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CYNGOR TREF GORSEINON GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Gorseinon Town Council held at Ty Newydd Community Centre, on Wednesday 4th April at 6pm.

Attendees: Councillors; J. Curtice (Chaiman), K. Jones, P. Morgan, N. Matthews, A. Thomas, J. Clayfield, M. Curtice, L. Williams, A. West, P. Evers, and Town Clerk.

Main Meeting Discussion Points:

GTC0426-223	<p>MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Attended</p> <p>Madam mayor attended Gorseinon Rugby Club on 29th March. To support this year's Brisco Gorseinon 10k Providing £6,000 of funding in total, with £3,000 from Swansea Council and £3,000 from Gorseinon Town Council, to support the Gorseinon 10k event.</p> <p>Mayor's Invites</p> <p>Mayor is invited to The Lodge, Alexandra rd. on 7th April, for the weekly 'Dance to Health' Club. Where it was a special day for one of the regular attendees, Mavis Lucas, who will be celebrating her 96th Birthday, The Mayor presented Mavis with flowers and a Plaque.</p>
GTC0426-224	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>There were apologies for absence from Councillors, P. Griffiths, M. Phillips, S. Richards, A. Stevens. and J. Crowley.</p>
GTC0426-225	<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>
GTC0426-226	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>None noted.</p>
GTC0426-227	<p>MINUTES OF COUNCIL</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on March 4th, 2026, be confirmed as a correct record - AGREED.</p> <p>Approved by Councillor A. Thomas and Seconded by Councillor J. Clayfield.</p>
GTC0426-228	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>Previous Fire Station Car wash had been previously cancelled. To be possibly rescheduled.</p>

<p>GTC0426-229</p>	<p>MEMBER'S REPORTS</p> <p>a. County Councillors reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In a recent Finance meeting, the Budget for Swansea was approved. ii. County Councillors have recently had a meeting with New Police Inspector for the Gorseinon area. iii. County have announced they are funding CCTV for the Melin Mynach skatepark. iv. Health Board meeting around the boarding up of windows in Gorseinon Hospital. County Cllrs. reported a positive discussion with Health. The boards will be taken down once CCTV and repairs to windows are completed first. Ongoing discussions around temporarily using the space for continued use to avoid any vandalism in the short term. Health have agreed to discuss and feedback. <p>b. Town Councillors.</p> <p>Cake shed issue on Alexandra rd. Resident complained about being targeted. Cllrs. advised in this case to contact environmental health for further information.</p>
<p>GTC0426-230</p>	<p>Awards ceremony</p> <p>Date confirmed for April 17th, doors open at 6.30 for 7pm start in Lodge lounge. Buffet to be arranged for 50.</p> <p>Individual Councillors to give their introductions for each nomination. 13 nominations for this year covering over 37 people from individuals to groups within the Gorseinon community. Engravers to be given names by Clerk.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
<p>GTC0426-231</p>	<p>Mayor's dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm date/time. April 24th 6.30 for 7pm start at The Lodge. 2. Numbers – approx. 100 3. Formal dinner. 4. Invites Completed. 5. Award nominees. - Nominee plus 1. 6. Entertainment. – Local Penyrheol primary children singing at the start,(confirmed) and Tenovus Choir to sing throughout the evening. Clerk is liaising with both Penyrheol and Tenovus choir. 7. Raffle/ members requested to donate items. <p>Clerks report was NOTED.</p>

