

MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE held on WED 5th January 2022 at Ty Newydd centre, 17 West St. GORSEINON, at 6.45pm

Present, Chmn M Curtice, P Morgan, Ken Jones, Andrew Thomas, J Curtice, A Stevens, Carlo Rabaiotti, Sue Rawle, K Roberts.

97. Apologies were received from, Joe Clayfield, A Crowley, L A Crowley, J Crowley, M Thomas, P Griffiths, Sgt Paul Rees

98. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st December 2021 were presented and approved by the meeting. (proposed Cllrs Andrew Thomas, seconded Cllr J Curtice).

a. Planning consultations- **No Objections** were raised to the following consultations from the Planning Authority;

2021/2767 Single storey front extension to changing facilities and linked single storey side extension, Gorseinon rugby and cricket club, Lime street Gorseinon

2021/2276 Outline, 10 Cameron Place Detached bungalow

2021/1259 Retention of siting and design detached dwelling 5 Llys Brynteg (previously approved 2019/0198)

2021/3127 Outline, detached dwelling, Rear of 30 Rufus Lewis Ave. Gorseinon. No objection subject to development not being considered as backland development, and no adverse impact on amenities of adjoining properties.

b. Notification of **APPROVALS** by Local Planning Authority were NOTED.

2021/2733 Single storey rear extension/fenestration 87 Frampton rd Penyrheol Approved 16 Dec

2021/2755 Rollaclad, Pontarddulais rd Penyrheol. Approval cond 3 (Environmental management), 5 (landscaping), 8 (ecological enhancement) 9 (Materials), 14 (Foul drainage), 18 (Hard landscaping) of pp Previously approved 2021/0361 15 June 2021.

c. Notification of **REFUSALS** by Local Planning Authority were NOTED.

2020/2504 6 Industrial units and drive thru restaurant, adjacent Millers Drive. Refused 29 Nov 21

2021/2248 Pre application, Part Spring Gardens house detached dwelling and new access Rejected 30 Nov 2021.

d. Notification of **Appeals** by Local Planning Authority; None reported

e. Enforcement matters. None reported

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

Chairman.....

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5th January 2022 at Ty Newydd Community centre,(In person and via TEAMS remotely)
17 West St. GORSEINON, at 7pm**

Present, Chmn M Curtice, P Morgan, Ken Jones, Andrew Thomas, J Curtice, A Stevens, Carlo Rabaiotti, Sue Rawle, K Roberts

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100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. No declarations of interest were received,

101. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS. Clerk advised the Mayor had attended the following events;

90th birthday Mrs Carol Lewis Mon 6th Dec 2022
Leigh Halfpenny Bursary winner Emmanuil Sidorenko (boxing) Tue Dec 7th presentation by Mayor.
West St Gym Xmas show Thur 9 Dec 6.15pm start Mayor/consort
Best dressed shop and house Gorseinon/Penyrheol 2021 winners. Awards given Dec 30th
Best dressed shop Heaven Gorseinon High street
Best house Gorseinon 117 Alexandra road Gorseinon
Best house Penyrheol 2 Frampton Court Penyrheol

102. Freedom of the town award to 360 ATC Squadron had been provisionally arranged for Sat FEB 12 2022 but was likely to now be postponed till later in year due to Covid restrictions. The Freedom of the Town award had been approved and the certificates commissioned. The 360 Llwhwr ATC Cadets would have been presented at an event on Saturday 12 Feb 2022, following a parade through the town, but it agreed to postpone until later in Summer when Covid restriction were over. A meeting with ATC was to take place on Mon Jan 10 at which revised arrangements would be made...

