

CYNGOR TREF GORSEINON
GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Gorseinon Town Council held at Ty Newydd Community Centre,
on Wednesday Sept. 3rd at 6pm.

Attendees:	Councillors; Cllrs. (Chaiman) J Curtice, K Jones, M. Curtice, A. Thomas, J. Clayfield, N. Matthews , M. Phillips, P Griffiths, P Morgan, P. Eyres, Town Clerk,
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Main Meeting Discussion Points:

GTC0925-55	MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS Attended Chroma music event starting at 3pm Sat. 5th July at St. Catherines Church. Fundraising event of music starting at 7pm on Fri. July at St Catherines Church. Mayor also attended 2 fundraising events for the Recycled Teenagers Club where they raised £280.00 for the Mayor's charity, Leukodystrophy, a rare Genetic disorder. 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. Invites Mayor plus one invite to Pembroke St. Michaelmas Fair at 5.30pm on Thursday 9th Oct. Mayor, Cllr. J. Clayfield and Clerk to attend.
GTC0925-56	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were apologies for absence from Cllrs. A. Stevens, J. Crowley,
GTC0925-57	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No members of the public were present and there were no representations from the public prior to the meeting commencing.
GTC0925-58	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Cllr. P Eyers declared an interest in grant application for The Lodge Bowls Team. The members will abstain during that part of the meeting.
GTC0925-59	MINUTES OF COUNCIL It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 nd July 2025 be confirmed as a correct record - AGREED . Approved by Cllr. M. Curtice and Seconded by Cllr. A. Thomas.
GTC0925-60	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES Cllr. M Phillips shared a letter, and a discussion took place. Clerk to include an update as part of the main council agenda.

GTC0925-61	MEMBERS REPORTS a. County Councillors reports. Cllr N. Matthews – County Cllrs. have financially supported ‘project splash’ aimed at teenage children in the area to go on summer bus trips together. Coordinated by Police Community Liaison Officers in Gorseinon and surrounding areas, It has been a great success, and plans are to increase the number of trips for next year. b. Town Councillors. None reported – noted.
GTC0925-62	POLICE REPORT Beat of Gorseinon • July: 86 occurrences in total ○ 6 ASB reports ○ 16 Violence Against the Person reports ○ No dwelling burglary reports • August: 101 occurrences in total ○ 15 ASB reports ○ 16 Violence Against the Person reports ○ No dwelling burglary reports Beat of Penyrheol • July: 60 occurrences in total ○ 4 reports of ASB ○ 12 Violence Against the Person reports ○ No dwelling burglary reports • August: 58 occurrences in total ○ 13 Violence Against the Person reports ○ No dwelling burglary reports At present there are no current trends which give rise for concern. The High Street and Argyll Gardens area benefit from additional Home Office funded patrols which we are undertaking linking in with the businesses, attempting to create a Business Watch for the area. We have also seized several motorbikes which were being used illegally in the locality.

REPORT OF THE CLERK**a. Payments for July and August recess.**

During period June 18th – August 29th there was no full access to Town Council accounts while the process of transferring clerks as primary user took place. Signatories to authorise payments during this time under plenary powers.

1. 17/07/25 Renewal of Buildings and events Insurance with Zurich. Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor K Jones that payment be made by cheque no. 202639.
2. 17/07/25 A need to cover all DD, SO and automatic payments for July, August, and September. Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor J Griffiths that on 17/07/25 at HSBC Hub, Llanelli, to;
 - i. Authorise a transfer from Treasurers account into current account.
 - ii. Welsh water annual charge payment overdue. Payment be made.
 - iii. Clerks wages are overdue. payment be made.
3. 18/07/25 HMRC back payment due. Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor K. Jones that payment be made by cheque no. 202644.
4. 21/07/25 Good Housekeeping cleaning bill two months overdue. Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor K. Jones that payment be made by cheque no. 202640.
5. 21/07/25 Renewal of contract with Good housekeeping cleaning service. New contract to be a yearly contract. Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor K. Jones that payment be made by cheque no. 202641.
6. 30/07/25 Promotional materials from Kingsbridge printers. Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor K. Jones that payment be made by BACS.
7. 08/08/25 Audit Wales fees to be paid. Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor K. Jones that payment be made by cheque no. 202643.

b. Other Payments via DD, SO, for July and August

Clerk's report was **NOTED** and **AGREED**.

c. Correspondence.

Any Correspondence the clerk receives through the VisionICT webpage portal is usually passed on to County Councillors for a response. Clerk requested County councilors feedback to clerk ensuring the matter has been responded to. Clerks

report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** Members agreed to this going forward.

The mayor's invitation to Pembroke Town Council's Michaelmas Fair on 9th Oct is usually for the mayor plus one, usually the Clerk, to attend. Deputy Mayor requested if he could attend.

Clerk of Pembroke Town Council has confirmed and would be delighted to also invite Cllr. J. Clayfield.

