

MINUTES IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING 2 July 2025

A presentation to be made by the Town Mayor to members of the public to acknowledge their community involvement. The New Bees Community Group(Alison, Mandy, Cathy and Elaine. They raised over £12500.00 last year. Last Christmas they distributed of 180 hampers in the local community.

MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL, held on WED 4 June 2025 at Ty Newydd Community Centre, 17 West St. GORSEINON, at 6pm

24. Present, Cllrs (Chaiman) J Curtice, , Pam Morgan, Ken Jones, M Curtice, K Jones, A Thomas, , A Stevens, J Clayfield, N Matthews , P Eyres, Town Clerk, A/Clerk

25. APOLOGIES from Cllrs, P Griffiths. M Phillips

The Previous minutes were approved for June 4th 2025(approved by Cllr Andrew Thomas and seconded.by Cllr. Ken Jones.)

The AGM minutes were approved for June 4th 2025(approved by Cllr Malcolm Curtice and seconded.by Cllr. Andrew Thomas.)

26. Mayors announcements & events attended in May.

Advance notice given of Charity concert in Gowerton on June 6th. at St Johns church.

27. To receive report on **Police Matters within Gorseinon/ Penyrheol in May**
PCSO Hannah Kate/ Coslet/ Hughes. was in attendance.

Please find enclosed the stats for the month of May

Beat of Gorseinon 84 occurrences

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

Off road bikes in the area are becoming a problem. Discussed potential of installing CCTV with police officer. Fixed wing plane has been circling the area monitoring electric and motor, motorbikes in the area, which is able to identify remotely these bikes and have managed to get up to eight bikes a day of the roads which were causing a nuisance in our area.

23 occurrences recorded as Violence Against the Person

0 dwelling burglaries

Beat of Penyrheol 31 occurrences

3 Anti-Social Behaviour related

21 occurrences recorded as Violence Against the Person

0 dwelling burglaries

More incidents of asb relating to off road bikes.

Incidents of nuisance from Male in High street are being dealt with.

Cllr. M Curtice asked about the possibility of submitting knives to the local police

28. 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).

29. 2024/5 Internal Annual Audit – Clerk gave full report on the Auditors report for 2024/5, with no specific issues highlighted.

30. Review of Clerks salary due June 2025. Annual review of Clerks remuneration. At AGM May 7th Chairman recommended a review of Clerks remuneration which is outstanding since June 2022. Clerk was asked to leave room whilst discussion took place.

Members were given written report by Clerk before he left the room during further discussion.

Clerk returned and was thanked for his work for the Town Council advised that Council resolved to unanimously agree to increase clerks pay to the next grading level.

31. County Councillor reports.

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

a. County Councillor reports. Report on Parc Melyn Mynach sports upgrade

Cllr. A Stevens – Skate Parc staging is completed, and concrete benches will be installed shortly.

Some of the previous issues in the banking were also fixed while they were there. The Pump track will be next with different contractors.

The company constructing the project at the bottom of Gorseinon have come back with dates for further meetings in June and some photos of suggested train features. A meeting with John Buxton is being arranged this month. John is a Chartered Civil Engineer with 50 years of rail and building experience (British Rail and Heritage Railway) and could assist with the design, procurement of track, materials etc

Graffiti has been reported which is quite offensive.

Scheme in Parc Y Werin on the side of the old pavilion. Funding to be sourced for a community garden.

Pontardulais rd. has been approved for work to be done this year to do with small scale works/ unadopted areas in Gorseinon, Pen y banc lane and the Catholic Church, There were also suggestions from Cllr. P Eysers for additional works which need to be upgraded.

Added that GTC need to promote itself in the community more. Suggested GTC sign on wall in main room would associate GTC with Ty Newydd. Assistant Clerk to get quotes.

Cllr. N Matthews – reported refuse has been cleared around Gorseinon after it had not been picked on their designated days and left on the pavements for a few days, 40 new recruits and new lorries for refuse collection are in the pipeline to address the issue for the whole of Swansea.

Three councillors attended Melin Mynach with the volunteers helping there and a lot of trolleys were pulled out by volunteers. A donation to the volunteers was suggested. Possible voucher from Asda may be given. Mayor suggested they should be rewarded in some way as they worked so hard on the day.

Friends of Llwhwr will be giving something to the young volunteers also. N. Matthews will chase up with Asda to see if they will donate as a thankyou to the volunteers.

b.. Town Councillors

Cllr. P Eysers – Concerned with top bowling green at Park Y Werin which is in a poor state. Enquired if there were any plans for the green?

Cllr. Stevens stated there would be no funding to renovate this. The regeneration work could potentially cost 30k to 50k

Noted that the Nursery(Mythryn) based there would like to take it over to have a play area. Discussed the viability of this? Costs would be considerable to bring the green back in to use.

Also there are no toilets there for use by public and the nursery around the area. Toilets were essential for a Parc Area. Parents have been asking about the availability of toilets.

Cllr. A Stevens asked about the plans for use of the green?

Cllr. P Eysers stated there may be a grant they can access, and local business will give advice to complete a survey. Gemma Bevan will be the point of contact in CCOS to coordinate and advise around the plans etc.

Cllr Phil Eysers - Siting of Notice board in New Lodge grounds- Green next to exit of car Park? Agreed this would be better suited at the side entrance of the New Lodge.

Remuneration- Clerks pay discussed all members agreed to that clerk will go to bottom of the next grading spinal point. LC33.

32. Clerks Matters

Audit report from the Clerk explained to the members. Gorseinon will be subject to a full audit this year coming as we were three years ago.

