

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING 5 OCT 2022

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL, held on WEDNESDAY
7th Sept 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, Carlo Rabaiotti, Pam Morgan, Gail John, N Matthews. A Stevens, Sgt Paul Rees.

65. APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs, Marsha Phillips, Joe Clayfield

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

- a. **Queens Jubilee** . presentation gifts for local schools had been purchased and were presented to all local school children in July by the Town Mayor. All 3 local schools had been contacted and had made arrangements before end of term in July.
- 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 been done in July, but no response had been subsequently received..
- c. The Mayor noted the **Covid memorial plaque** had now been erected on the front wall of the Ty Newydd centre. Members asked for an unveiling to be considered and put on Facebook to let the community know.
- d. Decky Memorial Aug 28 2022 Loughor rugby club. The Town Council had made a contribution of £250 towards the charity, which the Mayor/Deputy had attended for the prizegiving.
Cllr Stevens had declared an interest previously.

67.POLICE MEETING. The Police were represented at the meeting, by Sgt Paul Rees and crime figures were summarised. Cllrs raised concern about ongoing incidents in the Argyll Gardens and other areas. PR summarised Police actions in Argyll gardens including drug arrests and confiscation of a 4 wheel quad bike, and notices served on parents. Members highlighted the cases of falling apples from Park trees being thrown at passing cars.

. 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 2 coming events for the Police diaries. Remembrance Parade November 11th/13th and Xmas Lantern Parade Nov 24th, and invited a Police presence to future meetings being arranged for the events. PR gave a commitment that Police supported and attended all community events where staff resources allowed. A lot of good work was being done with multi agency participants and youth provision had improved.

68. PUBLIC SESSION. Two Public present, and one question had been forwarded to Clerk, from Mr Douglas Smith who had queried the pupils bus passes at Gower College which had weekend/evening restrictions that other schools did not appear to have. A response from CCS Education dept had advised Gower College had negotiated a contract directly with the local bus companies for their 6th formers, which differed from other establishments in area..

69. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The Clerk presented the **6th July 2022 minutes** (which had been distributed previously) for approval. They were approved no amendments. (Prop by J Curtice, sec Cllr A Thomas).

70. 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 being arranged for this Summer..
- b. **Cllr Jan Curtice** advised that County Members had been undergoing training post election. Sept had been dominated by recent flooding incidents in Grovesend and Trinity street. CCS and local emergency services were praised for their prompt responses in saving many properties from serious damage. Members discussed a few local problem areas that historically had flooded and discussed what action were needed in future.
Cllr Pat Griffiths queried the caravan in Gwalia Terrace that had been on the road for many years was again reported, & JC and Andrew Stevens advised they would look at the position to see if it was deemed a fire risk, and could be removed. JC reported Mr Paul Tregembo had secured a grant of £750 for defibrillator around St Catherines church recently, and had asked to pass the fund to the Town Council to organise its installation in the local area.
- c. **Cllr Andrew Stevens** outlined the recent Active travel activities on the new cycle track to Pontarddulais which would be opening shortly. Members noted the new benches that had been placed on the route with more coming shortly. The **Brisco Fun run** was returning for April 2023 with planning taking place at present. It would probably be a 10k run, around the local area. AS noted that 3 further defibrulators were to be installed on ward boundaries in Gors/Grovesend.
- d. **Cllr Nicola Matthews** outlined the flooding actions taken during the floods of last few days. She reported on recent meeting to look at future running of Parc y Werin hall, and whether a voluntary group could take over its management. Further meetings were being arranged.
- e. **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.
- f. **Cllr A Thomas**, gave an update on the repair of the damaged equipment in the Parc Y Werin playground area that had taken place during the Summer. He raised concern about flooding on Parc Werin playground as it had no drainage, and the shocking state of new turf on Parc Melyn Mynach new playground which had not taken, due to drought. County Members would report problems.
- g. **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 unauthorised parking of Fairground vehicles on the grass area at bottom of Lime street. 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.
- h. **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 thanked Clerk for displaying the Pride flag on Ty Newydd on 15-17 July to acknowledge Llanelli Pride weekend which she had attended.
- 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. He commented on parking issues in Gower View rd with the heavy construction vehicles.

- 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. **Cllr Gail John** had asked for items to be reported to Council. Her email questions had been deferred from the last meeting as she was not present and had offered her apologies. Clerk briefly outlined the issues she had raised via emails. GJ clarified some of her concerns particularly regarding correct procedures when seeking funding sources, which was discussed with Members. She noted that drug related issues were being raised with her, by local parents.
- k. **Cllr Pam Morgan** noted the Pop up café was well attended and the Foodbank at St Catherines was as busy as ever on Thursdays.
- l. **Cllr Carlo Rabaiotti** asked for reminder be sent to Mr Benny, School head asking to attend youth Council at the school. He also advised he was being interviewed by CCS Standards committee for position as Community Council rep.

71. 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 Fybrosis 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.

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

ParcYWerin bowls club. £350 approved(Cllr MPhillips had declared an interest and did not participate)

New requests received for Aug/Sept 2022 included the following, - financial year 2022/23

Decky Memorial match Sun Aug 28.£250 agreed

Chromamusic community formed 2021 based St Catherine church hall. £200 agreed

New scrabble group Gorseinon Institute. More information requested

Loughor Events committee – xmas tree . £100 agreed(Cllr Pam Morgan declared an interest and did not vote).

New community Halls funding opportunity from Welsh Govt CADW was noted.

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. The application was not accepted as the railway line was not part of the current operational network, but benches were being provided by CCS and Gowerton Community Council.

