

MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING June 7th 2023

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL, held on WEDNESDAY
3 May 2023 at Ty Newydd Community Centre, 17 West St. GORSEINON, at 6pm**

Present, Chairman Cllrs C Rabiaotti (V Chmn), M Curtice, P Griffiths, Pam Morgan, J Curtice, A Thomas, S Rawle, Katie Jones, Ken Jones

165. APOLOGIES from Cllrs.A Stevens, M Phillips, J Crowley, Joe Clayfield, N Matthews, A Crowley.

166. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS. Clerk advised the Mayor had attended the following events

- a. Cawl @ Can event at Welfare Hall Loughor March 3 2023
- b. Lluchwr Town Council Mayors dinner 21 April 2023
- c. Coronation thanksgiving St Marys church Swansea 30 April
- d. Mayors dinner Kingsbridge Inn April 28th.

167.POLICE MEETING.The Police were represented at the meeting by PCSO Alison, and the following stats were given for month of April.

Gorseinon 19 ASB calls	Penyrheol 9 calls
Gorseinon 17 Violence/ abuse calls	Penyrheol 17
Gorseinon 6 criminal damage	Penyrheol 1

An assault incident on Sunday 30 April was reported and the offenders had been bailed and Prosecuted.

PCSO Alison advised that this would be her last meeting as she was transferring to Swansea Central to deal with ASB incidents for whole of Swansea. Members thanked her for her service over the last 7 years and wished her best for her future role. Members questions covered activities during Coronation, and Cllr J Curtice reported an incident with young 12 year old lad dumping his bike on pavement in High street and being abusive to her when challenged.

168. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The Clerk presented the April 5th 2023 minutes (which had been distributed previously) for approval, and which were approved. (Proposed by J Curtice, sec Cllr A Thomas).
Cllr Rawle asked for Min 159d to be amended to Swansea Pride, and she confirmed the Pride T shirts had been paid for by individual Councillors.

169.PUBLIC SESSION. No Members of the Public present.

170.MEMBER REPORTS on Local Matters from Town and County Councillors ;

- a. It was agreed only one County Cllr would report on County Council matters in future.

Cllr J Curtice reported on a very successful Brisco Fun run held on 30th April 2023, and it was hoped this would now be an annual event with the next one provisionally planned for May 17 2024. Chris Chapman was thanked for his extensive photo coverage, and an e mail to thank him was to be arranged.

Car parking charge increases in Swansea were generating complaints, but she advised that permits were available for city residents and workers, with concessionary rates.

b. Cllr S Rawle

She outlined details of the Pride march in Swansea at the end of April which had been reported as a great success, and very well organised. Council had also approved her attendance at the forthcoming LGBTQ+ conference in Cardiff in the summer to represent the Town Council.

- c. Cllr A Thomas** raised concern about the opening hours of the public toilets in the bus station. They should remain open until 6pm but were being closed at 3pm now. Clerk was asked to write to Parks dept to clarify the issue, and request they remain open until 6pm..
- d. Cllr M Curtice** . asked that a future training session for defib. usage be arranged for the members of the Recycled teenagers club Mondays 11-1pm. Members asked for Clerk to provide a list of the installed defibrulators within the ward.

171. CLERKS REPORTS

- a) A request for **financial assistance** had been previously been received from the following. Members had agreed in Feb.2023 meeting that the grant allocation would remain in place and be distributed to worthy causes throughout the year as the Covid pandemic eased.

Requests received for April 2023 - financial year 2023/4. Council approved the following;

It was agreed that a donation should be arranged for materials used in the Pop up café and other food services provided by members, as they shouldn't pay for the food themselves.. At the next meeting the actual details of an appropriate bank account would be provided.

- b. King Charles Coronation May 6 2023** was discussed. No additional action was planned. Appropriate flags had been erected within the Ty Newydd and War Memorial frontages.
- c. New Defibrulators** on housing estate off Pontarddulais rd / "Well" chemists, Homebargains site had now been ordered, and would be installed shortly.
- d. Fresh Air Fitness equipment Parc Y Werin** . Clerk had received quotes from **Freshair fitness** for repair and replacement works to the equipment in Parc Y Werin Gorseinon. Members had approved the quotes and asked the work be carried out as soon as possible. Work took place on March 22nd, but one item could not be repaired and a quote had been given for its replacement, which was approved. All new installations and servicing was done on site on April 24th. Cllr Thomas raised concern about flooding of the new playground area. Cllr J Curtice asked him to photo next incident so it could be shown to officer in parks dept for resolving.
- e. Clerk advised Council** that the new **Active travel** route between Penllergaer and Gorseinon was now well underway, and was approaching completion over the next month, to provide a dedicated footpath/cycleroute between both communities. Many complaints had been received about the traffic delays being caused by the roadworks.
- f. Clerk advised** he had sent email to West St Gym referring to complaints about on street parking by users of the Gym causing objections from local residents and asking that they use Lime st Carpark, as conditioned in their planning consent for use of the building. No reply had been received, and Clerk was asked to follow up with letter to the Club as the on street parking problems still continued

172. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

- a. One Voice Wales area meeting Mon April 17 7pm at Guildhall room 5. Cllr M Curtice/Clerk to attend the reconvened meeting on Thursday May 11 at 7pm. Ty Newydd via Zoom..

