

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING SEPT 7 2022

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL, held on WEDNESDAY
6th July 2022 at Ty Newydd Community Centre, 17 West St. GORSEINON, at 7pm**

Present, Cllrs Ken Jones(Chmn), M Curtice, P Griffiths, Sue Rawle, A Thomas, A Crowley, J Curtice, Joanne Crowley, Joe Clayfield, PCSO Alyson Davies, PCSO Herbert, PC Geraint Thomas

53. APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs Carlo Rabaiotti, Pam Morgan, Marsha Phillips, Gail John, N Matthews. A Stevens.
Members welcomed Cllr Joe Clayfield to his first meeting of the new Council, and he duly signed his Notice of Acceptance, with the Clerk.

54.MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS. Clerk advised the Mayor had/would attend the following events ;

- a. **Queens Jubilee** . presentation gifts for local schools had been purchased and would be presented to all local school children in July by the Town Mayor. All 3 local schools had been contacted and would make arrangements after half term.
- b. **Community /Town Council elections 2022 -**
At the June 1st Council meeting, Mr Davies (public gallery) had asked for the Clerk to provide a chronological order diary of the events leading up to the selections, which had now been done.
- c. The Mayor noted that the Covid memorial plaque had now been erected on the front wall of the Ty Newydd centre. Members asked for an unveiling to be arranged and put on Facebook to let the community know.

55.POLICE MEETING. The Police were represented at the meeting, and crime figures were summarised , outlining that during June there were few incidents of concern, which was helped by the partnership working with related groups.Cllrs raised concern about the broken glass in Argyll Gardens and other areas. The caravan in Gwalia Terrace that had been on the road for many years was again reported,& AD advised she would look at the position to see if it was deemed a fire risk. The Youth Vibes talk about knife crime was discussed and confirmed that the event was scheduled for Summer when schools were off. The Clerk outlined 3 coming events for the Police diaries. Freedom of Town parade Sept 3rd .Remembrance Parade November 11th/13th and Xmas Lantern Parade Nov 24th, and invited a Police presence to future meetings being arranged for the events.

56. PUBLIC SESSION. No Public present, and no questions had been forwarded to Clerk.

57. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The Clerk presented the **1st June 2022 minutes** (which had been distributed previously) for approval. They were approved with one amendment. (Prop by J Curtice, sec Cllr A Thomas).
Min 47g Cllr Rawle starting a photographic feature for TC social media page on High street shop windows celebrating Queens jubilee.

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

- a. Clerk reported on the arranged funding of presentations to youth club re knife crime/violence in community. Former Mayor had approved cost of £250 for a seminar for local youth on dangers of knife crime. Former Cllr K Roberts had liaised with PCSOs regarding the presentations, which the Police confirmed were now being arranged for this Summer..

- b. **Cllr Jan Curtice** advised that County Members were currently undergoing training post election.
- c. **Cllr J Crowley** was advised the missing dog baskets had now been replaced on GowerView road and Cllr Stevens had previously advised that Swansea Council were replacing all bins with new multi purpose bins currently.
- d. **Cllr A Thomas**, asked for an update on the repair of the damaged equipment in the Parc Y Werin playground area. Clerk would contact the suppliers to see if the parts were now in stock.
- e. **Cllr M Curtice** commented that people were asking for benches to be placed along the cycle/footpath between Grovesend and Gowerton. Members had agreed to fund the installation of new benches in conjunction with County Cllrs.
He advised that the **Remembrance Parade** was now back on subject to C/Cllrs contributing to any road closure costs.
Cllr M Curtice complained about the clock on West St Memorial site still not working properly. Cllr J Curtice advised it had been reported and was due for repair as part of the funding from the Swansea Council Covid recovery Fund.
- f. **Cllr Sue Rawle** advised she had put on display in the Library an exhibition of shopfront Jubilee visuals, which had been well received. She also asked for the Pride flag to be displayed on weekend of 15-17 July to acknowledge Llanelli Pride weekend.
- g. **Cllr A Crowley** advised he had been in discussion with a charity "Time change Wales" over mental health issues, and they were interested in future workshops being arranged.
- h. **Cllr Ken Jones** asked about the reintroduction of the community lunches held in St Catherines church hall. Cllrs would investigate with the church on future options for its reintroduction.
He noted the amount of broken glass in Argyll gardens.
- i. **Cllr Pat Griffiths** reported to the Police present the long standing parked caravan in Gwalia Terrace and also the parking of vehicles on the corner of the Chapel street park, which was dangerous for children in the adjoining park as the exit was being obstructed. Cllr J Curtice would report the matter to Highways dept.
- j. Clerk briefed Members on the **Local Govt & elections Act 2021**, and the section on chapter 5 re Multi location meetings advising that the Council would need to continue with both physical and remote Team meetings as advised by the legislation for the foreseeable future.
- k. **Cllr Gail John** had asked for items to be reported to Council. Her email questions were deferred for the next meeting as she was not present and had offered her apologies. Clerk briefly outlined the issues she had raised via emails. Members asked to have copies of the emails.