- b) **Queens jubilee 2022.** All 3 local schools had been contacted and arrangements were made in July for the presentations to the pupils by the Town Mayor before Summer break..
- 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. Cllr Jan Curtice advised that Gowerton CC had offered to fund the first bench at the Gowerton end of the path, and CCS would provide benches to be made from fallen trees in their stock.
- 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. The issue of lack of consultation by CCS on the cycle route to local residents, had been referred to the Ombudsman and was being considered at present.
- e) Ty Newydd business rates 2022/23. 50% business rate relief had been successfully applied following submission for funding relaxation by the Clerk. Clerk raised issue of higher gas/electric charges for Ty Newydd, and confirmed that a new contract for 5 years from Dec 2023 had been obtained, which was approved by Committee. Members also discussed the hire rates for 2023 for the Hall and agreed an increase to £12 for community groups and £30 for commercial hirings from Jan 1 2023..
- f) License agreements had been signed with CCS for Xmas tree installation on green off Gower view rd. Clerk reported quotes from CCS for the electrical infrastructure needed which were approved, as work needed to progress asap.
- g) 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. Clerk to contact Vision ICT to establish how passwords could be changed.
- h. Siting of new Notice board Gorseinon rd junction opposite the Bug/Gower Way sign was reported by Clerk. Installation had now been done by CCS at a cost of £500.
- i. 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, and was being interviewed shortly.
- j. 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.
- k. Cllr Sue Rawle requested a 6-12 month sabbatical as she was attending family in London and would be absent during the time. Members accepted the request due to extenuating circumstances.
- l. Clerk reported email from Marcus Thomas who was in process of establishing a “Warm Hearts Club” to assist sufferers this winter with the concept of warming the person not the home. Members applauded the concept, but decided they would not get directly involved..

72. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

- a) **Meeting with Llwehwr 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. This event was again cancelled as the ATC couldn't arrange transport for its cadets. Members asked that their disappointment be noted.

- b) One Voice Wales area meeting took place on 18 July at 7pm remotely. Clerk and Cllr M Curtice attended. Cllr Curtice was appointed as Chairman of the committee for the coming year..
- c) Initial meeting Xmas parade joint sub /Llwchwr Town Council wed 20 July 10am (JC,MC,CR,PM/Mayor & Clerk) . Llwchwr TC had agreed to increase their contribution towards costs to £3500 for 2022.

73.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.

74.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^t September 2022 (proposed M 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).

75. Members agreed that from next meeting in October the meeting would start at 6pm for a trial period.

76.PLANNING MATTERS.(MEETING Sept 7th 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;
 - 2022/1603 /PLD 21 Clos Cwrt y Carne Single storey extn(Cert lawful devt)
 - 2022/1593/ADV 103 High st Gorseinon, 2 lit signs front/side and projecting sign over side door.
 - 2022/1607 /FUL 44 Frampton road,single storey rear extension/hardstanding
 - 2022/1641/FUL Penyrheol Comp school. Additional 2mt palisade fencing around perimeter.
 - 2022/1828/Ful. ALDI store Millers drive, Erection of 3 mt high acoustic fence
- b. Notification of **APPROVALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information
 - 2022/1367/FUL 60 Princess St Gorseinon Part 2 and part 1 storey rear extension.. Appr 2 Aug 22
 - 2022/1005 70/72 Alexandre road Gorseinon, External upgrades to property. Approved June 8 2022
- c. Notification of **REFUSALS** by Local Planning Authority]
 - 2022/1173 Extension of delivery hours Aldi ,Millers drive Gorseinon Refused 8 July 2022
 - 2022/1419/PreAppn 67 Six Mills Ave, Demolition conservatory and replace by single storey ext/

conversion garage to habitable use. Negative decision 6 July. 2022/1367 60 Princess st. Gorseinon part 2 storey/part 1 storey rear

d. Notification of **Appeals** by Local Planning Authority; None received in July/August

f. Enforcement matters. No items raised.

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

Name	particulars	Net	VAT	Total
Inland Revenue / tax/Employers NI salary (new NI rate) July/Aug				DD 737.74
Stationary/ cleaning & toiletry supplies/ stamps		175.2	9.27	DD 184.47
Miles hire xmas road barriers 30No				180.00
travelling mileage July/Aug				DD 131.95
Monthly HSBC mortgage New rate				DD 521.65
Monthly mortgage overpayment				DD 117.79
Office expenses 6 mnths to Apr -Sept				DD 312.00
Good housekeeping Wales maintenance clean May /June /July				DD 360.00
Clk Office 6 mnths /phone IT web insurance heating				DD 379.00
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
New Notice Board extended poles	191.99		38.40	DD 230.39
Vision ICT website upgrade	900		180	DD 1080.00
Vision ICT hosting fees	216		43.20	DD 259.20
Chubb Fire extinguisher service Aug 10	113.6		22.72	DD 136.22
Fire alarm annual service Lighthouse electrical				
BT MPs Office	554.09		110.82	DD 664.91
One Voice Wales annual subscription 2022/23				DD1573.00
FESTIVE LIGHTING High st lights xmas part 1	2787.75		557.55	DD 3345.30
FESTIVE LIGHTING High st lights xmas part 2	4469.70		893.94	DD 5363.64
Zurich Municipal insurance premium 2022/23				DD 857.43
Swansea Council Notice board installation				DD 500.00

CREDIT

Tinitus hire July/Aug				200.00
Barclays bank room 1 hire 2022/23				2080.00
MPs office refund costs				686.86
Sewers (Tuesday) till Dec 13				225.00
Precept 2				43840.00

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

Current account Aug 31 2022	£ + 9285
Treasurers account Aug 31 2022	£ +144928
Remaining precept /Dec	£ + 43840
Balance	£ +198053
Mortgage balance Aug 31 2022	£ - 71267

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.....Chairman.....