Late correspondence **Skate Park Lighting** - from young person in the community requesting that Lighting be installed in the skate park so young people can use it in the winter months after school, when it's dark. Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that Clerk respond and contact relevant CCOS departments concerning planning permission.

d. Grant Requests

1 The first request from ALN. Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council invite the representative, Andrew Crowley, to the next Council meeting for a presentation to Council for greater clarity. Invitation accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor P. Evers, seconded by Councillor J. Clayfield a grant payment of £250.00 be paid to Loughor RFC Junior Division.

2 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor M. Curtice, seconded by Councillor K. Jones, a grant payment of up to £500.00 be paid to The Lodge Bowls Team for team shirts. This would be under the understanding that GTC would have the Council Logo on the shirts. Clerk to consult with supplier and purchase on behalf of the Lodge Team.

e. OVW/SLCC

OVW annual conference is on 1st October. Members to attend Cllrs. A. Thomas, P. Morgan to attend.

f. Training

Clerks report included information about a selection of free courses offered by OVW including The Code of Conduct and various financial courses. All of these are delivered online. Information passed on to members and any members interested to inform the clerk before the next meeting. Clerks report was **NOTED**

Feedback from OVW IPC, there is a possibility that certain training becoming mandatory, specifically code of conduct, Financial Regulations, understanding the Law and Asset Transfer. Due to this, members may need to consider at increasing training budget in future meetings. Clerks report was **NOTED**.

g. Financial Software Package Quotes

Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should purchase the financial software package and any training needed from EdgeIT.

h. Printer/Copier options. Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk to purchase a standalone laser printer within the budget £400.00.

- i. **HSBC Bank card.** Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that A debit card be requested with a limit on authorised purchases of up to £300.00.
- j. **.gov.uk domain names.** Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that Vision ICT be contacted to reset members .gov.uk email passwords as some members would like to use the mailing service.
- k. **Defibrillators.** Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Sainsbury's Food Store to have one outside on their wall. Members asked if the Clerk could put it to Sainsburys that they donate the cost of the Defib, and GTC would maintain it as a guardian.
- l. **Website.** Clerks report was **NOTED**.
- m. **Internal Auditor.** Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that Lyn Llewelyn should be requested to be taken on as Internal Auditor.
- n. **Fire Escape.** Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk to explore alternate routes for the fire escape with the exiting company and new contractors, if available.
- o. **Historic Clock update.** Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that no further intervention is needed at this time.
- p. **Three vacant Town Council Seats.** Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Adverts be displayed on all noticeboards in the area and on the website as of 3rd Sept 2025 to 19th Sept. Members to consider any applications through the clerk and to nominate anyone they consider suitable to recommend for the position in the next meeting.
- q. **Ombudsman** Clerks report was **NOTED**. There was a round of applause for the member concerned. Members all reiterated their support to the Councillor.
- r. **TV License** – Letter received stating Ty Newydd is being investigated as we do not have a license. Clerk looked at the fine print and if any of the users of Ty Newydd go on BBC and stream anything, on any device, then it is Ty Newydd who is liable. The report of the Clerk was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that clerk go ahead and pay for the TV License.
- s. **Notice Board outside Town Hall** – The notice board is in poor condition. On last week's inspection Clerk was unable to clear the Perspex screen. Water is getting inside, and the board is warped and no longer fit for purpose. Enquired with local firms to price up replacement screen and inside and fixing leak. The report of the Clerk was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that a new notice board be purchased and fitted outside Ty Newydd as this will associate the building with the Town Council. Clerk to provide three quotes.
- t. **New Christmas lights behind bus stops** – Suggested by Mayor to have long overdue update of lighting in Argyll Gardens. Particularly in area of the gardens in the trees behind the bus stops. The report of the Clerk was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that Clerk to liaise with Lighthouse Electrical on feasibility of installation for this year.
- u. **Applications now open for Ty Newydd Grants** – Clerk informed members that

	The Community Facilities Programme Under £25,000 grant is now open and the expressions of interest for larger applications of up to £300,000 will reopen on 1 October 2025. The report of the Clerk was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should go ahead and apply for a Solar grant and for works to Ty Newydd. v. Skip Hire - three quotes from local firms for Skip Hire to clear the basement. The report of the Clerk was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that Clerk to hire from Local firm in Pontardulais, £324.00 inc. VAT.
GTC0925-64	PLANNING REPORT a) Application No. 2025/1544/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection b) Application No. 2025/1629/FUL It was RESOLVED that there is an objection to be lodged c) Application No. 2025/1657/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection d) Application No. 2025/1692/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection e) Application No. 2025/1786/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection f) Application No. 2025/1022/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection Notification of REFUSALS/MIXED by Local Planning Authority. For information Application No. 2025/1376/TPO Refusal was Noted Application No. 2025/0357/PRE Mixed was Noted
GTC0925-65	ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none
GTC0925-66	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.

GTC0925-67	FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK The report of the Clerk was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that the Council APPROVED all aspects of the report.
	<u>Presiding member closed the meeting at 20.23pm</u>

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