the public present.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the position.

181.0 Agenda Item 5: Corporate Matters.

181.1 Clerk/RFO Vacancy.

- Members were advised that the person offered the position following interview would not be taking up the offer.
- **Resolved that:**
 - (i) the position be re-advertised immediately a closing date of 19.04 24.
 - (ii) the arrangement whereby the current Clerk/RFO remain in post on the same terms and conditions for the period from 01.04.24 to 14.05 24 be confirmed.
 - (iii) consideration be given to alternative options for undertaking the work including enquiries with other Council's as to the possibility of partnership working.

181.2 Car Park Gorslas.

- Members were advised that following the recent incident involving a child cycling in the car park coming into contact with a reversing vehicle, signs prohibiting cycling in the car park had been erected on 04 04 24.

- A joint article by the school and Community Council reminding parents of the need for caution when using the car park had been published in the weekly school newsletter.
- A request had also been forwarded to the County Council for the revised plan of works in the car park to include barriers on either side of the car park along the parking bays.
- Consideration was given by members to the response provided by the County Council.
- **Resolved:**
 - (i) To accept the reasoning provided by the County Council for the non-provision of a barrier along the entire length of the car parking bays on the Public Convenience side of the car park.
 - (ii) To request the provision of a removable barrier for the additional section of barrier requested by the Community Council alongside the car parking bays on the school side of the car park.

181.3 Public Convenience and Litter picking Contract 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

- As resolved by Council tenders were sought from 3 suppliers for the above contract and based on the revised specification.
- Only one supplier tendered a price. The price tendered being £ 40 per day i.e. £14,600 p. a. representing an increase of £ 330 over the current price but including daily collection of litter at all three parks together with collection from Gorslas School MUGA on three days a week from April to the end of term.
- Following consultation with the Chair and Vice the contract was awarded to Danfo UK Ltd at a price of £40 per day effective from 04 04 24.
- **Resolved:** To note and approve the actions taken.

181.4 Dog Fouling.

- Report of Dog Fouling Incident at Drefach park on 18 03 24 which included a report of verbal abuse by the owner of a dog against a member of the public who raised the matter with them.
- The member of the public did not want the matter to be reported to the Authorities.
- The dog fouling issue has been raised as a significant concern by members in the three wards.
- The problems have been reported to the County Council Officers who advise that they regularly patrol the parks but, to date, have not issued any fines or warning.
- The view was taken that the behaviour of the irresponsible owners would only change when there was a strong likelihood of their receiving a fine as a result of their non-compliance.
- **Resolved to:**
 - (i) Establish the information which the County Council would require for a successful prosecution.
 - (ii) Seek to establish a process for providing such information.
 - (iii) Approve the engagement of A Willimas to work with the children of Gorslas C.P. on the design, and the subsequent production and fitting, of signage at Gorslas Park related to the issue.

181.5 Membership One Voice Wales 24/25

- The Council has been asked to renew its membership of One Voice Wales at a cost of £ 937 for the 2024 25 year.
- **Resolved that:** The membership be renewed at a cost of £ 937.00.

181.6 Preventative Maintenance Arrangement SLA: Carmarthenshire County Council.

- The Clerk advised that following previous discussions on the matter a trial run of such an arrangement had been undertaken which involved greasing and lubricating the fixtures/fittings and equipment in the three parks and reporting any items or issues requiring attention.
- The trial identified the cost of such an arrangement, which would be undertaken once a month, would be in the region of £150 per month.
- **Resolved that:** The option of having the preventative maintenance programme and the equivalent hours for any other appropriate maintenance work required undertaken on alternative months be explored with the County Council.

181.7 General Update.

- Members were provided with an update in relation to progress on items previously decided.

182.0 Agenda Item 6: Park Matters

182.1 Gorslas Public Convenience: Damage Incident 25 03 24.

- Danfo UK Ltd reported damage to toilet roll holder in gents over the weekend. They have been replaced by company free of charge.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

182.2 Gorslas Park and Car Park.

- Members were advised that a request had been received from Cycle Champs Ltd to use the park, and or part of the park car park on sunny days during the summer for the purposes of promotional activities for their products.
- **Resolved:** That the request be not granted.

183.0 Agenda Item 7: Urgent Local Issues.

183.1 Cefneithin: Parking of Commercial Vehicle on Pavement.

- Cllr Kevin Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as an office holder with Tabernacle Chapel. Cllr Jones did not participate in the voting or determination on this matter.
- It was reported that concerns had been expressed by people attending Tabernacle Chapel, Cefneithin that the vehicle was often parked on the pavement in such a way as to restrict the use of the pavement by pedestrian.
- The situation was felt to be deterring some of the elderly residents from attending the chapel.
- **Resolved:** To seek clarification from the Police regarding the right to park a commercial vehicle on the pavement.

184.0 Agenda Item 8: Members Reports:

184.1 Town and Community Council Chairs Meeting.

- Cllr Simon Martin advised that he had attended the meeting which had been held at Llandeilo on Thursday 14.03.24.
- The meeting had been most useful with representatives from a number of Councils in attendance together with the Leader of Carmarthenshire County Council County Cllr Darren Price.
- **Resolved:** To note and receive the information provided.

185.0 Agenda Item 9: Correspondence.

- Members considered the schedule of the items of correspondence received since the last ordinary monthly meeting of the Council.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

186.0 Agenda Item 10: One Voice Wales.

186.1 Training Courses.

- Details of courses available forwarded to members. Interested parties to contact Chair and Clerk.
- **Resolved:** To receive and note the information provided.

187.0 Agenda Item 11: Planning Matters.

187.1 Planning Applications.

- Details of the notification of planning applications received from the County Council since the last ordinary monthly meeting of the Community Council were considered.
- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

188.0 Agenda Item 12 Finance:

188.1 March Receipts/Payments Through Bank

188.1.1 Income:

From	Description	£

- **Resolved to:** Receive and note the information provided.

188.1.2 Expenditure

Chq No	Payee	Description	£
D/D	OVO Energy	Charge P Conv	38.00
D/D	Three Network	Charge September	20.40
105284	Staff	Wages February	1306.94
105246	Danfo UK Ltd	December P Conv	783.00
105283	Danfo UK Ltd	February P Conv	783.00
105268	Danfo UK Ltd	November P Conv	810.00
105280	Danfo UK Ltd	January P Conv	810.00
105282	Danfo UK Ltd	Feb Grass Cutting Instalment	1164.00
105288	Capel Seion	Feb Meetings Hebron Vestry	20.00
105297	Staff	Refund Bk 50 Postage Stamps	37.50

- **Resolved to:** Note, receive, and approve the payments made.

188.1.3 Payment Approval

- A schedule of payments due for the forthcoming month was considered by Council.
- **Resolved to:** Approve the payments subject to satisfactory service and goods being received.

188.1.4 Financial Assistance.

- A request had been received from Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth for a financial contribution towards the purchase of folk dancing costumes to facilitate the participation by pupils in the folk dancing competitions such as Eisteddfodau etc.
- **Resolved:** That the request be not acceded to.

189.0 Agenda Item 13 Next Ordinary Scheduled Monthly Meeting:

- The next ordinary scheduled monthly meeting of the Council be held on Monday 13.05.24 at Hebron Vestry Drefach.
- There being no further items of business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 08:00 hrs.