

# GOWERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL TREGŴYR

### Minutes of the meeting held at Gowerton Con Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 September 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ros Holt, Susan Jones, Gareth Evans, Peter Morgan, Ann Guard, Matt Palmer, Pat Evans. Barbara Small, Amanda Guard Clerk to the Council: Allison James.

**36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Brian Edy, , Kaylie Ridgeway. June Merrells, Lyneth Howells, Ward member Cllr Dai Jenkins

**37. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS:** None

**38. MEETINGS WITH:** None required

**39. TO RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC REPRESENTATION:** None

**40. COUNCIL MINUTES:** & July 2022

- a) The Minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Ann Guard, Seconded by Cllr Susan Jones.
- b) Matters Arising: The written report of the Clerk regarding matters arising and subsequent actions taken were noted.

**41. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE WARD MEMBERS:**

#### **REPORT FROM WARD MEMBER, COUNCILLOR SUE JONES**

It has again been a very busy two months on individual issues and complaints for residents, rather than meetings at the Council. Scrutiny Meeting are now in progress and the work programs are being organized. There has been a meeting of the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny when updates were given of the many projects that are being progressed for Swansea e.g. The completion of the Arena, 71 and 72 Kingsway Project, and Penderyn project. It is an exciting time for the city.

Councillor Jenkins and I had a meeting at the beginning of the Cycle Track at the bottom of the Woodlands, where we discussed the possibility of celebrating the heritage of the Gowerton South Railway Station with artwork. We are still awaiting the outcome of that meeting. This will be funded by Active Travel Fund.

The Cricket Club entertained Glamorgan Cricket Club during this time, and I organized a vintage tea for both players and spectators. Thanks to a great volunteering team, we raised money for the renovation of the Pavilion. Thanks also to The Temple who lent their crockery, and to the Co Op and volunteers for their kind donations of Coffee, Tea, Sugar and cakes. It was a successful day.

I took the Chair of Community Council. (Ros Holt) and the Clerk (Allison James) to tea in the Mansion House, where we meet the Lord Mayor and his wife (Councillor Mike Day and Christine) it was an enjoyable afternoon.

I met the Ukrainian family and presented the funds which were collected at St. John's Church Hall and some presents donated by individuals. I am organizing a Coffee Morning for the Ukraine families around this area to get together and be able to chat in their own language - look out for the publicity of this event. Hopefully this will take place in the Conservative Club on Thursday the 22nd. Of September from 10am to 12pm.

There have been a number of incidents of concern with the young people in the village e.g. youngsters on the Railway Line. Councillor Jenkins and I met with Network Rail and had discussions regarding the fencing of the area. We also meet with our Policing Team and discussed these issues which resulted in some suggestions to address our concerns. The Police joined forces with the Friends of Woodlands and Open spaces and visited Alltwen Woods. I also attended a "Teams" meeting with Inspector Simon Trick and discussed issues relevant to Gowerton.

The beginning of a new school year has commenced, and I would like to put on record my thanks to Mr. Nigel Jones for his leadership with the Comprehensive School, his interest in our Community and the pupils, and my best wishes on his retirement. Also welcome the new Headteacher Miss Kath Lawlor to her new post. Congratulations to all the students

on their exam results and thanks again for the hard work of the teachers and the pupils. The Primary School has also seen the retirement of Mrs. Debbie Roberts and I also wish her a long and healthy retirement and thanks for her leadership in the School. Mr. Iain Ashton is starting in his new role as Deputy Head, and I wish him all the best. Over the past three years both Schools have supported all the pupils through a very difficult time.

I am progressing the request for a Boules Pitch at the Elba and have agreed to fund this venture. Would Community Council be prepared to fund the maintenance for this pitch? This venture has a lot of support from the residents of the village.

During Full Council last week Councillor Robert Francis Davies gave assurances that the park in Park Road would be enhanced which I am looking forward to. There has been some vandalism there over the Summer Holidays.

I attended the funeral in St. John's Church of the former Councillor for Gowerton Mr. Ron Thomas. Mr. Thomas was 90 years of age and served Gowerton for 13 years and leaves his wife Pam. My condolences to his family.

Over the past two weeks I have been involved alongside other Council colleagues in raising funds for the Pakistan Flood victims. Hair cutting before starting back to school with coffee and cake. We raised over £400.00 on the day and are expecting more donations.