173. CORRESPONDENCE;

- a. One Voice Wales training courses were outlined for May/June 2023.
- b. Clerk reported notification from Welsh Govt that support for business rates grant would be increased in 2023/4 from 50% to 75%.. Clerk had applied and been successful in getting the reduction. Members had thanked the Clerk for securing the reduction.

174.ACCOUNTS

- a. Committee received the Income / Receipts summary statement from the Clerk and considered and approved the payment of the following outstanding cheques for the ACCOUNTS dated 3rd May 2023 (proposed M Curtice seconded J Curtice). 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. Members noted that Clerk had submitted accounts to DCK Beavers for formalising for financial year 2022/23, and the final reports had been received from them. Audit submission was needed by start of June to Council Auditors. Members approved and Mayor signed the Annual Return for 2022/23 for submission to Auditors.
- c. Conclusion of 2021/22 Audit by Welsh Govt (year 1 of 3 year Welsh Audit GTC in year 1 was Noted. Report was awaited.

175.PLANNING MATTERS. (MEETING May 3 2023)

Committee was asked to consider and make recommendations on the following planning applications received from Swansea County Council as the Local Planning Authority;

- a. **NO OBJECTIONS** were raised to the following applications;
2023/0609 39 Penyrheol rd Penyrheol, 2 storey rear ext/balcony/rooflights
2023/0926 pre app 2 storey extension, 54 Princess st Gorseinon
2023/0762 Storage extension Bako Wales Gorseinon rd Gorseinon
2023/0879 Single storey rear ext. 74 Heol y Pibydd Penyrheol
2023/0881 pre app Increase ridge height, rear extension 17 Mydham Lane Penyrheol
Whilst no objection was raised to the proposal in principle. Members noted that there was an ongoing application also being considered for 3 dwellings in the rear garden (2023/0846) and concern was expressed that if this was approved there may be issues of overlooking at the rear from the new rooms being proposed.
2023/0826 Convert beauty salon to flat, 91 Alexandre rd Gorseinon
2019/0911 Discharge cond 7(Boundaries) , 9 (landscaping), 12 (travel plan) Land off Gower View rd, Penyrheol Pobl Housing.
2023/0920 6 West St Gorseinon Retention 2 upper floor 1 bed flats(Cert lawfulness)
- b. **OBJECTIONS** were raised to the following application;
2023/0846 Land at rear 19 Mydham Lane, Penyrheol Outline 3 detached bungalows
As with the previous application for 4 dwellings, which was refused, the current application accessed off the adjoining estate road is still considered overdevelopment of this back garden and would have a detrimental effect upon existing surrounding properties with overlooking and loss of amenity.
- c. Notification of **APPROVALS** by Local Planning Authority. For information 2023/0484 New shopfront 94 High street Gorseinon
2023/0402 25 Gower View rd Penyrheol, Extension
2023/0360 Penyrheol Comp ground enclosure. Discharge cond 3 (ecology) Approved 12 April 2023
2023/0455 Discharge cond 6 res dev 144 dwellings off Gower view rd
2023/0587 Front porch 12 Heol Gwili Penyrheol
- d. Notification of **REFUSALS** by Local Planning Authority For information
- e. Withdrawn 2022/2791 6 West st Gorseinon Change Use from Café to offices with 2 storey rear extension for 2 No 1 bed flats
- f. Notification of **Appeals** by Local Planning Authority; None received in April
- f. Enforcement matters.

APPENDIX A GORSEINON TOWN COUNCIL EXPENDITURE

March 31 2023

Name	Net	VAT	Total (£)
HMRC Tax 470.18 NI 154.83			DD 625.01
Stationery/Hall supplies/stamps/			DD 21.97
Monthly HSBC Hall mortgage			DD 639.46
Monthly HSBC overpayment			DD 117.79
Hall business rates suite 1			DD 38.94
Hall business rates suite 2			DD 26.81
Npower gas hall			DD 56.00
BGas electric Hall			DD 97.40
Bank Charges			DD 13.00
Clerk travelling April			DD 110.50
Good housekeeping hall cleaning april			DD
202822 New Lodge hire			260.00
202823 Moving Forward group			250.00
202824 Penyrheol comp marquis grant			200.00
Freshairfitness equipment \parc Werin	1773	354.6	DD 2127.60
Freshairfitness equipment Parc Werin	1621.4	324.28	DD 1945.68
Chubb battery for alarm system	56.16	11.23	DD 67.39
Data protection fee 2023/4			DD 35.00
CCS License Chestnut Ave Xmas tree !!! 2023/4			100.00
BT MP office			DD 725.58

CREDIT		
Barclays hire 2023/4		2496.00
Precept 1		45248
Precept 2 Aug 45248, precept 3 dec 45248		

Gorseinon town council bank reconciliation April 30 2023		
Current account		8871.00
Treasurers account		151.617.00
Current balance		160488
Mortgage balance		- 68392

Meeting closed at 7.10pm.....Chairman.....