

**THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING 2 Nov 2022**

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

**Present,** Cllrs Ken Jones(Chmn), M Curtice, P Griffiths, A Thomas, J Curtice, M Phillips  
Pam Morgan. Headmaster Mr Benney & 5 school reps from Penyrheol Comp Youth Council

**77. APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs, Joe Clayfield, Carlo Rabaiotti, N Matthews, A Stevens, Sue Rawle, Joanne Crowley, A Crowley

Clerk reported that Cllr Gail John had submitted her letter of resignation to the Council on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Members discussed the email and their disappointment at its content, and confirmed to advertise the vacant position within the Penyrheol ward offering an election if requested by 10 residents, then via by means of Cooption if appropriate, and advised by Swansea Council. Cllr M Curtice apologised for comments made during the last meeting which were intended to bring discussion to an end following prolonged debate on a topic, and had upset Cllr John.

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

- a. Queens passing. Following the passing of Her Majesty on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept , Council flags had been flown at half mast for the mourning period and appropriate commemorative events attended. A letter of thanks was received from the Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan.
- b. Invite received for Mayor/Clerk to attend Pembroke Fair on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Mayor had attended 90 birthday of Mr Lewis on 26 Sept and presented gifts at the Recycled teenagers club.
- d. Invite receive for Mayor to attend St Johns Xmas concert at St Davids Loughor on Dec.4th.
- e. Council decided that as an exhibition was in place in adjoining room, for the proposed **solar panel farm at Penyfodau farm**, it was appropriate to receive a brief presentation from the planning consultants on behalf of the developers. Members were given a summary of the proposal by the consultants and asked a few questions about the proposal which would be determined by Welsh Government.

**79.POLICE MEETING.** No Police were represented at the meeting, and no crime figures had been forwarded. Members expressed disappointment in view of the level of anti social behaviour recently in the town

**80. PUBLIC SESSION.** No Public present, and one question had been forwarded to the Clerk, from Mr Marcus Thomas who was concerned about the loss of historic features on local buildings with the naming of the former Barclays bank now removed from the facade.  
Mr Benney (Head Penyrheol Comp) attended with school reps, who discussed issues within the town for the youth. Ideas were tabled and pupils asked to come up with initiatives that GTC could build into its programme for next year.  
School awards night was due at end of November, at which Leigh Halfpenny awards would be given by GTC..

**81. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The Clerk presented the **7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 minutes** (which had been distributed previously) for approval. They were approved no amendments. (Prop by M Curtice, sec Cllr A Thomas).

## 82. 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 had undergone 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.  
The Brisco fun run was returning on April 30 2023, using part of the new cycletrack.  
JC reported Mr Paul Tregembo had secured a grant of £750 for defibrulator around St Catherines church recently, and had asked to pass the fund to the Town Council to organise its installation in the local area.JC would check with Chemist where to install the defib. before casing was bought.  
Budget discussion were quite worrying at County, but progress had been made on the Barrage scheme with land purchases having been completed.
- c. **Cllr Pam Morgan** noted the Pop up café was well attended and the Foodbank at St Catherines was as busy as ever on Thursdays. She reported with regret she would have to stand down as School Governor at Gorseinon Junior school. She would advise school and Clerk would seek replacement Member in due course.
- d. **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. County Members would report problems. He reported damage to benches outside Mardy pub which seemed to have been vandalised.
- e. **Cllr M Curtice** 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.
- f.**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. to see if yellow lines were appropriate.
- h. **Cllr Carlo Rabaiotti** advised by email he had attended the Youth forum at Penyrheol Comp. at the school and would attend future meetings too, to get youngsters views.  
He also advised he had been interviewed by CCS Standards committee for position as Community Council rep. and had now been appointed to the position.

## 83. 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  
Llwchwr 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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)

Decky Memorial match Sun Aug 28.£250

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

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

requests received for Oct 2022 included the following, - financial year 2022/23 approved the following;

West St Gym £250 awarded

One Heart Drummers (St Catherines) awarded £200.

- b) Update on extension of **cycletrack** to Pontarddulais given with work now completed and well received.
- c) 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 had been rejected for further consideration.
- d)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 had agreed an increase to £12 for community groups and £30 for commercial hirings from Jan 1 2023..
- e) License agreements had been signed with CCS for Xmas tree installation on green off Gower view rd. Clerk reported quotes from CCS for £2600 the electrical infrastructure needed which were approved, as work needed to progress asap.
- f) Updated website had now gone live from May 2022. [www.gorseinontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://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 and Vision ICT had shown how passwords could be changed.
- g. Clerk reported a Community Council rep for recruitment to standards committee Swansea Council had been advertised closing date July 8<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Rabaiotti had submitted his name for consideration,

and had now been appointed successfully.

