

CYNGOR TREF GORSEINON
GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL

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

Attendees:	Councillors; J Curtice (Chairman), A. Stevens, K. Jones, M. Curtice, P. Griffiths, N. Matthews, P. Eyres, A. Thomas, Town Clerk,
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Main Meeting Discussion Points:

GTC1225-125 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attended

- a. The Mayor attended a Special Festival of Remembrance Service & Concert, at Monkton Priory Church, Monkton, Pembroke, on Friday 7th November 2025.
- b. The Mayor and other members, attended St. Catherines Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November. The Service was led by The Vicar of St Catherines, Rev. Adrian Morgan. Invited dignitaries who attended included, Representatives of The Royal British Legion, The representative of The Lord Lieutenant, The High Sheriff, Tonia Antoniazzi(MP), County Cllrs., The Mayor of Loughor, and other members of the public, who then laid wreaths in Remembrance at the Cenotaph outside St. Catherine's.

Also in the week leading up to Remembrance Day, as a mark of respect, Gorseinon Town Council donated Tommy Panels. These were fixed to lampposts lining the marching route of the RAFC band took around Gorseinon on Remembrance Day.
- c. On 12th November, The Mayor attended Garden Village Brownies group, who meet in Pontybrenin English School. The Mayor showed the children some of our new lantern ideas and donated materials for making their own lanterns.
- d. On 13th November, The Mayor attended The Leigh Halfpenny Awards held at Penyrheol Comprehensive School. Aimee Besley was the sole winner of this year's award. Usually, there are two recipients of the award. It was decided, on this occasion, to donate the entirety of the award to Aimee for her studies at GCSE level. Aimee's mum sent a letter of thanks to Gorseinon Town Council and promised to update Council members on Aimee's progress.
- e. On 17th November the Mayor attended The Gorseinon Cub Scouts, based in the scout hut on Alexander Rd. and The 3rd Loughor Brownies Group in St David's Church, Loughor. Again, to show off some of the new ideas for this year and donate materials. The umbrellas were very popular with all the groups.

	<p>f. The Mayor, with volunteers from both Gorseinon and Loughor Town Councils, attended the four Lantern Parade Workshops in the weeks leading up to The Christmas Lantern Parade. The new workshops at The Lodge and Bethel Chapel were particularly well attended.</p> <p>g. Lastly, The Mayor of Gorseinon was joined by The Mayor of Loughor and the rest of our community in The 2025 Gorseinon and Loughor Town Councils Christmas Lantern Parade.</p> <p>Mayor's Invites</p> <p>a. On 3rd December the Mayor and others will meet up at 10am at Gorseinon RFC, to support Kevin Sinfield, who will be running past doing his 7x7 challenge. Running 7 ultra marathons in 7 days.</p> <p>b. Mayors invite to attend St David's carol service on 7th December.</p> <p>c. Mayors invite to attend the Civic Carol Service being held at Swansea Minster on 10th December 2025 at 6.00 pm.</p> <p>d. Mayors invite to attend College Panto on 11th December.</p> <p>e. Mayors invite to attend St John's Gowerton on 15th December</p> <p>f. Mayor invited to a day at Awel Y mor 17th December.</p> <p>g. Mayors invite to attend from Mark Griffiths at Cwrt Hywel Residential Home, to their Christmas Party at 4pm on 20th December.</p>
GTC1225-126	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>There were apologies for absence from Cllrs, J. Crowley, J. Clayfield, P Morgan, M. Phillips.</p>
GTC1225-127	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>No members of the public were present and there were no representations from the public prior to the meeting commencing.</p>
GTC1225-128	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>None noted.</p>
GTC1225-129	<p>MINUTES OF COUNCIL</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on November 5th 2025 be confirmed as a correct record - AGREED.</p> <p>Approved by Councillor P. Griffiths and Seconded by Councillor M. Curtice</p>

