

# GOWERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL TREGŴYR

### Minutes of the meeting held at Gowerton Con Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 April 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ros Holt (Chair), Susan Jones, Amanda Guard, Matthew Palmer, Brian Edy, Lyneth Howells, Clerk to the Council: Allison James.

- 118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Peter Morgan, Barbara Small, June Merrells, Pat Evans, Dai Jenkins, Gareth Evans
- 119. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS:** None
- 120. MEETINGS WITH:** None required
- 121. TO RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC REPRESENTATION:** None
- 122. COUNCIL MINUTES:** 5 April 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.
- 123. 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.

#### **124. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Ros Holt reported that she has attended the meeting for the Summer of Fun and two public meetings regarding the proposed development at Fairwood Terrace.

Cllr Holt also met with residents, fellow Community Councillors and Sioned Williams, a Senedd Member, to visit the site at Fairwood Terrace. Sioned listened to all the concerns and she was going to investigate several points CCS appear to be holding back on. However, she did confirm that she had no influence on Planning – it is down to the Local Authority.

Cllr Holt reported that herself and fellow Councillors attended a wonderful concert at the Brangwyn Hall as guests of Gowerton Comprehensive School. Also attended Gowerton Primary as part of Gowerton History Society to inform the pupils of buildings which may no longer exist but played an important part in the history of the village.

Cllr Holt has been invited to attend at assembly at school when visitors from Finland and Scandinavia arrive as part of the Erasmus Project. As well as an invitation from Gowerton Cricket Club to attend the annual Presidents Dinner.

One of the last engagements as Chair of GCC will be to attend Thanksgiving service to mark the Coronation of the Kings Service to be held at St Marys Church on 30 April.

#### **125. REPORT OF THE CLERK**

##### **125A 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.

Update - Still no reply from Darren. We might have to look elsewhere. I have had some recommendations from other clerks in Swansea so shall get some prices if we do not hear from Darren soon.

2. End of year accounts are being prepared and I aim to get these signed off by the chairperson in the next meeting in May so they can be sent to the auditor.
3. OVW – Paul Egan has given guidance on how our Agenda should be issued. Following this, all items to be discussed at each meeting will need to be listed on the agenda and made available for public inspection before each meeting. Councillors will need to submit items for the agenda one week before the meeting, then they will be approved by the chairperson. Anything else that Councillors would like to bring up in the meeting can be noted but will not be up for discussion or action. I have been told it is unlawful to discuss anything that is not listed on the agenda, and we need to be compliant to policy and procedure.
4. It has been a very busy month with the meetings and discussions around the Proposed Development off Fairwood Terrace. I attach the notes from the meeting with the Developer (Persimmon Homes) on 29 March 2023.

## 125B FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

PO	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CODE	
						<b>BALANCE</b>
	28/02/2023	Dental Surgery	Payment for basket	-42.5	R	
	28/02/2023	Country Stores	Payment for basket	-170	R	30308.22
127	02/03/2023	Instant Ink	Monthly Charge	16.49	GA	
128	02/03/2023	Asda	Paper	4.90	GA	
	02/03/2023	Lullabella	Payment for basket	-128	R	
129	04/03/2023	Bowen Hopkins	Xmas Lights	5406	E	
130	05/03/2023	The Value	Planning Course	40	T	
131	03/03/2023	Steves Custom Print	Leaflets	40	GA	
132	06/03/2023	Bay Landscapes	Feb Invoice	243.5	GM	
133	06/03/2023	Bay Landscapes	Jan Invoice	243.5	GM	24441.83
134	07/03/2023	Swansea Council	Elections	255	E	
135	14/03/2023	Cllr B Edy	Flag	39.84	E	
136	14/03/2023	One Voice Wales	Membership	873	SAF	23273.99
137	15/03/2023	Clerk	Phone allowance March	38.99	CA	
138	15/03/2023	Steves Custom Print	Leaflets	95.00	GA	
139	15/03/2023	Cllr L Howells	Remuneration	124.80	R	23015.20
140	24/03/2023	Clerk	March Salary	933.21	S	
141	25/03/2023	Bay Landscapes	March Invoice	243.5	GM	
142	27/03/2023	Gower Am Prod Gowerton Cricket	Chair Allowance	100	CA	21738.49
143	28/03/2023	Club	Chair Allowance	100	CA	
144	28/03/2023	Village Tea in May	Chair Allowance	125	CA	
145	28/03/2023	Myeloma Cancer	Chair Allowance	175	CA	
146	30/03/2023	Gowerton Con Club	Tea/Coffee for meeting	15	GE	
147	31/03/2023	IONOS	Website	54	GE	
						Balance as at 31/3/23
			Total for March	8826.23		21269.49

## 125C CORRESPONDENCE

During the month of March we received approx.300 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.

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

There have been many emails regarding the proposed development off Fairwood Terrace from residents and Persimmon.

I have received a letter from Cor Penclawdd asking for a donation to help with their funding.

I have received a letter from The Pensions Regulator saing that we have failed to comply with regulations. I rang to query it and it seems the previous clerk did not complete the required information since 2016. A declaration of compliance needs to be completed which I will do immediately.

Our instagram account has 350 posts and 524 followers.

## 126. QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO COUNCIL BUSINESS

There were no questions for business.

It was agreed that Gowerton Community Council should sponsor the awards ceremony at Gowerton Comprehensive School and that as it was on 3 May which would clash with the meeting and the Chairperson had been invited to attend, there was a vote which was unanimous, to move the next council meeting which is the AGM to the 10 May 2023.

## 127. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<b>Application No:</b>	2023/0348/FUL	<b>Date Registered:</b>	03.03.2023
<b>Electoral Division:</b>	Gowerton - Area 2	<b>Status:</b>	Being Considered
<b>Map Ref:</b>	259320 196344		
<b>Development Type:</b>	All Other Minor Dev		
<b>Location:</b>	British Rail, Yr Hen Gorlan , Gowerton , Swansea , SA4 3GP		
<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed Base Station upgrade to the existing 15m high mini macro column removal and replacement of existing pole with proposed 25.0m CU Phosco Phase 4.5 monopole and existing 3No. antennas with proposed 3No. antennas, installation of 1No. cabinet and associated ancillary works.		
<b>Applicant:</b>	Cornerstone	<b>Agent:</b>	Susannah Help

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<b>Application No:</b>	2023/0508/FUL	<b>Date Registered:</b>	21.03.2023
<b>Electoral Division:</b>	Gowerton - Area 2	<b>Status:</b>	Being Considered
<b>Map Ref:</b>	258980 196282		
<b>Development Type:</b>	All Other Minor Dev		
<b>Location:</b>	50 Sterry Road, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3BR		
<b>Proposal:</b>	Change of use of ground floor residential (Class C3) and ground floor shop (Class A1) to mixed use A1/A3.		
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mrs Victoria Evans	<b>Agent:</b>	

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There were no objections to either of the applications above.

Date of next meeting 10 May 2023

Meeting closed 20.55

**Chairperson**

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