103. Clerk presented the 2022/23 **Draft budget** and programme for discussion and approval. The Town Council had been requested to set the Town Council **precept** for 2022/23, to advise Swansea Council by end January. The precept was based on 3288 properties down from 3319 last year. Requested new schemes from Councillors included;

Xmas tree Gowerview green space
Soft surfacing in the Barn for youngsters
CCTV contribution if needed
Queens Jubilee event 2022. Supply of engraved pens for local schoolchildren
Maintenance budget for Ty Newydd to include emergency external stairs for top floor.
Repair of Town Clock West street

Members discussed and unanimously approved the enclosed draft budget for 2022/23 with a total cost of £157611. Following approval of the draft budget they discussed the precept to be set for the coming year and agreed to set a precept of £40 per household an increase from £39, giving a total yearly precept of £131520. The Clerk was to advise Swansea Council accordingly.

104.POLICE MEETING. The Police were not represented at the meeting, and no crime figures had been forwarded. Apologies had been received from Sgt Rees who was transferred to Covid duties, but would attend the next meeting. The meeting asked that in future the Clerk request crime figures be forwarded when the police are unable to attend in person. Cllr J Curtice advised that in discussion with Sgt Rees he advised that the antisocial behaviour incidents at the bus station had now significantly reduced since Police presence and CCTV van had been placed there.

105.PUBLIC FORUM. No members of the Public had raised any questions before the meeting.

106.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a.The Clerk presented the **December 1st 2021 minutes** (which had been distributed previously) for approval. They were approved with no amendments. (Proposed A Thomas, seconded by J Curtice).

107. MEMBER REPORTS on Local Matters from Town and County Councillors

a.Cllr Andrew Stevens – Rural development partnership had discussed Potential street food festival in Gorseinon (before end March 2022), where there was a small budget for street markets. It was agreed the need to engage street businesses and Town Council in discussions. There was concern expressed however re covid at present and the timescale which was felt too short at present, and the event would be better supported in Summer months. Cllr Jan Curtice reminded members of the Canolfan food festival which had now ended which was considered to be out of the town centre at the time. The overall concept was supported by all Members but the timescale was too soon.

Cllr A Stevens had been asked to organise work on the local clock on the former Civic building on West St. /lime street which needed repair. A fund had now been secured within Swansea Council to address local clocks needing repair, and AS advised the work would soon be in hand for West St..

The exciting £120000 new childrens play area at Parc Melyn Mynach was due to be opened by Easter 2022, and also the new play area for the Loughor foreshore, which was to be opened first.

AS reported an anti social behaviour incident in Parc Melyn Mynach of youths setting a fire at the side of the container used for storage of parc equipment. The Police had been advised. Concern was expressed of likely vandalism to the new Playground in future. Police would be asked to monitor area

AS formally thanked Gower Xmas trees for supplying a free large Xmas tree for Argyll Gardens and the installation for community use, which had proved a great feature over xmas period.

b.Cllr **Jan Curtice** reported on the new memorial bench had been installed in front of Gorseinon hospital. The Wednesday pop up café at New Lodge was going very well, and between 40-50 locals of all ages attending. Residents from Llys Tywysog had attended recently.

Cllr Curtice summarised progress on the new housing scheme coming to Heol Gwynfaen Penyrheol, which had required the existing play area to be closed for a short period.

Future siting of a Xmas tree on Gower View Green had been initiated by the Penyrheol County Members, probably for Xmas 2022, due to issues over the supply of electricity to the site. A meeting had taken place on Nov 30th at Argyll Gardens with Cllr J C, A Stevens, Clerk and Swansea Council officers to discuss Xmas tree. It had been decided as the original Xmas tree had been removed, a cut 18 ft tree would be supplied in future, installed in a stainless steel tube fabricated by Cross Engineering at a cost of £1500.

c.Cllr **M Curtice** reported on a petition to do away with Gorseinon road humps he had heard of. Cllr Morgan also noted the harsh humps in Asda access road. Cllr K Roberts had requested information From Highways dept on whether road accidents had been reduced, and had requested a speed survey be conducted to compare before and after the humps had been introduced.

d. **Cllr Ken Jones** outlined ongoing problem of broken bottles, and anti social behaviour in Argyll Gardens.

e. **Cllr Kelly Roberts** thanked all those involved in Xmas Food parcel delivery, and thanked Council for use of Ty Newydd building to distribute over 60 gift parcels. The new arrangement was a great success she reported, with parcels being delivered direct to homes..

f. **Cllr Rawle** advised she had the historical postcards of Swansea from the Library archives and would be doing a display in the library in due course.