Email from Cllr Gail John , 14 June,(working partnerships, legislation re working with children)
Email from Cllr Gail John , 15 June,(Personal interests, open meetings, scrutiny Members payments)

59. CLERKS REPORTS

- 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
 Cllr Joe Clayfield local cystic Fibrosis bike ride . £200 .
 One Heart drummers, £200 Moving Forward Group, £250
 Penyrheol amateur boxing club.£300 Eynon street allotments £300
 Llchwyr Art group £300 Vision impaired west glamorgan(Gorseinon) £150
 Childrens Wales Air Ambulance £250 towards the local Dafen branch of Air Ambulance
 St Catherines church defibrulator crowdfunding. Agreed to help with full amount if needed.
 Defibrulator for Bryngwyn estate had been requested but noted that a new one had recently
 Been installed on the green within the estate.
 New requests received for May/June 2022 included the following, - financial year 2022/23
 Explorer scouts 25th World scout jamboree Korea 2023 - to be attended by 3 local scouts
 Gorseinon AFC
 Mr Hugh Quick over 60s cricket world cup Australia Sept 2022. £250 approved. Clerk reported a thank
 you letter had been received from Mr Quick promising to give a presentation following the trip.
 Jubilee party at Llys Werin. £100 approved
 Parc Y Werin bowls club. £350 approved
 (Cllr Marsha Phillips had declared an interest and did not participate in discussion/vote)

Clerk advised that he had submitted a grant bid to GWR community fund for the provision of 6 benches /interpretation board along the Gowerton-Pontarddulais cycle track. A decision was due in July.

Members approved a grant of £250 for the upcoming Decky Memorial event to be held on August 28th 2022. Cllr Stevens had declared an interest previously.

- b) **Queens jubilee 2022.** All 3 local schools had been contacted and arrangements were being made in July for the presentations to be made to pupils by the Town Mayor.
- c) Update on extension of **cycletrack** to Pontarddulais given with work well under way. Following requests to Mayor for benches, Members had agreed to fund some benches between Grovesend and Gowerton along the path. Siting and numbers were to be finalised initially. A grant application to GWR would be awaited first before benches were acquired. Cllr Jan Curtice advised that Gowerton CC had offered to fund the first bench at the Gowerton end of the path..
- d) Clerk reported on discussions from Cllr Wendy Fitzgerald with CCS re the new cycle route being funded and planned from Penllergaer to the Cockleshell roundabout Gorseinon. Public meetings had taken place in Penllergaer regarding the adverse impact upon local residents but it appeared the initiative which was Welsh Govt. funded was to go ahead this year.
- e) Members discussed the **Summer planting** programme submitted from Swansea Council and agreed to contribute to the 2022 sites for wild flower planting. Some reservations had been raised about the wild flowers but following a meeting with Swansea Council staff/ Clerk/ Cllr Pam Morgan it was agreed the new sites and flower mixes were to be planted to create maximum impact. Preparatory work had taken place and the impressive displays were now on the site planted by CCS.
- f) Ty Newydd business rates 2022/23. 50% business rate relief had been successfully applied following submission for funding relaxation by the Clerk.
- g) License agreements had been signed with CCS for tree installation on green off Gower view rd.
- h) Updated website had now gone live from May 2022. www.gorseinontowncouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Stevens had been in touch with Vision ICT re costings and had recommended members be allocated specific dedicated email addresses and that the licencing of the site be purchased. Council agreed to request dedicated website addresses for all members and SLL certificate, and this had now been arranged. Clerk provided Members with their individual passwords for the new dedicated Cllr email addresses.
- i. Clerk had arranged Initial meeting Xmas parade joint sub committee for 10am wed 20 July. .

- j. Summer planting 2022. Members noted the new flower Pyramid to Argyll Gardens circle. Flowers had been sited on Lampstandards High St/bus station all crossroads/Frampton rd shops/school frontages.
- k. Siting of new Notice board Gorseinon rd junction opposite the Bug/Gower Way sign was reported by Clerk. Installation was to be done by CCS at a cost of £550.
- l. Clerk reported a Community Council rep for recruitment to standards committee Swansea Council had been advertised closing date July 8th. Cllr Rabaiotti had submitted his name for consideration.
- m. Clerk had been emailed by Local Places for nature officer/offers. rcarter@unllaiscymru.cymru. She had offered to attend a future meeting to discuss her work locally, and Members asked she be invited to a future meeting to discuss potential grants for the area.

60. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

- a) **Meeting with Llwchwr ATC squadron** . The arranged parade in June had been cancelled at the request of the ATC, as they had been unable to arrange bus transport for the Cadets across Wales to attend. Alternative arrangements were being made for a parade in September.
- b) One Voice Wales area meeting would take place on 18 July at 7pm remotely. Clerk and Cllr M Curtice to attend.
- c) Initial meeting Xmas parade joint sub /Llwchwr Town Council wed 20 July 10am
(JC,MC,CR,PM/Mayor & Clerk)
- d) Town Council forum had taken place regarding Code of Conduct,at the Guildhall wed 29 June 5pm.

61.CORRESPONDENCE;

- a. Clerk gave an update on the POBL development at Gwynfaen site Gower View rd. Public consultation was currently being undertaken on future use of the Hub facility in the centre of development and that it would be used for . Comments from Public were invited. Members agreed to invite Pobl rep to a future meeting to discuss the Hub facility which was not due to be erected before 2023/4.

62.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 6th July 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. Clerk reported the receipt of the **2021/22 accounts** as signed off by the internal auditors. A summary of the conclusions had been distributed with no outstanding matters raised and confirmation that the Council continued to operate good financial practices.
- c. Clerk reported the receipt of the **2020/21 accounts** as signed off by the external auditors from Wales audit. A summary of the conclusions had been distributed with no significant matters raised and confirmation that the Council continued to operate good financial practices.
- d. Internal Audit report June 2022,Public Notices had now been displayed. Submission of 2021/22 financial accounts to external auditor Wales had now been carried out and Public Notices displayed by June 30th deadline).

63. PLANNING MATTERS. (MEETING July 1 2022)

To consider and make recommendations on the following planning applications received from Swansea City and County Council as the Local Planning Authority;

a. No **Objections** were raised to the following applications;
2022/1367 60 Princess st. Gorseinon part 2 storey/part 1 storey rear

b. **Objections** were raised to the following application;
2022/0714 Amended plans Brighton rd worksmens club, commercial uses in rear carpark /2 new containers.

The application had been resubmitted with slight amendments to the boundary treatment and parking arrangements. Members reiterated their original objections given previously, and did not wish to change their objection to the updated application, which they felt would have an adverse impact upon residential amenity for surrounding properties and lead to overspill parking on surrounding residential streets. It was noted that the Club has accommodation for 300 patrons and the proposed parking is totally inadequate..

c. Notification of **APPROVALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information
2022/1005 70/72 Alexandre road Gorseinon, External upgrades to property. Approved June 8 2022

d. Notification of **REFUSALS** by Local Planning Authority. None received in June

e. Notification of **Appeals** by Local Planning Authority; None received in June

f. Enforcement matters. No items raised.

64. Members gave authority for Chairman & Clerk to act for Council on any matters that may arise during the August recess.

APPENDIX A GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL EXPENDITURE June 30 2022

Name	particulars	Net	VAT	Total
Inland Revenue / tax/Employers NI salary (new NI rate)				DD 737.74
Stationary/ cleaning & toiletry supplies/ stamps				DD 63.15
travelling mileage June				DD 131.95
Monthly HSBC mortgage				DD 521.65
Monthly mortgage overpayment				DD 117.79
Good housekeeping Wales maintenance clean	May /June			DD
Swansea council rates 17 west St Suite 1	restarts 1 apr 2022 50% reduction			DD 78.37
Swansea council rates 17 west St Suite 2	restarts 1 apr 2022 50% reduction			DD 47.19
Npower Eon gas monthly				DD 56.00
B Gas electric monthly				DD 80.03
CCS License fee xmas tree /surveyors fee 50x2 Gowerview rd				DD 100.00
Notice Board poles		191.99	38.40	DD 230.39
Marshalls for ATC parade June 18				
Refreshments New Lodge for ATC				

CREDIT

Tinitus hire June	75.00
Barclays bank room 1 hire	173.33
Mps office refund costs	686.86
Sewers (Tuesday) till Dec 13	225.00
Tinitus doctors June	75.00

GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION June 30 2022

Current account June 30 2022	£ + 9517.03
Treasurers account June 30 2022	£ +111071
Remaining precept Aug/Dec	£ + 87680
Mortgage balance June 30 2022	£ - 72086

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.....Chairman.....