<p>GTC0426-232</p>	<p>Mayor’s Charity zip wire challenge.</p> <p>Latest update – April 19th.</p> <p>All proceeds will go to The Mayors Charity for this year. Sponsorship forms have gone out to all councilors.</p> <p>Days Hire group have donated a Minibus to travel up to North Wales.</p> <p>Councillors taking the zip wire and spectators to sign online waiver. Zip wire challengers – Cllrs. J. Curtice(Mayor), M. Phillips, A. Stevens, and Tonia Antoniazzi MP.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED Clerk to circulate sponsorship forms for members and for Welsh Coast radio to announce the event leading up to the date.</p>
<p>GTC0426-233</p>	<p>Projects in Gorseinon Jubilee Memorial regeneration project.</p> <p>Members may recall in the last meeting that feedback on revising the plans from the architect.</p> <p>Also, that there is now potential for Gower College students to be involved in the project. Heads of Gower college have confirmed plans to involve trades in the project phases. Discussions to continue later in the summer for the beginning of the new academic year.</p> <p>Clerk to feedback members. New renditions have been sent to councilors. Discussion.</p> <p>Update on Skate park works.</p> <p>Lighting has recently been installed and it’s low-level lighting. Update on Skate park work. The young man who made the request for lighting for young people in The Skate Park has been asked his thoughts on the new lighting.</p>
<p>GTC0426-233</p>	<p>Banking Hub proposal.</p> <p>Proposal from banking hub company for temporary base while exploring new venues for the main banking hub base.</p> <p>They have considered Ty Newydd, but the commitment needs of the hub would affect current users.</p> <p>Other suggestions included some shops along High St. which have currently become available.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. Clerk will continue to update members.</p>

GTC0426-234	<p>Christmas Lights Contract. Storage update.</p> <p>The delivery of the new Christmas lights will be soon. There are three proposals for the storage as it is anticipated our current storage in the garages will not be sufficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Private storage sourced with costs between £110.00 b. Lighthouse Electrical price within existing contract £85.00 c. Online 'Pink' private storage £125.00 <p>Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED that the clerk to confirm with lighthouse electrical as the best option and to request a new invoice.</p>
GTC0426-235	<p>Desktop computer for Clerk –</p> <p>Clerk needs a new Desktop and replacement for Laptop. Clerk is gathering quotes from Curry's, online suppliers and a local firm.</p> <p>The old laptop could be donated if needed to W.I. after their recent grant request included the need to purchase a new laptop?</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED that the clerk on the MOTION of Councillor J. Curtice and SECONDED by Councillor K. Jones to gather the quotes and replace the equipment.</p>
GTC0426-236	<p>Policy documents applicable to Ty Newydd</p> <p>Policy Approval – Digital Asset Management.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve The Digital Asset Management policy and include it in our constitution. Clerk to place The Digital Asset Management on Council website.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED by members to agree.</p>
GTC0426-237	<p>Parc Y Werin fitness equipment/ playpark drainage.</p> <p>Clerk is currently discussing with companies for best quote and solutions.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
GTC0426-238	<p>One Voice Wales Annual Membership Renewal.</p> <p>Invoice / Membership Form 2026-2027 Membership runs from 1st April to 31st March Membership Fee: £1993.00</p> <p>Based on 4429 chargeable dwellings @ £0.45p per dwelling (This figure is based on the Valuation List and not the Electoral Register)</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED by members to agree the fee.</p>

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To consider Police report if one provided.

Please find enclosed Police reports from 1st March to 31st March. Unfortunately, due to other commitments we have no officer to attend this evening but will arrange attendance at next month's meeting.

Beat of Gorseinon

84 occurrences in total

4 ASB reports

24 Violence Against the Person reports

No Dwelling burglary reports

There are no current trends of concern for the beat of Gorseinon. However, officers located a cannabis factory in Brighton Road which led to the seizure of 200 cannabis plants. A male has been charged with drug offences and remanded to court where he received a custodial sentence. This action was brought about as a result of information from the community being reported to the Police. Should you be approached by residents expressing concerns or suspicions please advise them to contact us directly either through the reporting portal on the South Wales Police website, by telephoning 101 or in any emergency 999 so that their information can be evaluated and actioned.

Beat of Penyrheol

62 occurrences in total

2 reports of ASB

22 Violence Against the Person reports

No dwelling burglary reports

Again, there are no current trends of concern for the beat of Penyrheol. However, officers have arrested a male in relation to a burglary at Gorseinon Hospital. This male was charged and remanded to court where he granted conditional bail which includes a nighttime curfew prior to further hearings.

