

GOWERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held at Gowerton Con Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1 March 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Ros Holt (Chair), June Merrells, , Barbara Small, Amanda Guard, Peter Morgan, Pat Evans, Dai Jenkins, Gareth Evans, Brian Edy, Lyneth Howells, Clerk to the Council: Allison James.

98. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Susan Jones, Matt Palmer, Peter Morgan

99. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS: None

100. MEETINGS WITH: None required

101. TO RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC REPRESENTATION: Four residents from Gowerton.

112. COUNCIL MINUTES: 1 February 2023

a) The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

b) Matters Arising: The written report of the Clerk regarding matters arising and subsequent actions taken were noted.

113. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE WARD MEMBERS:

REPORTS FROM WARD MEMBER.

Councillor Susan Jones and Councillor Dai Jenkins provided a report of what meetings they have attended and what issues they have been dealing with around the village during the last month.

114. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Ros Holt said that she had attended the Gowerton Summer of Fun meeting and had made a recording as Chair of Gowerton Community Council to say why we are organizing the events with Dean Mason of Gowerton Athletic Club. The purpose is to encourage villagers to meet and have fun which will help with mental health and well being. This will be added to those taking part to make a short film to advertise the events on Social Media.

115. REPORT OF THE CLERK

115A MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

1. I spoke to Darren who designed the Summer of Fun website. I have asked him to look at our website and give us a quote for designing a new one. The current one is very dated and is not secure, Darren informed me. I will bring the quote to the next meeting hopefully to discuss. Update – I have asked Darren to arrange new website design. Have not had a reply to date. I will chase up again.
2. If Councillors wish to receive the remuneration fee of £150, please forward name, address, DOB, NI number and tax code as payments will need to go through payroll and HMRC. So far I have only received confirmation from Cllr Lyneth Howells that she wishes to receive the fee, and an email from Cllr Barbara Small confirming she does not wish to receive the fee.

If any Councillors DO NOT wish to receive the fee, please let the Clerk know via email.

4. We held interviews for the two candidates who wished to apply for the vacant Community Councillor post on Wednesday 25 February 2023. Welcome to Dai Jenkins who is to join us. We now have full quota of Community Councillors.
5. One Voice Wales have submitted their invoice for the annual membership fee which is to be approved for payment.

6. Chairperson to decide on payment of chair allowance for 22/23.
7. End of year accounts preparation will begin at the end of March to submit files to the internal auditor by end of May.
8. Cllr Amanda Guard has requested to do a training session on 9 March. Would anyone else like to undertake training?

115B FINANCIAL MATTERS

The accounts and expenditure for the month of February were approved by Council and the regular forthcoming payments for March were approved by Council.

Order Number	Payment type	Date	Creditor	Subject	VAT	Total	
122	Direct debit	03/02/2023	HP Instant ink	February ink	2.75	16.49	GA
		03/02/2023	Nomad	Hanging baskets 23/24		-85	GM
123	Bank Transfer	11/02/2023	HMRC	Month 8		593.31	HMRC
124	Bank Transfer	11/02/2023	HMRC	Month 9		314.74	HMRC
125	Bank Transfer	20/02/2023	Clerk	Phone allowance Feb		38.99	CE
126	Bank Transfer	24/02/2023	Clerk	Salary		933.21	S
Total for February						1811.74	

Balance
26/2/23

Forthcoming payments in March for authorisation

Bay Landscapes	Month of February	£243.50
Clerk Salary	March	£933.01
Instant Ink	Monthly cost	£16.49
Phone Allowance	March	£38.99
Bowen Hopkins	Lights	TBC
One Voice Wales	Membership	£873
HMRC	Feb tax	£300 approx

115C CORRESPONDENCE

During the month of February we received approx.200 emails.

These consisted of emails from Councillors, One Voice Wales, marketing emails etc which need no action.

Emails containing the weekly planning lists were all sent on to Councillors for information before the monthly meeting.

I have been copied into emails from Cllr Susan Jones regarding issues in the village she has received as Ward Member which she has reported.

