

MINUTES OF THE GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD ON

WED. 7th February 2024 at the Ty Newydd Community Centre 17 West St. GORSEINON, commencing at 8pm.

Present; Councillors Carlo Rabiotti(Chairman), Jan Curtice, Andrew Thomas, P Griffiths, Sue Rawle, Pam Morgan, A Crowley, J Crowley, K Jones. A Stevens

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None raised initially.

97. APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs, J Clayfield, M Phillips, M Curtice, N Matthews, J Clayfield

98. Clerk reminded Members of the Town Councils revised 5 year priorities which were discussed and reconfirmed .

GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL 5 YEAR PRIORITIES 2022-27

- a Explore opportunities to acquire / lease a **new multi user base** for the Town Council and community groups, that meets the Town Councils needs and is both accessible and affordable for all residents of Gorseinon / Penyrheol wards.
 - b. Aim to improve **communication** with local residents and groups, work with local partnerships, and represent views of the community. as well as better explaining what the Town Councils role is, and what can be done for the local community.
 - c. Deliver projects for the area that will engender and strengthen both **pride and respect** in the communities of Gorseinon and Penyrheol.
 - d. Deliver projects that will improve the **physical appearance** and environment of our town centre & residential suburbs.
 - e. **Support** worthy community groups / local initiatives and community projects, focused on sporting/social and cultural activities, particularly for the youth/elderly of the area.
 - f. The Town Council should aim to champion **diversity**, and **Well Being** in all its forms, within the local community.
- 99.**Members then discussed in detail and approved the **Draft 2024/25 budget as enclosed, totalling £177250.**
Priorities were discussed, and the main changes were agreed as follows;

The **landscaping of the grassed area at the bottom of Lime street** was discussed and supported, but a Scheme needed to be drawn up initially and costed to establish costs and likely support from surrounding businesses and pub.

It was agreed to try to seek more sponsorship and support from local businesses for production of a **Newsletter** and Xmas Lantern parade, and to set up discussions with local businesses, in an attempt to keep costs down for the community.

100.Following on from approving the budget, Members discussed the **2024/5 precept. It was Resolved to set a precept of £149490 (Option D) in order to deliver the stated projects in the community,** and the Clerk was instructed to notify Swansea Council accordingly. The proposed programme for 2024/5 was £177250 so the shortfall would be drawn from Council reserves. The precept equates to a figure per household for 2024/25 of £45 per household per annum (proposed Cllr Jan Curtice, seconded Cllr Andrew Crowley, agreed by all Members present).

THE MEETING ENDED AT 7.25pm

Chairman.....