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REPORT OF THE CLERK

a. Payments for March 2026

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

b. Correspondence March 2026.

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Date of	From	Subject
March	Andrew James	Further to the initial proposals for Millers Drive and Ffordd Yr Afon being advertised in the South Wales Evening Post, the Council received ten letters of objection and one letter of support from the Police. Following discussions between yourselves and your local ward members revised proposals were sent to all of the objectors, asking if they agreed with the revised proposals. Consequently, the Council received correspondence from five of the objectors stating that they were happy with the revised proposals, however the Council received no

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		<p>correspondence from the remaining five objectors. An Objection Report (see attached for your records) has now been drafted and authorised which states how the Council will now be proceeding. Revised drawings will now be issued to the owners of the private road who will arrange for the road markings to be carried out at their earliest convenience. Yours faithfully Andrew James</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
14 03	Mr. Joseph newton	<p>I'm writing to you today in regards of the Melin Mynach Pumptrack as it has become over run with moss on the berms making it a hazard in the wet for all users. I spend a lot of my time at the pumptrack and I see many people crash including my self due to this issue and I was wondering if you can clean up the moss and put up signs about the start and entrance saying to supervise their children as many Parents/Guardians as coming into the warmer weather they very often leave their kids to play on the Pumptrack and they have a picnic on the field and I am aware that the pump track is for all however me and my freinds often jump high on them and we can't see younger kids who often leave bikes and scooter or themselves in the landings which means we can't see them until we are in the air and it is to late. This has happened a number of times and I myself have had to make myself crash into the grass to avoid children due to neglect where as with a sign of posting for people to be mindful of all people as many people have become injured due to so much so that I've had perants try and shout at me for nearly hitting their children. So to sum up if you could please clean and treat the track and put up signs saying to be mindful off everyone and if you can't ride on the track then don't let your kids go on it as I have no problem with younger people on it as I have enjoyed most of my life down there however some perants leave very young children to play on it without telling them that there are others on it. Many thanks please reply to me at jojonewton@btinternet.com or reach me by telephone at 07563688530 Parks to contact</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. During the meeting County Councillors contacted and requested a response from the Parks and Cleansing Department in CCOS.</p>
March	Deryck Evans – Audit Wales	<p>Dear Clerk, Audit notice 2026 Basic audits only This letter contains the formal Notice of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2026 and sets out what the Council must do, what information must be provided, and the deadlines that apply.</p> <p>Please read ALL of the attached documents carefully before you submit your accounts for audit. All documents are provided in English and Welsh. You may submit accounts for audit in either language Please note the following important elements included in the above documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The format of the Annual Governance Statement has changed this year. Please consider this when preparing the AGS. • Answer truthfully – you will not be penalised if you do! • Our approach to chasing information has changed this year. We will not as a matter of routine chase for information not submitted. In most cases, if we do not receive the information requested in this audit notice, we will close the audit and qualify our audit opinion. <p>If you are unsure whether your council/committee is subject to a basic or a full audit this year please check the Audit cycle document. If your body is not listed please contact us immediately.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED.</p>
<p>Documents available on request and in accordance with GDPR.</p>		

c. Grant Requests Approved/ Received March

Grant Requests		
Date of email/ letter	From	Request
14/03/26	W.I.	<p>We would use the Grant to purchase a laptop. The WI offer online courses in a range of educational topics. Some of our members don't have access to a computer. So it would give them an opportunity to take part in the courses. We would also use it for the secretarial duties required for our WI.</p> <p>Clerks report was NOTED. It was RESOLVED by Councillor A. Thomas and seconded by Councillor P. Eyers to offer purchasing the laptop for the WI or a £300.00 grant.</p>