I have reported the Graffiti around the area and today (Tuesday) it has been removed from along the Woodlands and the Cycle Path. There is some graffiti on the walls alongside the Cycle Track which is the responsibility of the landowners and they will be contacted by the Authority. Thank you to the Graffiti Team??? (one person for the whole Authority).

The heavy rain of Monday evening caused great problems with many of the shops on Sterry Road being flooded. I visited them and spoke to Highways regarding the drains on Sterry Road and managed to have the drain cleaning lorry visit the area. There also was a problem with flooding in one of the houses also on Sterry Rd and again I have visited this resident. Mount Street gully has been filled in which caused many problems. Highways are going to make a visit and assess the situation.

## **REPORT FROM WARD MEMBER, COUNCILLOR DAI JENKINS**

Cllr Dai Jenkins – Monthly Report 6 July 2022 to 7 Sept 2022

1. I am dealing with the 'speed cushions', and am awaiting reports from Alan Ferris who was on leave in August 2022 and awaiting his reply to community council, before I chase and update. Cllr. Sue Jones and myself have worked jointly in meetings for the following a) Enhancing the area by Gowerton lights for possible upgrade (This will be out of the active travel budget) b) Met with pcso and Police on antic social behaviour c) Young people playing on the railway lines. d) Anti-social behaviour in new coastal site at George Manning Way. I am organising a Dog Show behind the commercial on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 2pm, it's a free community event. Attend Rechabite hall 2.9.22 for walk in session with Gower MP Tonia Antoniazzi.

I have been contacted by residents and I am dealing or have dealt with the following ~

1. The dip between Gorwydd Road and Woodland – officer has advised may take a few more months to complete and supplied me with link to what council will and will not cut back – ongoing.
2. Woodland Terrace itself, residents can't park their cars properly due to overhanging branches – reported those. Annual leave issues, will monitor..
3. Overhanging branches on footpath B4295 opposite Tesco's- reported same, branches causing issues on the other side of the fence into Llys Baldwin. – attended site 5.9.22 as officer advised been actioned, its not, photographs taken and sent to officer accordingly. Ongoing
4. On site visit with Cllr Sue Jones and Alan Ferris to discuss Pelican Crossing over Victoria Road, ongoing with ballpark figure of 60K. Alan to get back to us. No update off Alan due to a spell of annual leave.
5. Request for a roundabout at junction of Bishwell Road, working on a fuller solution, which will incorporate a left turn only out of new Gorwydd Colliery estate – again in consultation with residents who are involved the most. Awaiting approval of my letter to residence. Ongoing. ..
6. Waunarlwydd resident who uses Gowerton thoroughfare reported left turn filter lights by carpet shop not working (fixed now) and asked for yellow no entry box at lights as you approach Mill Street as cars are misjudging and then blocking motorist from their journey via Gorwydd Road into Ffordd Beck. Request sent to highways team for consideration. ...Escalated for a reply – ongoing
7. Near Glanmorfa large trees on main road – ongoing.

8. Trip Hazard opposite Doctors Surgery tree roots pushing up pavement and its uneven. Reported no response to date. Escalate and awaiting action, advised original email to deal went to wrong email address by a temporary member of staff at the time. ongoing
9. Near miss- branch fell off a tree opposite doctors' surgery – asked for risk assessment and to cut back branches – ongoing.
10. Cycle track issues along Oakwood Drive – can't see the paint in road- asked for a re- paint. Ongoing
11. Speeding Cyclist – on track – ongoing and have escalated.
12. Safer entrance to Oakwood Road shared cycle track / ongoing will take months to sort this one – officers have been on leave, ongoing.
13. Report of speeding and illegal parking by lollipop lady Rhian in Ffordd Beck, attended site twice and no evidence of this.
14. Surgery liaising for if anyone can't ring in morning for appointment and have no access to report online. Person who brought the issue up, has sadly passed away
14. Gowerton park in Park Road, been approached by residents on and off line asking for improvements- trying to get external funding, but will be using my community budget if not to upgrade. ongoing.
15. Apple Trees requested by resident – If possible, will be planting some apple trees if area is suitable, Liaising with officer in charge.
16. Weeds in Church Street reported.