Mr Dean Mason sent the minutes from the meeting he held In February to discuss events for next summer.

I received an email from a resident in Woodlands regarding motorbikes using the cycle path. This was passed to Cllr Susan Jones who had a meeting with PSCO Jon Breslin that week and was brought to his attention.

Our instagram account has 344 posts and 515 followers.

116. QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. The proposed development at Fairwood Terrace.

The concerns about this development if it goes ahead are as follows:

Clos Trafle – resident has problems getting out of the street.

Park n ride mobility hub. 50 spaces for disability cars. Buses going up and down the road.

Concerns with Drs surgery, Dentist, Schools. High ecological site. 1600 protected species. Bats, newts, otters, badgers....

Bio diversity there is huge. Wildlife group is very concerned about lack of green spaces in Swansea.

Flood plain.

It was resolved that Community Council would organize a public meeting on 8 March 2023 at 7pm at Gowerton RFC, then a further meeting at the same time and same place on 15 March 2023 where residents, MP's and a representative from Persimmon would be invited to hear our concerns.

The Clerk to get leaflets printed and Councillors would deliver them to local residents.

2. Cllr Small said there is a water leak outside 14 Brynymor Road.

Clerk to report it to Welsh Water.

3. Cllr Pat Evans requested we revisit our query in February 2022 to the Highways Dept regarding monitoring of speed cushions. Highways Dept were going to monitor and provide an update after six months.

Cllr Evans would like to know the result of the health impact study on Mill Street. Air quality monitoring has taken place recently. Clerk to email Environmental Health Dept.

4. Cllr Lyneth Howells reported litter near the Co Op. It has now been cleaned up.

5. Cllrs Dai Jenkins and Lyneth Howells are part of the publication team for Gowerton Summer of Fun. They are also on the Gowerton/La Gaciliy Twinning Committee who are trying to organize an event on 14 July for Bastille Day.

6. Cllr Gareth Evans mentioned the proposed zebra crossing which was part of the planning application conditions at Cefn Gorwydd site. What is happening with this? Send an email to Planning Dept. Dai Jenkins is also to chase this up.

7. Cllr Gareth Evans wanted a correction to minute number 75.6 in January 2023 minutes. Clerk sought advice on whether minutes can be altered once signed off by Council as correct. Clerk was advised that minutes cannot be altered unless a vote is taken during a meeting to agree that the item in question should be altered. An issue such as this should be sent to the Clerk in advance to discuss as an agenda item.

8. Cllr Brian Edy said the bus shelter near Bishwell has been replaced. Cllr Dai Jenkins has asked officers at Swansea Council if anymore are being upgraded. No reply as yet.

117. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No:	2022/2839/FUL	Date Registered:	01.02.2023
Electoral Division:	Gowerton - Area 2	Status:	Being Considered
Map Ref:	258806 196219		
Development Type:	Householder		
Location:	5 Hill Street, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3BT		
Proposal:	Single storey side extension and alterations to rear elevation		
Applicant:	Mr Scott Davies	Agent:	

Application No:	2023/0259/ADV	Date Registered:	08.02.2023
Electoral Division:	Gowerton - Area 2	Status:	Being Considered
Map Ref:	259134 196314		
Development Type:	Advertisements		
Location:	91 Sterry Road, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3BN		
Proposal:	Retention of one high level externally- illuminated projecting sign		
Applicant:	Miss Natalie Luben	Agent:	miss Natalie Luben

Application No:	2023/0253/OUT	Date Registered:	17.02.2023
Electoral Division:	Gowerton - Area 2	Status:	Being Considered
Map Ref:	259442 196370		
Development Type:	Major Dwellings		
Location:	Land Adjacent To Fairwood Terrace, Gowerton, Swansea		
Proposal:	Proposed residential development of up to 230 dwellings with commercial/mixed uses at ground floor, a mobility hub, incorporating active travel routes, green infrastructure, drainage, play and associated works (outline)		
Applicant:	Mr Luke Grattarola	Agent:	

Date of next meeting 5 April 2023

Meeting closed 21.20

Chairperson

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