No issues reported from the current audit.

a. Grant applications received 2025. No New grants, but Clerk received request today from a Children's cancer charity. Mayor commented on desire to support cancer related projects during this coming year.

b 3 vacant Town Council seats following AGM. Swansea Council response was read out by Clerk

Issues around concerns advertising three vacancies, if all were requested, then we, as a town council would have to fund three or four separate elections?

Advice from to CCOS Election team was that if any individual applied for four elections, they would be advised by election services that only one ward can be applied for. The wards in question were separate within Gorseinon.

Clerk enquired for clarity this were the case? One candidate can only enter or stand in one ward. If they submit more than one submission, they would be either asked to apply for one ward only and if they refused they would be debarred.

If anyone applied for one ward GTC would have to advertise for elections. GTC would now have to advertise for the vacant wards. Any individual applying for all three wards and refusing to agree to this and the Election team could potentially Barr them from all elections. If an election is not requested, then GTC has the option of co-option. Clerk to notify CCOS and start the process. All individuals have the right to apply for as many different seats on different Town councils.

The seats available in wards are Penyrheol, Gorseinon East and Central.

- c. New lease for 2 garages at rear of Ty Newydd from June 1 2025 had now been exchanged for a 5 year contract for garages 2 and 3.

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.

Mayor suggested having focal lighting point in Argyl gardens. Clerk to source lighting.

Surplus lights in the basement to be potentially donated locally or to St Catherines Church.

- d. Meeting with Fire escape contractors. Awaiting lease from CCS management.
B.Regis/planning?

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. Concerns about be delayed as this is essential.

e. West st. Clock visit thur 22 May 9 am repair of chimes. Complaints about chimes timing had been received and were being addressed.

Suggestion that the chimes may be reduced to every half hour. Suggested that it be on between the hours of 8am and 8pm. And A clerk will liaise with the used building for people with mental health issues as a supported living building. They have complained about the impact to their clients. Asst. Clerk will arrange a meeting

f. Ty Newydd room 1 refurbishment and future use now is almost completed.

g. Ty Newydd charitable status application

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. This has now confirmed and Asst. Clerk to bring information to members in future meetings.

h. Swansea Council vacancy on Standards committee for 1 Community Councillor. was reported by Clerk (closing July 7th)

g. Defibrillator maintenance – Marc Gower liaison Officer for SALC

h. Clerk Noted the Mayors panel in main hall had now been updated by the signwriter. Mayor reiterated the need to promote the Town Council and it's work in the community. Suggested a large cheque would be good to promote grants made to local groups. Assistant clerk to get quotes.

33. Asst Town Clerk reports . Website/internet connection Ty Newydd. New

Partition is almost completed and both rooms will be fully decorated in the coming weeks and able to be used for DDA use and for one to one meetings.

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.

Ass clerk will be downloading all agendas and policies ongoing.

Four Defibs in the GTC remit are about to be electrically installed with heated defibs.

Members suggested new defibs along High St.

Mayor also asked if training sessions could be delivered by Marc Gower in the near future for groups in Gorseinon? Clerk to enquire with Marc to arrange.

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

35. Pending Ombudsman /deputy mayor

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.

36 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 4th June 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 received back from the accountant by Clerk, to be reported at AGM.

d. Internal Auditor had returned the approved Annual report.

36 PLANNING MATTERS.

PLANNING MATTERS. (Meeting June 4th 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;

20251022/ful 144 Alexandre rd 2 storey part single rear extension. Registered 12 May
2025/1035 ful 21 Mydham Lane Penyrheol, ground floor front/rear extn plus loft conv Reg
14 May

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

2023/0762 Bako Gorseinon rd new storage extension Approved 13 May
2025/0346 Pencefnarda farm approval cond 9/ cond 20(road maintenance) granted 1 Feb
2021
2025/0573 Alan Jones cricket centre, patio area/ access ramp. Approved 16 May 2025
2025/0546 CPLU 25 Clos Cwrt Carne CofUse from residential C3 to care home for 2
children . 22 May deemed lawful

c. Notification of **REFUSALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information
2025/

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

e. Applications withdrawn For information None reported

INCOME EXPENDITURE May 31 2025		nett	vat	
Expenditure				
SALARIES 001/002/ NI employer/employee				
HMRC Tax NI 001/002employer NI				DD1250.91/626.07
Stationery/Hall supplies /audit/painting supplies		68.86	12.84	DD 81.7
HSBC Charges				DD 8.00
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 201.54/129.08
Go Cardless IT monthly fees				DD 39.59
Signwriter				DD 70.00
TY Newydd cleaning				
Clerk travelling may				DD 90.69
Bank charges June				DD 16.00
Garage rental units 1 and 2 from June 1 £200 month				DD 200.00
DCK accounting solutions 2024/5		537.75	107.55	DD 645.30
BT May11				DD 630.82
Mayors allowance				DD 1250.00
A Mayors allowance				DD 250.00
Members allowances 12x208				DD 2496.00
Festive lighting xmas 2025 hire charges (60% of total now)		3866.57	773.31	DD4639.88
Info commissioner fee 1 June				DD 46.00
Grant bike ride/ with c/llrs £300 members allowance				DD 1300.00
N Bailey accts				DD 180.00/36
Bay security cameras service				DD 90.00
Info commissioner 2025/6				DD 46.00
Electrical contractors for defibrulator installations		734	186	DD 920.00
Income				
CCS SWANSEA precept Apr Aug Dec				+ 52816.13
Tinitus hire MAY				+ 82.5
Bank interest MAY				+ 223.53
IPSA				+1533.28
Bank reconciliation May 31 2025				
Current account				+ 16528.16
Treasurers account				+170212.69
Current balance				+ 186740.85
Mortgage balance outstanding				- 59165.16