#### 43. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

I have planted flowers at the railway station and cleared up weeds and rubbish together with Cllr Sue Jones. I have had a message from Transport for Wales regarding rail vouchers. There is to be a new type of travel voucher to be sent to registered volunteers twice a year.

Cllr Sue Jones, Cllr Lyneth Howells and I went along to the cricket match when Glamorgan came to Gowerton. We served tea and cakes to raise funds. Thank you to the ladies in the village who volunteered to help out also. We really do appreciate all your help.

#### 44. **REPORT OF THE CLERK**

##### 44a **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. The file has come back from the internal auditor without any issues and was sent to external audit. They have contacted me with one query which I have answered.
2. Following Cllr June Merrells post on Facebook regarding giving sunflower seeds to local residents in memory of her son, Josh, is this something Community Council could help with next year? Possibly purchase seeds and distribute to local residents? This could be part of our bio diversity plan?  
  
Community Council is in agreement to support.
3. An email received from One Voice Wales requesting Bio Diversity Plans from Councils. Cllr Brian Edy said he would be happy to help with this as he is particularly interested in environmental issues.
4. Plans for Xmas parade to be discussed. Deposit has been paid to Rowena Moyse to secure our required date of Sunday 11 December 2022.
5. Plans for Remembrance Day to be discussed.

44b FINANCIAL MATTERS

Order Number	Payment type	Date	Creditor	Subject	Total
60	SO	01/07/2022	IONOS	Website quartely payment	54
61	SO	01/07/2022	Clerk	Office Allowance	200
62	visa	04/07/2022	HP Instant Ink	Ink	16.49
63	visa	04/07/2022	One Voice Wales	Membership 2022	806
64	Bank Transfer	04/07/2022	Clerk	Credit in lieu of wrong a/c used	19.99
65	Bank Transfer	04/07/2022	Clerk	Credit in lieu of wrong a/c used	22.04
66	Bank Transfer	07/07/2022	Cwmbwrla Ukele Band	Donation for jubilee event	50
67	Bank Transfer	11/07/2022	Ebay	Wrong a/c used	23.26
68	Bank Transfer	11/07/2022	Clerk	Credit in lieu of wrong a/c used	23.26
69	Bank Transfer	13/07/2022	Clerk	Mileage April - June 2022	44.33
70	Bank Transfer	15/07/2022	Clerk	Phone Allowance July	38.99
71	Bank Transfer	15/07/2022	Gowerton Cricket Club	Safety costs at event	300
72	Bank Transfer	15/07/2022	Gowerton RFC	Inv 156 Hospitality at Heros event	384.6
73	Bank Transfer	18/07/2022	HMRC	Interest owed	2.65
74	Bank Transfer	18/07/2022	Rowena Moyse	Deposit for carriage	225
75	Bank Transfer	18/07/2022	HMRC	April tax	296.48
76	Bank Transfer	18/07/2022	HMRC	June tax	308.56
77	Bank Transfer	18/07/2022	HMRC	May tax	317.76
78	Bank Transfer	19/07/2022	Post Office	Audit file postage	13.65
79	Bank Transfer	25/07/2022	Clerk	July salary	843.68
80	Cheque 202722	26/07/2022		Donation for jubilee event	50
				<b>Total for July</b>	<b>3910.16</b>
				<b>Bal as at 26/7/22</b>	<b>21728.82</b>
81	Bank Transfer	01/08/2022	Lyn Llewellyn	Audit 2022	405
82	SO	02/08/2022	HP Instant Ink	Ink	16.49
83	Bank Transfer	11/08/2022	Bay Landscapes Ltd	June Invoice	243.50
84	Bank Transfer	11/08/2022	Bay Landscapes Ltd	July Invoice	243.50
85	Bank Transfer	15/08/2022	Clerk	Phone Allowance August	38.99
86	Bank Transfer	18/08/2022	Clerk	Salary correction - NI changes	29.81
	Bank Transfer	25/08/2022	Clerk	August salary	873.49
	Bank Transfer	31/08/2022	Swansea Council	Precept	-11289.67
				<b>Total for August</b>	<b>-9843.89</b>
				<b>Bal as at 31/8/22</b>	<b>31167.71</b>

**Forthcoming payments in September for authorisation**

Bay Landscapes	Month of August	£243.50
Office Allowance	July – Sept	£200
Clerk Salary	September	£873.49

Instant Ink	Monthly cost	£16.49
Phone Allowance	September	£38.99

#### **44c CORRESPONDENCE**

During the months of July/August 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.