Cllr Sue Rawle was also thanked for offering to do the interpretation of local history needed for the information boards along the newly extended cycle route from Grovesend to Pontarddulais which had now been started.

108. CLERKS MATTERS

a) A request for **financial assistance** had been previously been received from the following. Members had agreed in Feb. meeting that the grant allocation would remain in place and be distributed to worthy causes throughout the year as the Covid pandemic eased. The following grants had previously been approved;

Parc y Werin Bowls club towards grounds maintenance, £500 grant approved October meeting
Parc y Werin committee for bench. £650 grant for picnic bench approved Oct meeting
Cllr Andrew Stevens Decky Memorial run. £200 was agreed be donated.
Cllr Joe Clayfield local cystic Fybrosis bike ride . Agreed £200 be donated.
One Heart drummers, £200 was agreed be donated.
Moving Forward Group, £250 was agreed be donated.

b) New Children adventure **playground** Parc Melyn Mynach Update from C/Cllr Jan Curtice was given with intended start in Jan?Feb 2022 and its opening planned for Easter 2022.

c) **Woodland Trust** had delivered 420 saplings for a wild woodland to the Clerk. They had been delivered on November 25, and were available for planting Spring 2022 for named sites locally.

d) Clerk advised of tree order with Swansea Council for 3 New oak trees **Argyll gardens**.
2 Weeping willows, 5 trees in bus station, 49 Trees at bottom Lime street/ Heol y Mynydd.
Planting was programmed for Jan 2022 because of delivery delays. Clerk advised that the 100 Hydrangea plants had now been planted in Argyll Gardens, funded by the Town Council.

e) A number of the **old defibrulators** that had been installed around the town by Cariad were now in need of maintenance and new batteries. A formal quote had been received for the servicing of the 10 Cariad defibs now requiring work, and the 3 year quote had been accepted, at a cost of £2250 for a 3 year contract, plus £85 per year servicing per unit. Members had accepted maintenance contracts of older defibrulators in the area, and Dave Nicholas Life Support training & Safety 3 year contract had now been let. Response from Grovesend Community Council indicated that the 3 defibs in Grovesend/Waungron had been funded by the 2 County Councillors, and that Grovesend Council could not afford to contribute towards their costs with their small budget.

f) Xmas lights had been installed around the town and had been switched on at end of November. Clerk had advised Members of the **Xmas lights** arrangements. New Lamposts had been installed week commencing Nov 10th, & panels installed in week 3 by Centregreat Ltd. The chosen panels for phase 2 had been delayed for 2021, but temporary replacement panels were being provided and compensation awarded. The correct panels would be provided for 2022 by Festive lighting Co.

g) Clerk raised issue of **May 2022 elections**, asking if we should advertise potential vacancies on Town Council to generate interest was discussed by Councillors in advance of the May elections where a number of Councillors were not seeking reelection for a further 5 years. It was discussed and agreed no promotions were to be done in advance of the elections, but if any vacancies still existed after the elections they would be filled by cooption in the normal manner and those vacancies could be advertised at the time.

