

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

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

**Present,** Cllrs Ken Jones(Chmn), M Curtice, P Griffiths, A Thomas, Pam Morgan, Carlo Rabaiotti, A Stevens

**89. APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs, Joe Clayfield, J Curtice, M Phillips, Sue Rawle, Joanne Crowley, A Crowley, N Matthews.

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

- a. Invite received for Mayor/Clerk to attend Pembroke Fair on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Invite receive for Mayor to attend St Johns Xmas concert at St Davids Loughor on Dec.4th.
- c. Remembrance week arrangements were discussed . Service at War memorial West St. on 11 Nov @11am. Service at St Catherines church Sunday 13th Nov, and at Kingsbridge cemetery in the afternoon. Cllr Rabiaotti to attend the Loughor service on behalf of the Town Council.
- d. Clerk advised members that because 10 electors had requested an election to fill the vacant Penyrheol ward seat, an election would be held on 24 November, at a cost to the Town Council of up to £4000. 3 candidates had been nominated Mr Wayne Erasmus, Katie M Jones and Jason Lovell. Polling station likely to be Boxing club or church at end of Gower View road..

**91.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

**92. PUBLIC SESSION.** No Public present, School awards night was due at end of November, at which Leigh Halfpenny awards would be given by GTC..

**93. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The Clerk presented the 5<sup>th</sup> **October 2022 minutes** (which had been distributed previously) for approval. They were approved with no amendments. (Prop by M Curtice, sec Cllr A Thomas).

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

- a. **Cllr A Stevens.**The **Brisco** fun run was returning on April30 2023, using part of the new cycletrack. AS 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. Additional funding was being sought for the Skateboard Park at Parc Melyn Mynach and a strong case was being made as one of the 3 new venues in the County.  
New tree planting sites were being investigated within the Penyrheol area.  
AS had chased up the funding for repairs to the town clock in West Street.  
AS was hopeful to report progress to the December meeting on the abandoned caravan parked on the highway near Chapel street.  
AS reported 2 additional defibrulators had been provided at the Canolfan and Gym next to 3Ms Roundabout on Gorseinon road.
- b. **Cllr Pam Morgan** noted the Pop up café was well attended and the Foodbank at St Catherines was as busy as ever on Thursdays.

- c. **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. Cllr Thomas complained about the unauthorised parking of Fairground vehicles on the grass area at bottom of Lime street. Cllr A Stevens advised Council that public could report parking on yellow lines via the Swansea Council website “reportparkingproblems”.
- d. **Cllr M Curtice** advised that the **Remembrance Parade** was now back on subject to C/Cllrs contributing to any road closure costs. He noted the clock on West St Memorial site still not working properly. Cllr A Stevens advised it had been reported and was due for repair as part of the funding from the Swansea Council Covid recovery Fund.
- e. **Cllr Pat Griffiths** called in briefly to give the overpayment of £40 back to the Clerk which had been over paid in error by HSBC bank. Clerk would amend records accordingly, and thanked Cllr Griffiths for resolving the HSBC error..
- f. **Cllr Carlo Rabaiotti** 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.
- g. **Cllr Ken Jones** reported the fallen trees in Argyll gardens had now been cut up and removed. He also reported to Cllr Stevens a pot hole on Alexandre rd adjoining the Park lane junction.

## 95. 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 defibrillator crowdfunding. Agreed to help with full amount if needed.  
 Defibrillator 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.  
West St Gym £250 awarded  
One Heart Drummers (St Catherines) awarded £200.

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

**a. Garden project Park rd complex.** Members agreed a donation of £200.

**b. Brisco fun run** was explained by Cllr Stevens, and was programmed for end April 2023. The Town Council had previously agreed to be a major sponsor of the annual event and Members agreed to make a substantial contribution. The exact figure would be finalised at the Budget meeting in January once detailed costings were known.

**c. Mr Hugh Quick** had submitted a letter thanking Council for financial support of his trip to Australia in September to represent Wales cricket seniors. Members applauded his efforts and success in representing the Country. Cllr Stevens would put acknowledgement on Facebook.

b) Update on extension of **cycletrack** to Pontarddulais given with work now completed and very well received.

c) Clerk reported on update 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 now to start in November 2022.

d) Cllr Pam Morgan had 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. As there was not a full turnout at the meeting the appointment of a substitute was deferred to the next meeting.

