

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE held on WED 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022 at Ty Newydd centre, 17 West St. GORSEINON, at 6.45pm**

Present, Chmn M Curtice, P Morgan, Ken Jones, Andrew Thomas, P Griffiths, J Curtice

**112. Apologies** were received from, Joe Clayfield, A Stevens, Carlo Rabaiotti, Sue Rawle, A Crowley, K Roberts, L A Crowley, J Crowley, M Thomas.

**113.** Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were presented and approved by the meeting. (proposed Cllrs Andrew Thomas, seconded Cllr P Griffiths).

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

2021/3237/Ful 14 Bryneinon road Penyrheol, 2 storey side extension

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

2021/2895 Penyrheol primary school Frampton rd Penyrheol. Discharge cond 3 (ecological enhancement of 2021/1413 granted Aug 2021) Approved 10 Jan 22

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

2020/2504 6 Industrial units and drive thru restaurant, adjacent Millers Drive. Refused 29 Nov 2021

2021 /2276/Outline 10 Cameron Place Gorseinon Detached bungalow refused 14 Jan 2022

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

e. Enforcement matters. None reported

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

Chairman.....

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL, held on WEDNESDAY  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Ty Newydd Community centre, 17 West St. GORSEINON, at 7pm**

Present, Chmn M Curtice, P Morgan, Ken Jones, Andrew Thomas, P Griffiths, J Curtice, (Nicola Matthews), C Chapman (photographer)

**114. Apologies** were received from, Joe Clayfield, A Stevens, Carlo Rabaiotti, Sue Rawle , A Crowley, K Roberts , L A Crowley , J Crowley, M Thomas.

**115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** No declarations of interest were received,

**116. Freedom of the Town award** The Mayor welcomed the ATC representatives to the meeting and formally presented the Freedom of the Town Scroll to the Squadron leader. Photos were taken to commemorate the presentation, and a further presentation was arranged for Friday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at the squadron HQ itself..

The parade through the town would now take place in mid June following the Jubilee celebrations.

**117. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Clerk advised the Mayor had attended the following events recently:

Planting of commemorative trees in Argyll Park and bottom of Lime street/Heol y Mynydd as part of Queens jubilee. The planting would be recorded as part of national tree planting to commemorate the jubilee event in June 2022..

**118.POLICE MEETING.** The Police were not represented at the meeting, and no crime figures had been forwarded. 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.

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

**120.APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The Clerk presented the **January 5th 2022 minutes** (which had been distributed previously) for approval. They were approved with no amendments. (Proposed by A Thomas, seconded by Cllr P Griffiths).

**121. MEMBER REPORTS** on Local Matters from Town and County Councillors

- a. Cllr Andrew Stevens – Potential street food festival in Gorseinon ( before end March 2022)
- b. **Cllr Jan Curtice** reported on the early opening of Grovesend Park playground thanks to the release of S106 funds from the local developer. The theme of the Park was based upon the history of the local Colliery and had been very well received. The cycle route extension from Grovesend to Pontarddulais was hopefully imminent, once grant funding had been secured.

A new memorial bench had been installed in front of Gorseinon hospital.

Funding had been secured for a successful recovery fund for local clocks. 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.

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.

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. The tube would be installed by CCS and the tree would be supplied locally.

Xmas lights would then be installed by Lighthouse electrical. Costs to be funded by the Town Council. When the Xmas tree was removed a covered planter could be placed over the sealed tube for Summer.

c. **Cllr P Griffiths** raised concern about the long standing problem of a parked/dumped caravan on the road opposite Chapel street which had been dumped for many years. Cllr Jan Curtice/A Stevens would report the matter for enforcement to Swansea Council Highways dept.

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

e. **Cllr A Thomas** raised concern about overgrown bushes onto the public footpath on Rufus Lewis Avenue - Cllr J Curtice would report matter to Highways. He also advised he had been successful distributing green bags in his local area. He reported graffiti issues in the bus shelters/traffic light box on the cross roads West street, and at Alberts cafe .

**122. Community /Town Council elections 2022** ( Clerk had received a letter outlining procedures for the May 2022 local elections.

### **123. 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 through out 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.

New requests received for February included the following ;

Penyrheol amateur boxing club.  
Eynon street allotments  
Llwchwr Art group  
Vision impaired west glamorgan(Gorseinon)

- c) New Children adventure **playground** Parc Melyn Mynach Update from C/Cllr Jan Curtice was given with intended start in February 2022 and its opening planned for Easter 2022.
- d) **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 now.
- e) 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 had taken place in Jan 2022.

