

MINUTES IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING 7 May 2025

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL, held on WED
2nd April 2025 at Ty Newydd Community Centre, 17 West St. GORSEINON, at 6pm**

153. Present, Cllrs (Chaiman) Sue Rawle, J Curtice, P Griffiths, Pam Morgan, Ken Jones, P Evers, M Curtice, K Jones, A Thomas, Town Clerk, Asst Town Clerk,

154. APOLOGIES from Cllrs, Katie Jones,. A Stevens, J Clayfield, N Matthews. A Crowley, J Crowley, M Phillips

The Previous minutes were approved for March 5th 2025(approved by Cllr Andrew Thomas and seconded. By Cllr. Jan Curtiss.

155. Mayors announcements & events attended in March.

Letter from Jane Cole, the daughter of Mavis Therese Preece relaying that her mother had passed away on Wednesday morning last week. Mavis was 96, and said she was "Ready".

Jane wrote that Mum and Dad lived in Cobham Close. Mavis was a member of the Gorseinon Town Council for many years (but refused to stand for mayor) and very proud of the community. In particular I remember she fought hard for the window displays on the lamp posts. She was a friend of Gorseinon and Garngoch Hospitals. Mavis was also a fan of the Scarlets.

Mavis had a stroke about four years ago, and had dementia, yet never lost her sense of humour until the last few months. She was looked after (with dad until he died a couple of years ago) in a completely wonderful care home (Yr Hafan) in Pontardulais. We managed to visit to visit her about every two or three weeks and were blessed that we were with her in her last few days.

Funeral is at Llanelli Crematorium (SA14 8BX) on April 16th at 13.00.

Letter of resignation following AGM May 7th Cllr Sue Rawle

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Election was approved following resignations of Cllrs S Rawle, A Crowley and Katie Jones.

Events Attended

7th march Cawl & Chan Llwehwr TC 8th march fundraising Asda for charity bike ride
11th March Mary Greaves 100th Birthday Llys Werin 3pm. 25th March movement for health, Lodge

27th March talkie Penuel chapel. Invite Gower Lions

6th April Brisco fun run 7th April Moving forward group. April 8th Community
pop up café St Davids
10 April Parc William coffee morning , art display
12 April Llwhwr Mayor charity event Welfare hall
15 April Movement for health
Lodge Easter buffet invite.
29 Apr Movement for health event.

156.To receive report on **Police Matters** within Gorseinon/ Penyrheol in March
PCSO Sue Probert was in attendance.

Please find enclosed the stats for the month of March

Beat of Gorseinon 75 occurrences

4 Anti-Social Behaviour related. Land at Melyn Mynach creating problems. Youths gathering at the location which officers will patrol at optimum times.

Issues with youth in Melin Mynach. Benches being set on fire, which are made of flammable material. Potentially replace them with metal benches. Benches possibly to install benches and Patrols with officers to talk to offenders. Off road bikes in the area are becoming a problem. Discussed potential of installing CCTV with police officer.

18 occurrences recorded as Violence Against the Person

0 dwelling burglaries

Beat of Penyrheol 55 occurrences

1 Anti-Social Behaviour related

20 occurrences recorded as Violence Against the Person

0 dwelling burglaries

There are currently no trends of concern within the Penyrheol area.

156. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR/DEPUTY 2025/6 AT AGM MAY 7th

- a. Members noted the need for nominations for both deputy and Mayor for 2025/6 at the April meeting and AGM in May. Clerk had emailed Ombudsman re the concern over delay to investigation over Cllr A Thomas and a prompt reply had been promised. Interest expressed by Cllr Joe Clayfield in the Deputy post for 2025/6 and by Cllr Jan Curtice who offered to cover for the vacant Mayors position if needed.

Members agreed to the following Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor to be approved at AGM May 7th.

2025/6 Chairman Cllr J Curtice,
Deputy 2025/6 Cllr Joe Clayfield
Deputy 2026/7 Cllr Andrew Thomas

The 3 submitted nominations have been approved by those involved.

157. PUBLIC Session for Public to raise items of local relevance during 15 minute session. (Please notify Clerk in advance of issues to be raised at the meeting).

158. County Councillor reports.

Cllr. Jan Curtiss Jan Budget has come out and reported that there a lot of good projects being initiated and planned for the coming year in and around Gorseinon. LAC's have been changed and are hoping to work more closely with groups and improvements in communications with groups.

a. County Councillor reports. Andrew Stevens reported how impressed with (Daffodils Heol Y Mynydd by Asda) Cllr. Malcolm Curtiss that Council should be promoting themselves more with plaques in spots where flowers, and other funded projects.

b. Town Councillors

Cllr. Ken Thomas reported that all barriers had been taken away from outside Sainsbury's

Cllr. M Curtice asked what is progress with bottom of Lime St. Clerk responded that it remains with Architects and we are awaiting their update.

