

CYNGOR TREF GORSEINON
GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Gorseinon Town Council held at Ty Newydd Community Centre,
on Wednesday July 2nd at 6pm.

Attendees:	Councillors; Cllrs. (Chairman) J Curtice, K Jones, M. Curtice, A. Thomas, A. Stevens, J. Clayfield, N. Matthews, P. Eyres, Town Clerk, Councillors Attending via Teams: None
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Main Meeting Discussion Points:

GTC-0725-37	MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS Mayor attended; Chroma music event at 3pm Sat. 5th July at St. Catherines Church. Also attended a church fundraising event of music starting at 7pm on Fri. July at St Catherines Church. At 5pm on Sat 5th July. Councillor Joe Clayfield and his father returned from their charity Bike Ride from Germany to Gorseinon. Mayor and Councillors to attend outside the Bug, Gorseinon.
GTC-0725-38	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were apologies for absence from Cllrs. M. Phillips, J. Crowley, and J. Clayfield
GTC-0725-39	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No members of the public were present and there were no representations from the public prior to the meeting commencing.
GTC-0725-40	POLICE REPORT No Report submitted to council at this time.
GTC-0725-41	DECLARATION OF INTEREST No interests declared.
GTC-0725-42	MINUTES OF COUNCIL It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4 th June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record - AGREED . Approved by Cllr. M. Curtice and Seconded by Cllr. A. Thomas.
GTC-0725-43	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES There were no matters arising.
GTC-0725-44	MEMBER'S REPORTS a. County Councillor reports.

Cllr. N. Matthews: reported there are good events coming up through the summer in Swansea. These include planned summer trips reaching out to young people from all areas around Gorseinon. These events are to be subsidised by County Councillors.

Also announced that 71-72 Kingsway is opening 3rd July, and New Central Library is opening in November on the Kingsway.

Cllr. A. Stevens – Spoke about our Clerk Mr. John Millard, and gave glowing praises of John’s contribution and behind the scenes work of the past two decades, stating he was legend of the community. John’s influence and guidance on Councillor Stevens’ career choices was very positive. Andrew shared some experiences of John’s work with members.

Further update re; plans down outside the Bug with a potential to expose some of the old railway tracks and possibly look to installing a restored locomotive, of some kind, outside the on the green. Possibly having a plaque outside on the locomotive.

Cllr. A Stevens also reported that they are looking at doing yellow lines on Cecil rd. and Brighton rd. and Lys Y Twysog. And residents parking outside the institute on Lime St.

There are also plans at Pen Y banc lane which, is on unadopted land, to be improved with resurfacing as is the lane behind the Catholic Church etc.

b. Town Councillors reports.

Cllr. P Eysers asked about light by ‘The Bug’ and potential solutions to traffic issues. Referred to Cllr. A Stevens for a response.

Cllr. P. Griffiths, reported receiving complaints about Alberts Café.

Cllr. N Matthews replied that this issue is still under negotiation and will respond to members in future meetings with any progress on the matter.

Cllr. A Thomas reported weeds around High St. and Graffiti around skate parc in Melyn Mynach. Also, on the entrance down the roadside in Gorseinon opposite farm foods etc. This is land is owned by Duke of Bufort. Discussion about making a complaint to him about the state of this land.

Cllr. M Curtice; enquired if Cross St will be all disabled parking. Cllr. A Stevens confirmed this.

Cllr. K Jones enquired if yellow lines will be placed on Argyl Avenue behind the park. Cllr. A Stevens confirmed they are being put in.

Cllr. P Griffiths ; enquired re; Chapel St. issues around Double yellow lines which need to be extended beyond the park to ensure safety of children crossing the road from the park.

Cllr. A. Stevens responded with additional information around potential solutions within the rules pertaining to Yellow lines being placed and issues with obstructions.

