

MINUTES IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING 4 June 2025

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL, held on WED
7th May 2025 at Ty Newydd Community Centre, 17 West St. GORSEINON, at 6pm**

165. Present, Cllrs (Chaiman) Sue Rawle, J Curtice, P Griffiths, Pam Morgan, Ken Jones, ,
M Curtice, A Thomas, A Stevens, J Clayfield, M Phillips, Town Clerk, Asst Town Clerk,

166. APOLOGIES from Cllrs, Katie Jones N Matthews. A Crowley, J Crowley, P
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The Previous minutes were approved for April 2 2025(approved by Cllr. A Thomas and
seconded.by Cllr. J Curtice.

167. Mayors announcements & events attended in April May

Apr 6 Morgans army Apr 7 Moving forward
Apr 8 St Catherines community café Apr 9 Awel y Mor afternoon tea
Apr 10 Llchwyr Mayor coffee morning Apr 12 Llchwyr charity event
Apr 15 Movement for health Easter session Apr 16 Llchwyr art group
Apr 29 Movement for health invite May2 Llchwyr Mayor annual dinner

168.To receive report on Police Matters within Gorseinon/ Penyrheol in April

Please find enclosed the stats for the month of April

Beat of Gorseinon 96 occurrences

15 Anti-Social Behaviour related.

The significant rise in this category of occurrences can be attributed to several reports which
relate to a male engaging in ASB on High St. This person has been identified and served with
a Criminal Protection Warning which will hopefully moderate his conduct.

32 occurrences recorded as Violence Against the Person

0 dwelling burglaries

Beat of Penyrheol 49 occurrences

1 Anti-Social Behaviour related

11 occurrences recorded as Violence Against the Person

0 dwelling burglaries

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

I will speak to the Inspector about attendance at June's meeting.

Members raised concern about activities of cyclists in town on bikes and electric scooters.

169.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).
No Issues raised by public

170. County Councillor reports.

To receive **reports on Local Matters** from Town and County Councillors
County Councillor reports.

Cllr. A Stevens reflected on a very positive Gorseinon Fun Run on April 6th. This fun run had all the elements of community engagement with a good turnout of local people and the children's race was a great success. Members had a short discussion around funding and how the proceeds were allocated going forward. Cllr. A Stevens explained the current situation and the plans going forward with two local charities running the event as of next year. Any proceeds would be shared between the two charities.

b. Town Councillors

Cllr Phil Eyers - Request to provide toilets at Bowling club Parc Werin.

Cllr. A Stevens stated this was a matter for CCOS and their committee to discuss as the leasehold needs to be in their name initially before they consider any planning applications.

In the previous meeting discussions around the 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.

Cllr. A Stevens informed members Potentially replace them with metal benches which will be fireproof and have a striking design element.

Off road bikes in the area are becoming a problem. Discussed potential of installing CCTV with police in the previous meeting.

171. Clerks Matters

Grant applications received 2025/6. None received in May

a. Brisco fun run update , already committed £3000.00.

Cllr Joe Clayfield received cheque for £1000 from Town Council and 3 County Members £300 towards his charity bike ride from Germany to Gorseinon.

b. wildflower quote 2025/6 from Swansea Council / Grass cutting BMX track £829.

Cllr. A Stevens commented that he would look in to requesting CCOS to maintain any damage and grass cutting. To be confirmed.

c. Meeting with Fire escape contractors thur Jan 9 11am. The Library management have responded with an issue. They say the air below the fire escape is over Library ground and therefore alternatives need to be looked in to where the fire escape is over Ty Newydd grounds only.

Clerk has responded that there no other options from the design and installation firm that would fit around Ty Newydd building. Discussions are ongoing. Clerk will provide any updates in the next meeting.

d 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 and April to carry out the repairs to clock but would have to return to address the chimes which were faulty still.

e. Ty Newydd room 1 refurbishment and future use were discussed. Partition wall is almost complete with only painting left.

f. Ty Newydd charitable status application is being investigated and initial responses are positive confirming that potentially Ty Newydd could be a charity and still be able to request tax rebates on purchases.

g. 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.

Also the owner of the three garages behind Ty Newydd has advertised that another garage on Loughor Rd. is available to rent. Clerk will liaise and relay to members in the next meeting.

h. 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 investigated 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.

i. 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. a Guardian to be the point of contact for checking the defibs on a three monthly basis.