Documents available on request and in accordance with GDPR

d. OVW/SLCC

OVW/SLCC		
Date	From	
20/03/26	OVW	Issue 20 of the One Voice Wales E-Bulletin. Previously forwarded to Members.
25/03/26	OVW	Meeting of the Swansea Area Committee 14th April
24/03/26	OVW	<p>One Voice Wales National Awards Ceremony 2026</p> <p>I am delighted to announce that One Voice Wales will be holding its National Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 1 July 2026 at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground, Llanelwedd, near Builth Wells, LD2 3SY. We are grateful to Unity Trust Bank who have kindly agreed to be the main sponsors of the Awards Ceremony. Please use this opportunity to mark this important date in your Council diaries.</p> <p>Closing date 30th April for nominations.</p>

Clerk's report was **NOTED**.

e. Training

Date	From	
05/03	OVW	Clerk has Ongoing bookings for New Councillors continues for the six core modules.
13 / 03	OVW	<p>We are pleased to inform you that we have developed a new training module specifically designed to help councils manage the process of the end of year accounts closure and preparation and submission of the annual return to Audit Wales.</p> <p>We are offering each council the opportunity to nominate their Clerk/RFO, RFO and Chair a free webinar place. There will be a limit of 20-25 attendees on each webinar.</p>

Clerks report was **NOTED**.

f. Wales/Swansea/Governing/Committees.

Date of email/letter	From	
		None reported

Clerk's report was **NOTED**. Clerk will attend and feedback to members.

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g. Policy Schedule 2025 26

Policy Approval – Digital Asset Management.


Proposal to Authorise and adopt 'The Digital Asset Management.' into the Policy schedule and Constitution of Gorseinon Town Council.

Members to sign and clerk to include on our website.

Clerks report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** on the **MOTION** of Councillor J. Curtice and **SECONDED** by Councillor K. Jones to include the policy.

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TC0426-241	Application No: 2026/0328/FUL	Date Registered: 06.03.2026
	Electoral Division: Gorseinon And Penyrheol - Area 1	Status: Being Considered
	Map Ref: 258968 198726	
Development Type: All Other Minor Dev	Location: 96 High Street, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4BL	
Proposal: Change of use of retail/storage commercial property (Class A1/B8) to a banking hub and commercial laundry at ground and first floor level (Class A2/B1) and two flats at first and second floor levels (Class C3) and minor alterations including front cladding, new windows and rooflights to front and rear		
Applicant: Mr Dan Carman	Agent: Mr Thomas Gronow	No Objections
Application No: 2026/0205/FUL	Date Registered: 13.03.2026	
Electoral Division: Gorseinon And Penyrheol - Area 1	Status: Being Considered	
Map Ref: 259009 198672		
Development Type: All Other Minor Dev	Location: 74 High Street, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4BP	
Proposal: Convert an existing two storey retail to A3 use		
Applicant: Mr Paul James	Agent: Mr Andrew Shipley	No objections
Application No: 2026/0256/FUL	Date Registered: 11.03.2026	
Electoral Division: Gorseinon And Penyrheol - Area 1	Status: Being Considered	
Map Ref: 258960 198453		
Development Type: Minor	Location: D J Motors, 37 West Street, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4AA	
Proposal: Replacement of an existing temporary polytunnel-style workshop with a permanent portal frame workshop building, roof alterations to adjoining workshops to create a unified roof form, construction of a small single-storey ancillary staff welfare extension, and associated external works.		
Applicant: Mr Matthew Evans	Agent: Mr Husam Sami	No objections

<p>TC0426-242</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS –</p> <p>Defibrillator on Cycle track.</p> <p>Proposal from Councillor S. Richards to potentially have an additional managed defib somewhere on the cycle track from Gorseinon towards Grovesend. Members discussed possible locations. It was agreed the location slightly up from Asda would be the best combination of access and protection from vandalism.</p> <p>The report of the Clerk was NOTED, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk look in to planning approval and feasibility of the location and feedback to members.</p>
<p>GTC0326-221</p>	<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>
<p>GTC0326-222</p>	<p>FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK</p> <p>The report of the Clerk was NOTED, and it was RESOLVED that the Council APPROVED all aspects of the report.</p>
	<p><u>Presiding Chair closed the meeting at 8.00pm</u></p>
	<p><u>Presiding Chair signature</u></p>