Cllr. M Curtice reminded members that Flags around Gorseinon are needing to be replaced and VE day 7th (two flags). Also that the flags are looking very tired opposite the bug and need replacing. Assistant Clerk to action both plaques and flags.

c. March 22 Fire station open day Residents can have fire detectors fitted free and details can be passed on to Cllr Jan Curtiss to arrange bookings for free fire advice and fitting service.

d. residents group Cwrt Hywel seeking advice.

Mayor to pass on information about groups available for them to access in the area. Mayor suggested updating this information for residents.

159. Clerks Matters

Grants applications received 2024/5. Members approved the following donations; £

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a.

Recycled teenagers meet every Tuesday at 1pm in the Bug £300 approved Cllr Andrew Thomas. , Seconded by Cllr. P Griffiths

b.

Brisco fun run update , already committed £3000.00.

c. Loughor Rovers AFC £300 approved Cllr. A Thomas, To ask Jamie to email county councillors also and Ass. Clerk to pass on details to request aid from County Councillors. Seconded by Cllr. M Curtiss. Clerk reminded to them understand the club can save on equipment purchases.

d. Talent competition Grovesend CC , County Councillors have already supported financially. Members decided not to add to this.

b. West st. Clock visit Feb 26 9.30am repair.

Update given on clock chimes repair West St – Swansea office confirmed negotiations are ongoing with company and clock is now three times the original price, but is still going ahead. Contractors were on site end Feb to carry out the repairs to clock but would have to return to address the chimes which were faulty still..

c. Ty Newydd room 1 refurbishment and future use were discussed. Materials had now been bought to go ahead with the upgrade, and refurbishment was currently underway to be finished by end April.

d. Ty Newydd charitable status application was being investigated. Potentially Ty Newydd could be a charity and still be able to request tax rebates on purchases.

e. 12 Presentation plates had now been bought and were shown to the meeting to be used for future awards.

f. Lighthouse electrical/ New Lodge Container? Xmas lights had been dismantled from mid February when cherry picker was hired. Container issue is ongoing, and Lodge is imminent, but no dates and no developments yet.
Lighthouse electrical/ Container? Lighthouse electrical are continuing to look in to having one remaining container at their base to store our Christmas lighting. A Planning application has been submitted which has recently been approved. Clerk updated members on the possibility of also being able to rent a container which is on route to The Lodge currently to store our barriers. Members suggested possibly using the barriers for the 10k funrun with GTC logo on advertising it is supported by GTC. All agreed this was a good use of the Barriers.

g. Meeting with Fire escape contractors fri Jan 30 11am had taken place to show the new revised plans at side and rear of Ty Newydd. Clerk had subsequently shown plans to Library managers who had approved the design met their requirements. Plans had now been costed in detail, and once licensing forms had been exchanged with Swansea Council work would commence..

. Meeting with Fire escape contractors thur Jan 9 11am. GTC was awaiting lease from CCS for access to area above its curtilage. Following reconsideration Library asked if GTC could relocate on its own land to minimise disruption. Building regs and planning consent would be required prior to lease being Granted Clerk had replied that all options within the curtilage had been invest

igated by Surveyor and the library side was the only option.

Clerk has placed the issue back to them as the only solution we have and we could not be able to move on that location.

Also potential lease to be drawn up and planning consent and building regulations.

h. Defibrillator maintenance – Marc Gower liaison Officer for SALC

Defibs have now been gifted to GTC by Marc Gower under the condition that they be located in heated cabinets. This work will be completed by the Ass. Clerk.

NHS area executive (Marc Gower) had discussions with Ass Clerk and conclusions were relayed to members who agreed this would be recommended to be under GTC control in future. The support from Marc would be ongoing with no cost to GTC.

Marc would make recommendations for replacing certain defibs and any maintenance needed. Marc also stated that he would support GTC and they could identify a Guardian to be the point of contact for checking the defibs on a three monthly basis.

All materials and on-site support would come from Marc and continue going forward. Councillors discussed the current situation with the defibs and agreed to go ahead and end the current contractor and request he transfer the guardianship over to the Assistant Clerk. Assistant Clerk will liaise with Marc Gower going forward and return a action plan for councillors to in the next meeting. The current contract is at an end.

160. Asst Town Clerk reports . Website/internet connection Ty Newydd. New broadband and WIFI service is now up and running with two WIFI options. One for staff with its own password. Assistant Clerk suggested to members that this staff WIFI be for Councillors and regular users of Ty Newydd. Agreed.

The second WIFI would be for all Guests with its own password displayed free to use around Ty Newydd. Users could log on daily, but this password would have to input each time to avoid too many users at one time. Also there is a disclaimer that would pop up once members of the public accessed the free WIFI service to comply with current legislation. Both WIFI options would have a filter embedded in them to limit users from accessing inappropriate websites.

