

7th March, 2018

**Minutes of the Gilfach Iago Working party meeting held at the Council Offices, High Street, Llandybie on Tuesday, 7th March, 2018 at 6 p.m.**

**Present**

Councillors	P.H. Roberts	Mrs S. E. Thomas	Mrs K.D. L Davies
	Mrs J.E. Collins	C.J. Harris\	

<b>Apologies</b>	N. Evans	A. Davies
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Members were addressed by Will Watson, the Chief Executive and Rob Thompson, Operations Director of Celtic Energy Ltd. The Chair reminded them of their previous offer discussed at the meeting with Mr Thompson on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, and noted in the Council's Minutes of that date. Mr Watson seemed surprised that any monetary offering had been made.

Mr Watson had been Chief Executive for 5 years and described the case as being a 'bit of a mess' both legally and operationally, and was in need of resolution. Land sales in the area concerned had not had clauses inserted by their solicitor requiring reinstatement of the land, and as a result he suggested that it would be very difficult for reinstatement to occur. Mr Thompson acknowledged that a previous map of potential bridleways would not be achievable due to these issues. Similarly, if the Community Council accepted a cash settlement to reinstate the land, they too would have difficulty because of these same issues.

Mr Watson informed Members that he had attended the meeting expecting to negotiate a monetary offering, but the Members had been expecting pathways, bridleways and cash in accordance with earlier Minutes. He recommended to Members that a site meeting be organised on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, prior to which Celtic Energy would review the planning documentation and issues on land ownership. The Clerk had been asked to invite Carmarthenshire County Council personnel – Steve Murphy, Huw Towns and Simon Charles, as well as Councillor David Thomas, as the elected County Councillor for Penygroes to the meeting.

Members agreed that the next Full Council should discuss the issue in greater detail including what the Council should accept as minimum compensation.

It was agreed that a further meeting be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 4.30pm to include a site visit, and a further meeting at 6pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

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As there was nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 7 pm.

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Chair