GTC1225-130	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>None reported.</p>
GTC1225-131	<p>MEMBER'S REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillors reports.</p> <p>Potential to construct an accessible toilet at Parc Y Werin. Various options are being considered currently.</p> <p>The inclusion of lighting at the Pump track at Melin Mynach looks like it may be included in the plans. Other works on the site are currently underway along the hedgerow.</p> <p>Pontardulais rd. is currently being resurfaced as 03 December 2025.</p> <p>'Tidy Towns' scheme is underway on high St.. They are starting to clear the overgrown brambles by Home Bargains.</p> <p>They will also be taking out some of the redundant bollards and reviving the paving along High St.. Cllr. A Stevens confirmed the budget should be able to cover additional paving highlighted by members.</p> <p>There has been a launch of a new bus service in Swansea City Center. It will be running from the Railway station, stopping at the quadrant, Primark then Tesco.</p> <p>It will run from 9- 4.30pm.</p> <p>Gorseinon residents could potentially catch the train in Gowerton and then this bus it into town from the Railway station in to The City Centre.</p> <p>It will be running every 45 minutes.</p> <p>a. Town Councillors. None</p>
GTC1225-132	<p>Christmas Parade Committee feedback-</p> <p>Current update and feedback after the event. Feedback was very positive after a successful 2025 Christmas Lantern Parade. Many positive comments from members and the public. Particularly, the increase in children's groups such as the Brownies with their umbrellas with lights on.</p> <p>Member of public emailed the Clerk to thank the council for arranging a successful event and for the extra points such as free drinks, mince pies, and free Santa's Grotto for the first year this year.</p> <p>Also thanks to County Councillors for arranging that the public toilets were kept open all evening for everyone to use.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED.</p>

GTC1225-133	<p>Revised plans for Jubilee Memorial regeneration project.</p> <p>Current proposals and draft computer designs shared with members for discussion. Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED from members that.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consensus was to remove the chimney feature and, in its place, have a metal feature similar to Gowerton, Grovesend, and Pontardulais metal sculptures. This could be designed to reflect the industrial heritage of Gorseinon town or incorporate the station aspect. 2. The hedging around the perimeter was not preferred and was not to be included. 3. The bridge representation of the old station bridge was liked by all members. 4. Signage as you enter either side stating 'you are now entering a representation of Gorseinon Railway Station' was suggested. 5. A cycle station in place of the temporary kiosk/café was preferred by members. 6. The Train, at half scale, was liked, but was agreed to be included at a later phase due to the costs. 7. Even though it was not included in plans submitted so far, the idea from Landscaping to have curved seated areas in the green spaces was accepted. 8. Members suggested doing some planting. It is possible to add planters with flowers once completed. 9. Works are currently planned to commence on 17th purely for investigative excavations. 10. Members also suggested working alongside the Bug and including the regulars users of the Bug in any plans going forward.
GTC1225-134	<p>Remembrance week follow up.</p> <p>A few members of the community have been asking for a donation of the 'Remembrance Tommy Lamp Post Signs' as a memento of the week. These have been used to line the March route and as a donation from Gorseinon Town Council and as a mark of respect for the Fallen. Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED by all members that these members of the community who have asked for them should be given free from Gorseinon Town Council to keep.</p>
GTC1225-135	<p>Front Door and internal fire doors of Ty Newydd – ongoing</p> <p>This has been identified, in previous meetings, as a risk to security. Members had previously agreed to replace the door.</p> <p>Three local firms are currently assessing and have concluded that a two-door system incorporating the existing front door and current archway in the porch. This porch was previously a doorway. The system would allow members of the public to enter the porch area through the front door during the day. The archway door would be fully secure with intercom, keypad, and 'ring' doorbell camera system.</p>

	<p>Together with new keypad type locks for front office and internal door to Kitchen and Labour rooms upstairs.</p> <p>This did not, however, mitigate the risk where users could still access the Labour rooms upstairs.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED that on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor A. Stevens, a door be constructed at the bottom of the stairway with keypad door entry. Other users could still walk through to use the kitchen area. And that the clerk to incorporate this security measure and get three new quotes for additional work to present to members in future meetings.</p>
GTC1225-136	<p>Gas boiler in basement service</p> <p>BPS Engineer carried out Remedial Works Following Service J24756 - Replacement Circulation Pump Attend site to isolate boiler electrical and water supplies, drain section of pipework and remove defective circulation pump, supply and install with new, refill and vent system throughout building, carry out all necessary safety checks and leave in satisfactory working order. Work Completed Price £918.00. To be paid under previous meetings Authorisation. Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
GTC1225-137	<p>Sub Committees Clerk highlighted from the list on the agenda, the priorities should be the Finance/Personal, and Ty Newydd Management committees to be formed first.</p> <p>Finance and Personal was touched on in the last point and would only require one or two meetings annually. Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED that on the motion of Councillor N. Matthews, seconded by Councillor A. Stevens that, the Clerk set up a meeting via teams to discuss the situation and that these subcommittees could then make recommendations to full council.</p>
GTC1225-138	<p>Fire Escape.</p> <p>Plans are still ongoing to receive alternative plans, avoiding the airspace between the two buildings in question. Clerk is gathering new plans and quotes to present to Council. Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
GTC1225-139	<p>Three vacant Town Council Seats.</p> <p>Clerk still awaiting last of the three candidates' information to be returned. Informal interviews and approval penciled in for January 2026. Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
GTC1225-140	<p>Christmas Trees</p> <p>The three trees Gorseinon Town Council have purchased have been delivered at Argyll Gardens, St Catherines Church and Penyrheol Green. Clerk has settled the invoice for three trees from Gower Fresh. Light house Electrical are taking care of the lights for all three trees. Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
GTC1225-141	<p>Defibrillators update –</p> <p>Installation and electrical supply x4 units in and around Gorseinon.</p>