- h) Notice of closure of **Barclays bank** Gorseinon Feb 1 2022 had been received. A Temporary vehicle would be placed in Lime St car park. Cllr K Roberts advised she had been in discussion with the Bank, and had advised Ty Newydd building may be a suitable venue for future bank transactions on an occasional basis. She advised bank to contact Clerk to discuss.
- i) A Potential **CCTV site survey** of Gorseinon had been undertaken on Dec 6/7, as part of a wider survey of the Swansea area by Swansea Council, following funding support for new CCTV installations. Priority sites where existing poles were already in situ at High street crossroads, Bus station, lower High street, plus a movable CCTV structure were suggested at the meeting. Swansea Council had secured a fund to cover installation in local centres in the County.
- j) **Web site** upgrade 2021. Clerk had updated Members on current position re website upgrade, following 3 formal tenders which had been secured to upgrade the Councils web site. It was agreed for the web site sub committee to review the position in 2021. Following debate it was confirmed that an updated website was the priority, with minimum management of the site required. Clerk advised that work on the new draft website was progressing and a final draft would be presented in coming months for further discussion.
- k) The **POP UP CAFÉ** Xmas party was on Dec 15. Money had been provided by County Members to support the event.
- l) Summer planting 2022 Swansea Council quote had been received for a total figure of £4690 inc vat. The schemes included the following. Members agreed to fund the works and accept the quote.
- 18 Lampost baskets
 - 2 hanging baskets
 - 12 Troughs
 - 2 x 3 tier planters
 - 2 extra troughs Parc Werin school
 - Barrier troughs Penyrheol Post office
- m) **Xmas lights & Xmas trees.** Locations were requested for a few spare small Xmas trees in the area. Members would look at their areas and report back on potential sites
- n) **Queens jubilee 2022.** Quotes received for gifts from Insignia. Members agreed to order 2000 ball point pens suitably inscribed from Insignia for future presentation to local schoolchildren in both junior schools and Penyrheol Comprehensive. The pens would be presented at a future date and be inscribed with Town Council and Jubilee insignia to commemorate the event.
- o) Cllr Stevens updated Members on work to extend the existing **cyclepath from Grovesend to Tesco** in Pontarddulais which was now underway and should be finished this year. As an active travel path the measurements needed to be 2.5metres wide along the route. Cllr Sue Rawle was thanked for offering to do the interpretation of local history needed for the information boards along the route.

109. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES. None to report.

- a. An email had been received from Gorseinon Brass Band advising they were having to relocate from the New Lodge Club as a base for their practising, and were asking of any alternative venues in the locality. Chairman had investigated possible locations in the town, but advised the band was not being relocated but was being asked to pay for hire of the room it used, which had been free previously. Members discussed the issue and suggested the Band seek a grant from the Town Council towards the cost of renting a room for practice at the New Lodge.
- b. Clerk reported on future meeting re One Voice Wales area meeting Monday 17 Jan 7pm via Starleaf

110. CORRESPONDENCE; None reported

111.ACCOUNTS

- a. Committee received the Income / Receipt summary statement from the Clerk and considered and approved the payment of the following outstanding cheques for the ACCOUNTS dated 5th January 2022 (proposed J Curtice seconded A Thomas). After the meeting the cheques were signed by 2 authorised signatures having examined all relevant receipts. Clerk advised members on current Council spend against programmed targets.
- b. Members approved the ongoing appointment of DCK Beavers & Auditing Solutions as accountants and internal auditors respectively for 2022/23 Council accounts.

APPENDIX A GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL EXPENDITURE December 31 2021

Name	particulars	Net	VAT	Total
Inland Revenue / tax/Employers NI salary				DD 712.10
Stationary/Admin& Hall supplies/ facemasks / 90 th birthdays			2.92	DD 285.97
Monthly HSBC mortgage				DD 521.65
Monthly mortgage overpayment				DD 117.79
Good housekeeping Wales maintenance clean Oct/Nov				DD 210.00
Nov/Dec mileage				DD 122.85
Swansea council rates 17 west St Suite 1	suspended further 12 months to 4/2022			DD 146.00
Suite 2				DD 94.00
Npower gas monthly				DD 56.00
B Gas electric Dec monthly				DD 90.18
Chubb Intruder alarm Jan 22- Jan 23	154.86		30.97	DD 185.83
Festive Lighting xmas lights				DD 3345.34
3x£100 xmas awards				DD 300.00
B Gas Careplan	463.71		92.74	DD 556.45

GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION December 31 2021

Current account Dec 31 2021	£ 4535.00
Treasurers account Dec 31 2021	£ 110066.00
Precept 3 (Dec 2021)	£ 43147.00
Balance	£ 157748.00
Mortgage balance Dec 31 2021	£ 74567.00

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman.....