- h. Clerk advised he had been able to secure 550 tree whips for delivery on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> from “ Dig Trees”if local groups wished to take advantage of the opportunity.

#### **84. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.**

- a) One Voice Wales area meeting was due to be held on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm remotely.
- b) Initial meeting Xmas parade joint sub /Llchwyr Town Council wed 20 July 10am ( JC,MC,CR,PM/Mayor & Clerk) . Llchwyr TC had agreed to increase their contribution towards costs to £3500 for 2022. Cllr K Roberts had given £600 matched by GTC C/Cllrs in due course. Members agreed to contribute £60 towards Xmas lighting tractor in the Xmas Parade for Cllr AS.

#### **85.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.
- b. OVW Training courses were outlined in Oct/Nov.

#### **86.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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (proposed MCurtice 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 advised that due to HSBC bank error,Cllr P Griffiths had been overpaid £190 not £150 allowance. It was agreed to reduce 2023 allowance by £40 to correct HSBC error.

**87. Members agreed that from next meeting in November and future meetings would start at 6pm for a further trial period.**

#### **88.PLANNING MATTERS.(MEETING Oct 5th 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;
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| 2022/2104 ful | Pencaerws rd Gorseinon.Single storey rear extension, rear dormer, roof lights   |
| 2022/2113/NMA | 151 Frampton rd Penyrheol single storey rear /side extension& fenestration alterations ( non material amendment to pp 2021/1502 granted 29 July 2021) |
| 2022/1404     | 100 Frampton rd Penyrheol ,Detached Double garage/hardstanding  |
| 2022/2218     | Ash Grove, single storey side extension/new access/hardstanding   |
- b. Notification of **APPROVALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information
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| 2022/1593/adv   | 103 High street adverts front/side, Approved 7 Sept 2022   |
| 2022/1607 Ful   | 44 Frampton rd Penyrheol, single storey rear extension , approved 5 Sept 2022  |
| 2022/1828 Aldi, | Millers Drive 3 mt. acoustic fence, Approved 23 Sept 2022.   |
| 2022/2020       | 67 Six Mills Ave. Pre appn to demolish conservatory and build single storey rear extension/convert garage to living accommodation. Positive response 21st Sept 22. |
- c. Notification of **REFUSALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information
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| 20221886/Pre app. | 17 Mydham Lane, Increase height of roof to provide living accomm, new dormers,rear roof extension. Negative response 23 Sept 2022 |
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- d. Notification of **Appeals** by Local Planning Authority; None received in September

f. Enforcement matters. No items raised.

**APPENDIX A GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL EXPENDITURE** **Sept 30th 2022**

Name	particulars	Net	VAT	Total
Inland Revenue / tax/Employers NI salary ( new NI rate) Sept				DD 737.74
Stationary/ cleaning & toiletry supplies/ stamps / Xmas workshop supplies /90 <sup>th</sup> birthday			20.82	DD 187.92
travelling mileage Sept				DD 137.15
Monthly HSBC mortgage New rate				DD 521.65
Monthly mortgage overpayment				DD 117.79
Good housekeeping Wales maintenance clean Aug / Sept				DD 270.00
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
Fire alarm annual service Lighthouse electrical				
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
Kingsbridge print posters	144.83		4.17	DD 149.00
Swansea Council xmas tree works Penyrheol				DD 2600.00
Selection boxes Father Xmas grotto	250		50.00	DD 300.00

**CREDIT**

Tinitus hire SEPT				100.00
IPSA MPs				1500.00
MPs office bills				664.91
Llwehwr AFC loan/				250.00
Hall hire Sept 26				10.00
Hall hire 5 Oct solar farm				20.00
K Roberts				600.00
Hall Hire Oct 6				20.00

**GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION** **Sept 30 2022**

Current account Sept 30 2022	£ + 10537.46
Treasurers account Sept 30 2022	£ +125950
Remaining precept /Dec	£ + 43840
Balance	£ +179132
Mortgage balance Sept 30 2022	£ - 70865

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.....Chairman.....