172. 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.

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 with VisionICT have eventually moved on and even though a request from Asst. Clerk for a full refund due to lack of progress and no communication from VisionICT for several weeks was refused, this request has resulted in some movement. VisionICT have responded by stating there was a breakdown in communication, but have no other explanation.

Asst. Clerk now has full access and is able to log in and edit, download, and update the word[press website. The website will go live once VisionICT download all historical data, such as previous agendas and minutes.

173.To receive reports from the Council's Representatives on Outside Bodies/upcoming meetings .

- a. OVW area meeting 7pm Zoom Mon 28 April
Swansea Council forum Teams 4-5.50pm Mon 28 April
- b. OVW National awards conference Builth wed 30 April. Both the Clerk and Cllr. P Morgan attended. .

174. 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. Still no response form Ombudsman at the time of this meeting.

175 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 7th May 2025 (Proposed by Cllr. P Griffiths seconded by Cllr. 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 targets.

b. Business rate increase for suites ½ from £61 to £111 and £95 to £173 monthly. This has now been reduced after negotiations with Clerk by 50%.

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

176 PLANNING MATTERS.

PLANNING MATTERS. (Meeting May 7th 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;

2025/0546 25 Clos Cwrt y Carne \Change Use residential C3 to residential care for 2 children
2025/0573 Alan Jones indoor cricket centre patio area, access ramp
2025/0602 112 High st Gorseinon retention C of Use retail A1 to D1 beauty salon
2025/2269 Extension Tyrfelin surgery Mixed response from Dept.
2025/14 Chestnut Ave Penyrheol single storey rear extension. Deemed lawful devt.
1 April
2025/0580/OUT Spooner huts Park rd 4 Detached dwellings
2025/0920 17 Mydham Lane Penyrheol. Increase ridge height to create 2 storey dwelling and extn to existing outbuilding
2025/0877 New pitched roof shower room and lobby extension, 9 Tir Mynydd Gorseinon

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

2025/0186 18 Frampton rd Penyrheol retention heat pump approved 25 March 2025
2025/0395 Vets Princess st. cond 3 landscaping, cond 4 surfacing, cond 5 arboriculture of pp 24/0458 Appr 8 April
2025/0411 12 Heol Pentre. Appr 11 Apr, Rear extension new windows, porch rear wall
2025/0353 Non illuminated sign 55-56 High street Gorseinon

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

2025/2391 46 Duffryn rd Gorseinon single storey rear extn. WITHDRAWN

d. Notification of **Appeals** by Local Planning Authority; None reported

e. Applications withdrawn For information None reported

Cllr. M Phillips asked why we could not make a decision on planning which had already been agreed.? Clerk explained that all submissions and decisions were made on a weekly basis and that GTC only met monthly so some of these had already gone through. Clerk offered to include the submission/ decision dates on any future planning applications for members to see. Agreed

Meeting finished 7.30pm

Chairman.....

INCOME EXPENDITURE April 30 2025		nett	vat	
Expenditure				
SALARIES 001/002/ NI employer/employee				
HMRC Tax NI 001/002				
Stationery/Hall supplies				DD 154.45
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				DD 214.81
Go Cardless IT monthly fees				DD 39.59
Bank Charges april				DD 8.00
TY Newydd cleaning				DD 270.00
Clerk travelling apr				DD 89.05
Mr Flag VE day				DD 144.00
DCK accounting solutions 2024/5		537.75	107.55	DD 645.30
BT May11				DD 630.82
OVW conference 3 attendees				DD 195.00
Recycled teens				DD 300.00
Loughor Rovers				DD 300.00
Festive lighting xmas 2025 hire charges (60% of total now)		3866.57	773.31	DD4639.88
Info commissioner fee 1 June				DD 46.00
Income				
				+ 52816.13
CCS SWANSEA precept				+ 75.00
Tinitus hire apr				+ 110.00
HMRC VAT refund				
Bank interest apr				+ 214.88
IPSA				+1533.28
Bank reconciliation April 30				
Current account				+17266
Precept 1				+52816.13
Treasurers account				+137122
Current balance				+207204
Mortgage balance outstanding				- 59583.51