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	<p>£920.00 inc. VAT has been settled as agreed in previous meeting.</p> <p>Marc Gower has provided loan defibs and batteries and defibs until Clerk has purchased new ones.</p> <p>Clerk and Marc to assess what is needed for members to consider future meetings. Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
GTC1225-142	<p>Flowers for 2026 –</p> <p>Clerk has received an updated, final quote for supplying and maintaining the following. 18 Lamppost baskets, 2 x Hanging baskets, 12 x Troughs, 2 x Extra troughs on the railings to the new school Parc Y Werin, and for The cost of half of the Barrier troughs Penyrheol Post office. Total Cost £5388. Inc. VAT</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor J. Curtice, seconded by Councillor N. Matthews that clerk go ahead and request the invoice for payment and settle the balance.</p>
GTC1225-143	<p>Notice Board outside Town Hall –</p> <p>Still awaiting final designs for the board which will incorporate Gorseinon Town Council and logo on the top. Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
GTC1225-144	<p>To receive reports from Council's representatives on outside bodies/ upcoming meetings.</p> <p>None reported. NOTED.</p>
GTC1225-145	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please find enclosed Police reports for November.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beat of Gorseinon <u>117 occurrences in total</u> 16 ASB reports 22 Violence Against the Person reports No Dwelling burglary reports</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beat of Penyrheol <u>51 occurrences in total</u> 2 reports of ASB 20 Violence Against the Person reports No dwelling burglary reports</p> <p>During early November there was a noticeable rise in anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Bus Station which appears to have been halted due to positive actions taken by officers. Council CCTV at the location has been a big help identifying ongoing issues which has allowed positive action being taken against those involved. We have also had information from Youth Services that they intend to utilise a specially equipped vehicle which they use to engage with youths in Gorseinon soon.</p> <p>There have been sporadic reports of off-road bike nuisance in the locality. In our efforts</p>

	<p>to tackle this problem several bikes were recovered which were being stored on land in the area and believed to have been used by those involved in this nuisance.</p> <p>Finally, Insp Lambley wished to pass on her sincere thanks for all your help over the last year. Unfortunately, we have not been able to attend many meetings in person due to other commitments and demand on resources, but we are committed to working with you in making Gorseinon/Penyrheol a safe place to live, work and visit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Have a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.</p>
GTC1225-146	<p>REPORT OF THE CLERK</p> <p>a. Payments for November 2025 Clerk's report was NOTED and AGREED.</p> <p>b. <u>Correspondence.</u></p> <p>1 Request for sabbatical - Councillor J. Crowley requesting a sabbatical from Council duties until April 2026, with a review at that time. Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED to accept the request and the Clerk contact the Councillor to confirm agreement.</p> <p>2 Feedback from local resident, Mr. S Colinese on Christmas Lantern Parade. <i>Thanks so much for last night-it was magical. I'm so pleased too that my calls to Swansea Council to keep the toilets open after the normal closing time in the bus station were implemented too.</i> Thanks were given to Steve, in person at an event on 03 12 25. Clerks report was NOTED.</p> <p>3 Resignation notice from Phillip Sillick MBE, JP. <i>I need to inform you and the Town Council, that our Branch tried to hold their annual AGM on Tuesday Last. Unfortunately, District Offices intervened and several Swansea RBL Members also attended, most of whom, for some reason or other had joined our Branch online just 4x days earlier, under we expect the guidance of their Chair Mr Phil Flowers. We expect it could have been to infiltrate our Committee. However, the meeting ended in disarray, the District officers present closed the meeting but informed my Branch that a SAGM would be held in late January. As a result, I personally felt this was aimed at me, so I have taken the decision to immediately resign as the Chairman of Gorseinon & Loughor Branch. I remain a member of the RBL. I am sure your councillors will understand my position, having had earlier problems with Mr Flowers. I have given 61 years of my time in voluntary work in our locality and that of Southwest Wales, I am not prepared to have my reputation and dignity harmed by the pettiness of others outside of Gorseinon. On my behalf, would you please thank all your councillors for the support they have given me and the Gorseinon RBL Branch.</i> <i>Kind regards</i> Phillip E Sillick; MBE. JP Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED by members to honor Phillip in</p>

some public way. Possibly during this year's reinstated Mayors Dinner.