Clerk advised that the 100 Hydrangea plants had now been planted in Argyll Gardens, funded by the Town Council.

- f) A number of the **old defibrulators** that had been installed around the town by Cariad were now in need of maintenance and new batteries. Clerk had outlined the limited options for firms prepared to carry out the ongoing maintenance, but contact had been made with David Nicholas of Life support training and safety, an organisation that was taking over the servicing/maintenance of former Cariad defibs.  
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 accepted maintenance contracts of older defibrulators in the area. 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.
- g) May 2022 elections. Should we 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.
- i) Notice of closure Barclays bank Gorseinon Feb 1 2022. Temporary vehicle Lime st car park.  
Following a meeting with the Clerk Barclays Bank had requested use of Ty Newydd centre room 1 on 2 days per week for assisting the public. No financial transaction would take place. A contract for 12 months was offered..visit Jan 12
- k) **Web site** upgrade 2021 ; Clerk had updated Members on current position re web site 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 posi

tion 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.

- o) Xmas lights & Xmas trees. Locations requested for a few spare small Xmas trees in the area.
- p) Queens jubilee 2022. Quotes received for gifts from Insignia. Members agreed to order 500 ballpoint pens suitably inscribed from Insignia at a total cost of £1070. Illuminating community centre 9pm Thur June 2<sup>nd</sup> for Jubilee commemorations (instead of Beacons

Clerk advised the Welsh Govt were to present commemorative books to all school children in Wales

- q) Clerk had discussed with Cross Engineering for the fabrication and installation of an external stair case for the top floor of Ty Newydd building. Detailed drawings were needed before quotes could be given.
- r). Update on extension of cycletrack to Pontarddulais
- s) A request from Lord Lieutenants office to include our tree planting programme in Queens list of planting initiatives in Uk to commemorate Jubilee had been received and Council agreed that all recent tree planting would be submitted for the National survey record..

Jubilee flags had been bought and the Community centre would be illuminated for the festival.

- t) Members discussed the Summer planting programme submitted from Swansea Council and agreed to contribute to the following sites for wild flower planting.
- u) Clerk reported on approaches for hiring of rooms in the Community centre by Barclays bank and Standguide training for the unemployed. Members agreed to allow both hirings in the diary from February 2022.
- v) Clerk advised that a new Notice Board was ready for installing by the play ground in Gowerview road Penyrheol by the developers of the new housing site. A new Noticeboard had also been purchased for the Gorseinon east locality.

#### **124. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.**

- a) One Voice Wales area meeting , Monday January 10 2022.via Starleaf

#### **125.CORRESPONDENCE; None reported**

#### **126.ACCOUNTS**

- a. Committee received the Income / Receipts summary statement from the Clerk and considered and approved the payment of the following outstanding cheques for the ACCOUNTS dated 2nd February 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. CLERKS HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT. The Clerk was asked to leave the room whilst debate took place on the following item.

Chairman presented report and review of the Clerk salary hours which had not been reviewed for a number of years. Considering the Clerk performed the role of Town Clerk/Finance Officer and also was the Caretaker/Bookings Clerk for the Community centre Members agreed to increase his contracted hours from part time (144hours month) to Full time (160) hours month as from February 2022.

The Clerk returned to the room and was advised of the Councils decision.

**APPENDIX A GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL EXPENDITURE January 31 2022**

Name	particulars	Net	VAT	Total
Inland Revenue / tax/Employers NI salary				DD 712.10
Stationary/Admin& Hall supplies/ facemasks / 90 <sup>th</sup> birthdays			2.92	DD 285.97
Monthly HSBC mortgage				DD 521.65
Monthly mortgage overpayment				DD 117.79
Good housekeeping Wales maintenance clean DecJan				DD
Jan mileage				DD
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 Jan monthly				DD 90.18
CCS Install sleeve xmas tree Argyll gardens/plus labour				DD 1958.00

**GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION January 31 2022**

Current account Jan 31 2022				£ 4535.00
Treasurers account Jan 31 2022				£ 110066.00
Balance				<b>£ 157748.00</b>
Mortgage balance Jan 31 2022				£ 74567.00
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 Jan 31 2022				£ 11040.00
Treasurers account Jan 31 2022				£ 136215.00
Balance				<b>£ 147255.00</b>
Mortgage balance Jan 31 2022				£ 74135.00

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman.....