New website plans are in a state of limbo. No responses from VisionICT for the last few weeks to requests for updates. Slow response time is extending the project and is not satisfactory. There has not been any progress since purchasing the WordPress based website product in November 2024. Members agreed this was not acceptable. Ass. Clerk advised we end this project and request a refund.

Assistant Clerk will be attending two courses in April. Securing Lottery Grants and Grant Applications made easy. These are free to GTC and run by One Voice Wales online.

161. To receive reports from the Council's Representatives on Outside

Bodies/upcoming meetings .

a. OVW area meeting **Mon Jan 13 2025 7pm Ty Newydd Zoom meeting**

Deadline for OVW awards presentation GTC entries 2025 was discussed. Members agreed to submit an entry if possible. Cllr Andrew Crowley had considered an entry for an initiative he was exploring but had not proceeded with it this year.

Members discussed attendance at the OVW awards day in late April and agreed to send the following Cllrs. Cllr. Pam Morgan agreed to attend with the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

162. Correspondence.

a. Ombudsman /deputy mayor. Awaiting Ombudsman's report. Ombudsman decision still pending a decision from them around Dept Mayor. Told they are fast tracking it and the annual general meeting is not long away and the recommendations from them may mean that the decision may be deferred until the following Town Council year.

b. OVW area meeting 7pm Zoom Mon 28 April
Swansea Council forum Teams 4-5.50pm Mon 28 April

c. OVW National awards conference Bwlth wed 30 Apr £65 delegate.
Suggested that both clerks and one other to attend.

163 To receive Financial **Accounts** report from Clerk .

a. Committee received the Income / Receipts summary statement from the Clerk and approved the payment of the following outstanding cheques for the ACCOUNTS dated 2nd April 2025 (proposed P Griffiths seconded). After the meeting the cheques were signed by 2 authorised signatures having examined all relevant receipts. Clerk advised members on current Council spend against targets.

b. Business rate increase for suites ½ from £61 to £111 and £95 to £173 monthly.

c. End year accounts 2024/5 had been submitted to the accountant by Clerk, to be reported at AGM.

164 PLANNING MATTERS.

PLANNING MATTERS. (Meeting April 2nd 2025) Committee was asked to consider and make recommendations on the following planning applications

received from Swansea County Council as the Local Planning Authority; Members were advised that all applications could be viewed on [Swansea.gov.uk/planning](https://swansea.gov.uk/planning) prior to meeting.

a. NO OBJECTIONS;

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

2025/0353 55/56 High st Gors illuminated ext fascia sign

2025/0368 14 Chestnut Ave single storey rear extension CPDev

2025/0339/ful Aldi store Millers drive, replacement plant, enclosure/works

2025/0411/ful 12 Heol Pentrebach, Penrheol single storey rear ext. side window/porch rear wall.

2025/0578 109 High St Gorseinon Minor retail change from A1 Bakers to A3 Café.

b. Notification of **APPROVALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information

2025/0107 /pre 20 Pontardulais rd pre app Office to 2 flats. Mixed 5th March

2025/2345 46 High street Gorseinon Office back to flats. mixed response 5 March 2025

2025/105 22 Brynafon rd Penyrheol app cond 3 (ecological enhancements), 4 (noise rating heat Pump) of PP 2024/2076

c. Notification of **REFUSALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information

2025/0116 135 Frampton rd single storey rear ext.. Mixed response 6 March Refused 7 March.

d. Applications withdrawn For information None reported

INCOME EXPENDITURE March 31 2025		nett	vat	
Expenditure				
SALARIES 001/002/ NI employer/employee				
HMRC Tax NI 001/002				DD 539.56
Stationery/Hall supplies	66.87	3.58		DD 70.45
HSBC Charges				DD 10.00
Monthly HSBC Hall mortgage				DD 662.41
Monthly HSBC overpayment				DD 117.79
Hall business rates suite 1 (incudes 45 discount) £61x11from June				DD 111.00
Hall business rates suite 2 (includes 45% discount)£95x11from June				DD 173.00
Corona energy gas/electric Hall				DD572.43/252.24
Go Cardless IT monthly fees				DD 39.59
Bank Charges march				DD 10.00
TY Newydd cleaning				DD
Clerk travelling mar				DD 86.45
Travis Perkins materials room 1				DD428.4
Currys IT cloud				DD120.00
OVW fees 2025/6				DD 1892
Defibs				DD2164.80
Stamps/record delivery accountants				DD 50.15
Income				
CCS SWANSEA grant				+6497.57
Tinitus hire mar				+110
HMRC VAT refund				+8397.69
Bank interest mar				+257.12
Bank reconciliation March 31 2025				
Current account				17039
Treasurers account				146956
Current balance				163995
Mortgage balance outstanding				-59980