4 Seren group feedback after agreeing to support advertising their event -

Thank you so much for agreeing to advertise our event. I am looking forward to seeing it on facebook and the website. I have attached our leaflet for the event and I will put some details below. Clerks report was **NOTED**.

5 Email from Mr. A Crowley (ALN)

We would like to invite all from Gorseinon Town Council along on the 19th December at 4pm to see how we support our families and we would be delighted to have some PR Photos etc with you guys. Clerks report was **NOTED**.

Documents available on request and in accordance with GDPR.

c. Grant Requests November.

1. 3rd Loughor Brownies –

We are asking if you could consider a donation to our group to help this activity go ahead and also to enable us to keep the cost down so hopefully all our girls could attend.

Unit Leader 3rd Loughor Brownies

Clerks report was **NOTED. RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor A Stevens, seconded by Councillor N. Matthews a grant payment of £150.00 be paid to 3rd Loughor Brownies.

2 New Bees -

Could we request a donation to help with our Christmas campaign supplying gifts and food hampers to local families in the community who need extra help at Christmas.

Clerks report was **NOTED. RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor P Eysers, seconded by Councillor P Griffiths £400 be paid to The New Bees.

3 Falcon Cheerleaders -

We are working hard to raise funds to help cover travel, accommodation, training, and competition expenses so that no athlete is excluded due to cost. To make this possible, we are reaching out for sponsorship/donations towards these costs.

If the council is able, your support would make a real difference. It would help young athletes from our community experience the opportunity of a lifetime and proudly represent Swansea on the world stage.

Clerks report was **NOTED. RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor M. Curtice, seconded by Councillor A. Stevens £300 be paid to the Falcon Cheerleaders.

4 Together WeCare Awards Ceremony -

I am writing to invite Llwrchwyr & Gorseinon Town Council to consider sponsoring a category at the inaugural Together WeCare Awards Ceremony. This event will celebrate and recognise best practice among organisations and professionals working in Social Care, Childcare, Play, and Early Years sectors. Please find the sponsorship pack attached for your review.

Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council needed further information.

5 Pupil Voice Senedd Penyrheol Primary school -

We are now hoping for a little more help. Some of our cycling helmets need replacing, and we are asking if the Council could kindly sponsor £480.00 to help us buy them. This will allow us to continue cycling safely and keep up our progress toward achieving the Sustrans Active Travel Gold Award.

However the need to purchase some large bikes for our older children to use during the school day has now become a more urgent priority. We would be delighted to receive the donation of £480.00 toward the total cost of £797.48 for 4 excellent quality bikes. We will purchase these items through our partner agency the Walk, Wheel Cycle Trust which ensures a significant discount and excellent value for money. Could we purchase these through GTC and claim VAT back?

To clarify, we have a choice to remain at agreed amount, £ 480.00 at 50/50

To increase to cover the cost of the new bikes only. £797.48 at 50/50

To increase to cover the cost of bikes and helmets. £1277.48 at 50/50.

Clerks report was **NOTED. RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor M. Curtice, seconded by Councillor P. Griffiths to P- to go 50/50 with County Councillors to cover the cost of bikes and helmets. £1277.48. The cost to Gorseinon Town Council is therefore £638.74.

6 The Gorseinon 10k and 2k Fun Run - Natalie Ridler representing Morgan's Army Charitable Foundation.

I write again asking for the town council's support for the 2026 event, which will take place on April 14th, and we hope that our new Mayor will attend to start the race.

Previous contribution from Gorseinon Town Council has been £3000.00. Clerks report was **NOTED. RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor A. Thomas, seconded by Councillor A. Stevens to continue to support the Gorseinon 10K with a contribution of £3000.00. Councillors also requested the clerk look in to purchasing a banner to promote Gorseinon Town Council as sponsors.

7 Parc Y Werin Bowling Association – represented by their Secretary John Phillips.

We wish to purchase a new mower for our bowling green, we have received a grant from Sports Wales of £3200 towards the cost which is £4600, if the council purchased the mower on our behalf we could save the VAT which would equate to around £600, we would then reimburse the Council the outstanding monies minus the VAT.