	Cllr. A Thomas; asked re; station in Gowerton opening. Cllr. A Stevens responded, "It will be opening soon; we are awaiting responses from Network Rail before proceeding.
GTC-0725-45	<p>Discussions with members after John's passing away.</p> <p>Discussions for replacement of Gorseinon Town Clerk. Assistant Town Clerk was asked if he could step in as acting Town Clerk while discussing how this position should look. David Walters accepted the role until such time as members had agreed alternative solutions.</p> <p>How would members like the position of Town Clerk look in future? Members have discussed the ongoing need to have a clerk and potential part-time position of Grants and/or finance officer. Noted until next meeting.</p>
GTC-0725-46	<p>REPORT OF THE CLERK</p> <p>a. Payments for June Clerk's report was NOTED and AGREED</p> <p>b. Accounts for Payment Clerk's report was NOTED and APPROVED Plenary powers would be operation during July/August recess. Authorization for purchases by two signatories.</p> <p>c. New contract for the continuation of the lease of upstairs rooms and new lease of downstairs front room.</p> <p>All Councilors agreed to keep the current contract for the upstairs rooms and agreed to the additional room hire to be used by MP's staff team and included in the contract. Signatures to be completed on the contract and reviewed annually.</p> <p>d. Meeting with Fire escape contractors. Awaiting response from CCOS. Noted.</p> <p>e. West St. clock update.</p> <p>All parties including the contractors, Clerk, House manager met to be shown how to adjust the clock times and volume and we all agreed to change times for the clock to be operating between 9am and 6pm through the week and only chime on the hour. The clock volume was also adjusted to a lower setting. Both Clerk and house manager then toured the building exterior and agreed a better location for the speaker system which is used for the chimes sounds.</p> <p>Members agreed with the Clerk's findings and updates will continue as these changes will be reviewed as time goes on.</p> <p>f. New contract for garages to rear of Ty Newydd.</p>

	<p>Members agreed to the new contract. This will be for five years for the two garages.</p> <p>GTC-0725-47 Correspondence.</p> <p>Three vacant Town Council seats following AGM.</p> <p>Email from Electoral services received 2nd July 2025 stating there have been no calls to hold elections from any member of the public. Therefore, no elections will needed and the process of co-opting under Gorseinon Town Council Policies of town council can now go ahead. These three posts will be advertised as vacancies and the process of arranging interviews will need to be scheduled. Members agreed this will be discussed the arrangements in the coming meetings.</p> <p>GTC-0725-48 Grant Requests</p> <p>1. Grant request received from Chris Chapman, 'The Snappy Chappy', Who continues to attend all Gorseinon Town Council's events and presentations, free of charge. Chris has requested support to purchase equipment.</p> <p>Members resolved to give him a donation of money and purchase the equipment that he needs. Buying him a piece of equipment and claim VAT back. Cllr. N Matthews suggested a larger amount than normal. Clerk to ask for a price on a piece of equipment and to purchase on his behalf to a value of £500.00, RESOLVED Proposed by Cllr. N Mathews, Seconded Cllr. A. Stevens</p> <p>2. A request from Mrs. Maralyn Thomas, who is the Chair of the Parkinson's Swansea and District Branch. The Branch have used the Lime St. Institute for many years for weekly exercise classes and monthly branch meetings. They are requesting support as their costs have increased. Chair stated we have supported them in the past. RESOLVED Proposed £300 by Cllr. M Curtice and Seconded by Cllr. P Eyers</p> <p>GTC-0725-49 OVW/SLCC – no updates, Noted</p> <p>GTC-0725-50 Training – Training schedule to be forwarded. Following attendance at OVW IPC, there was a lot of talk about training becoming mandatory, specifically code of conduct, Financial Regulations, understanding the Law and Asset Transfer. Due to this fact we may need to look at increasing training budget.</p> <p>GTC-0725-51 Clerks report was NOTED</p>
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GTC-0725-52	PLANNING REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Application No. 2025/0660/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection b) Application No. 2025/0794/FUL It was RESOLVED that there is an objection to be lodged c) Application No. 2025/0838/NMA It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection d) Application No. 2025/0874/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection e) Application No. 2025/0906/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection f) Application No. 2025/0927/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection
GTC-0725-53	ANY OTHER BUSINESS -
GTC-0725-54	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC It was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item due to the confidential nature of the matter under discussion.
<div></div> <u>Chair closed the meeting at 20.00</u>	