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. Work had now been completed and was ready for the tree to be installed at end November. Cllr Stevens was advised to contact Mike Lewis Radio Tircoed for outside broadcast support.

f) 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.

g). 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.

## 96. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

a) One Voice Wales area meeting was held on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm remotely, and was summarised and Noted..

b) Final meeting Xmas parade joint sub /Llwchwr Town Council wed 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 10am (JC,MC,CR,PM/Mayor & Clerk) . Llwchwr 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.

c) Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Swansea Council /community Council forum would be held at the Guildhall at 5pm on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Clerk and Cllr M Curtice would attend.

## 97. 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 Nov/Dec 2022.

## 98.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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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 that Local Govt Assn and respective trade unions had agreed to the 2022/23 wage offer from employers of a one off payment of £1925 per person on all salary points. The award was to be back dated to April 1 2022. Members accepted the recommendation and instructed Clerks remuneration would be adjusted accordingly and back dated to start of award in April 22.
- c. Clerk advised that due to HSBC bank error, Cllr P Griffiths had been overpaid £190 not £150 cheque allowance in May 2022. Cllr Griffiths had now refunded the overpayment to the Clerk following the banks error. Clerk thanked Councillor for resolving the banks mistake.

## 99.PLANNING MATTERS. (MEETING Nov 2nd 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 Objection were raised to the following applications;

2022/2059 91 High Street Goreinon (Helens cards) New shop front  
2022/2345 Advert 12 Alexandre road Gorseinon, 1 external sign, 2 non illuminated wall signs  
2022/2525 Cert Lawful use 19 Clos Cwrt Carne, Penyrheol Single storey rear extension

- b. **Objection was raised to the following applications;**

2022/2225 184 Alexandre rd Gorseinon, car sales to Industrial paint supply/distribution centre, single storey side extension/canopy

Members noted the proposed change of use from former car sales to storage/distribution of paint products. It was noted the business was surrounded by residential properties on both sides and to the rear, in close proximity. Members expressed concern about the inevitable storage of large quantities of inflammable products in the new warehouse, and potential fire hazard in this residential area. Unless some form of reassurance from the Fire Authority could be provided they were concerned for the residents of adjoining properties, and wished their concerns to be recorded.

- c. Notification of **APPROVALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information

2022/2387/Pre 19 Clos Cwrt y Carne single storey rear extension to replace conservatory  
Positive response 18 Oct 2022  
2022/2104 12B Pencaerwn rd Penyrheol Single storey rear ext/dormer  
Rooflights. Approved 28 Oct

d. Notification of **REFUSALS** by Local Planning Authority]

2022/2007 102 Lime st Gorseinon 2 storey side extension,, single storey rear extension, rooflights and access Refused 17 Oct 2022

2022/2064 Pre applicn Conversion Lewis Jones public house to 6 residential flats. Pre App Not supported by dept.

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

f. Enforcement matters. No items raised.

**100. APPENDIX A GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL EXPENDITURE** **Oct 31 2022**

Name	particulars	Net	VAT	Total
Inland Revenue / tax/Employers NI salary				DD 737.74
Clerks NALC 2022/23 wage award settlement from April 2022.				
Stationary/ cleaning & toiletry supplies/ stamps / Xmas workshop supplies	112.98		14.28	DD 127.26
travelling mileage Oct				DD 96.20
Monthly HSBC mortgage New rate				DD 576.19
Monthly mortgage overpayment				DD 117.79
Good housekeeping Wales maintenance clean				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				
BPS gas boiler service	68.00		13.60	DD 81.60
R Morgan 2 xmas trees	672		122.4	DD 734.40
Bank charges				DD 12.50
Kingsbridge print car park signage	116		23.00	DD 139.20
<b>CREDIT</b>				
Tinitus hire Oct				100.00
MPs office bills				179.72
K Roberts				600.00
Hall Hire Oct 6				20.00

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

Current account Oct 31 2022	£ + 9777
Treasurers account Oct 31 2022	£ +125986
Remaining precept /Dec	£ +43840
Balance	£ +179603
Mortgage balance Oct 31 2022	£ - 70479

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.....Chairman.....