Clerks report was **NOTED. RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor A. Stevens, seconded by Councillor A. Thomas to approve the request for a VAT purchase.

Members stipulated to request funds from Parc Y Werin Bowling association first, minus the VAT, then purchase as this represents a large initial cost to the Town Council.

8 Welsh Coast Radio – Donation for DJ and music at Christmas lantern Parade. Welsh Coast Radio are our local radio station run by volunteers for the community. We gave £300.00 last year to help with their various costs. Clerks report was **NOTED. RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor A. Stevens, seconded by Councillor J. Curtice to donate £300.00 to Welsh Coast Radio.

Documents available on request and in accordance with GDPR

d. OVW/SLCC

1. Social Impact Assessment Survey.

Communication from representative


Dear David, thank you for taking the time to speak with me today regarding the **Social Impact Assessment Survey**, commissioned by One Voice Wales and delivered by Wavehill.

This survey is an important opportunity to demonstrate the **scale and impact** of the work Community and Town Councils have carried out during the cost-of-living crisis. The more **detail** councils provide, the stronger and more accurate the national evidence base will be.

Here are the key links we talked about:

 **Survey link:** <https://eu-ln.sprw.ai/stt-hbAbe>

 **PDF of all survey questions (for preparation):** [Survey Questions](#)

 **A short video message from our CEO, Lyn Cadwallader, is included below**, outlining why this survey is so important for the sector and why we're encouraging every council to take part: <https://youtu.be/V6ATemcj2Vk>

A reminder that:

- The **Clerk can complete the survey**, drawing on councillors or colleagues as needed
- Its important to provide as much as detail as possible, we need to shop impact
- It **does not need to go to a council meeting**
- Responses are confidential and will help ensure the sector is **recognised and**

valued nationally

If you have any further questions, or need help at any stage, please feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks again for your time and support.

Best wishes,

Vanessa

Clerk's report was **NOTED. RESOLVED** that the clerk complete the survey.

2. OVW E bulletin number 13

[E Bulletin Issue 13](#)

Headline article is;

Pontarddulais Town Council Introduces Mandatory Training for Councillors

Pontarddulais, Swansea – November 2025

Pontarddulais Town Council has taken a proactive step to strengthen local governance by **requiring all councillors to complete six One Voice Wales training modules** within their first year of office and at the start of each new term.

The motion, now part of the Council's Standing Orders, covers modules on *The Council, The Councillor, The Council Meeting, Introduction to Local Government Finance, Code of Conduct, and Equality and Diversity*.

Town Clerk Susan Rodaway said the idea came from hearing the phrase "training should be mandatory" across Wales. "It was time to turn that sentiment into action," she said.

The motion passed unanimously, with **Mayor Cllr. Philip Downing** praising it as a step toward stronger, more informed leadership:

"Well-informed councillors are the cornerstone of a thriving community."

The Council hopes its example will encourage other local authorities to follow suit, supporting Wales's wider goals of improving local democracy and public trust.

ANY OTHER FORWARD THINKING COUNCILS READY TO EMBRACE THIS - LETS SEE IF OTHERS FOLLOW SUIT !!

Clerk's report was **NOTED**.

e. Training

OVW Extension to free training.

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the Welsh Government has agreed that they will provide additional funded free places on our six core modules as well as two free places on a selected number of additional modules. The attached application form for free places provides an explanation as to what is now on offer.

We would encourage you to take advantage of this offer of funded places that is available up to 31 March 2026 and we look forward to training many more councillors over the remaining months of the financial year."

Regards,

Wendi Patience

Clerks report was **NOTED**.

	<p>f. Wales/Swansea/Governing/Committees. None Reported. Documents available on request and in accordance with GDPR</p>
GTC1225-147	<p>Planning report PLANNING REPORT</p> <p>Application No: 2025/2276/FUL Date Registered: 05.11.2025 Location: St Catherines Church , Alexandra Road, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4NU Proposal: PV panels on South-facing roof of the hall and replacement of door on Eastern elevation with an asymmetrical style door Applicant: St Catherine's Church Agent: Miss Alyssa Birum It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection.</p>
GTC1225-148	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none</p>
GTC1225-149	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>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.</p>
GTC1225-150	<p>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.</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #003366; width: 30%; height: 40px;"></div> <div> <p><u>Presiding Chair closed the meeting at 19.20pm</u></p> <p><u>Presiding Chair signature</u></p> </div> </div>	