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

I received a phone call from a Councillor in Gorseinon regarding graffiti on the fence near the cycle path near Woodlands. Cllr Sue Jones had already reported this to Swansea Council so I took no further action.

I received a message from a local resident regarding planning problems with a shop front and lack of communication from Swansea Council. I gave her Cllr Jones phone number. (Cllr Jenkins was away on holiday at the time or I would have given the lady both Councillors telephone numbers).

I received an email and telephone call from inspector Trick following my email to him (see matters arising).

I received a telephone call from Neil Gyll, Site Manager for the Cefny Gorwydd site following my email to Morganstone (see matters arising).

Our instagram account has 315 posts and 477 followers.

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#### **45. QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO COUNCIL BUSINESS**

1. Sue Jones report – request to fund maintenance of proposed boules pitch. It was agreed to commit a maximum of £300 to pay maintenance costs. To be reviewed after the first year. Maintenance will be carried out by Swansea Council/Freedom Leisure.
2. Cllr Dai Jenkins report – Cllr Susan Jones was disappointed not to have been notified of Gower MP Tonia Antoniazzi's Clinic in the Rechabite Hall in Gowerton on 2 September 2022. Clerk to email Ms Antoniazzi to request an email to Community Council and both Ward Members to notify of future visits
3. Cllr Dai Jenkins report – Cllr Gareth Evans mentioned Point number 5 regarding request for a roundabout on the junction of Bishwell Road. He expressed concerns about this. To be discussed with Cllr Jenkins.
4. Report of the Clerk – Remembrance Day. Clerk to email Rev Alex Pye to ask what he is planning for this day.  
Contact Viv Davies to ask about the plastic poppies. Possibly purchase materials and make more?
5. Christmas Parade on 11 December 2022 – it was suggested we could make plastic snowflakes and place on lamp posts similar to the poppies on Remembrance Day? Speak with Cllr Lyneth Howells about making some snowflakes.
6. Cllr Sue Jones and Cllr Peter Morgan said they would speak to the proprietors of Nomad and The Commercial regarding holding an Xmas market on their grounds. Cllr Gareth Evans to pass on contact details of stall holders from the Jubilee event.
7. Cllr Amanda Guard mentioned Victoria Road. Opposite the Rugby Club. There is a black box on path possibly for traffic monitoring. Could be tripped over. Cllr Guard to take a photo and send to Cllr Jones.
8. Cllr Pat Evans would like to organize litter picking. Collect grabbers from Gowerton RFC. Arrange a suitable date and email all Councillors.

8. Cllr Pat Evans said the Twinning Group received a warm welcome in La Gacilly. The French members are looking forward to coming to Gowerton next Summer.
9. Cllr Gareth Evans said that the branches that were overhanging on Cefn Gorwydd Farm on top end of Cecil Road have now been cut down.
10. Cllr Barbara Small mentioned the drain on Mount St which has been causing problems. Cllr Sue Jones is meeting officers from the Council on 8/9/22.
11. Tree guards near the Ballard Estate are still there. They have been reported to Swansea Council.
12. Bollards etc in the car park are taking up a lot of room. Cllr Sue Jones has spoken to the Contractors and they are moving to land in Waunarlyydd.

#### 46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Application No: 2022/1644/FUL Date Registered: 07.07.2022**

Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 258348 196283 Development Type: Householder Location: 3 Redwood Court, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3FB  
Proposal: Two storey rear extension Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Bowen Agent: Adrian Phillip

No objections but this has already been approved.

**Application No: 2022/1841/FUL Date Registered: 01.08.2022**

Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 259051 196083 Development Type: All Other Minor Dev Location: Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr, 1 Talbot Green, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3DH  
Proposal: Installation of a new boundary fence, vehicle and pedestrian gates to a maximum height of 2.44 metres  
Applicant: Roberts Agent: Miss Hannah Leach

Community Council objects to this – problems with drainage, wildlife and height is excessive.

**Application No: 2022/1650/FUL Date Registered: 22.08.2022**

Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 259680 195459 Development Type: Householder Location: 20 Brookside, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3AY  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jonathan Evans Agent: Mr Jonathan Evans

No objection.

**Application No: 2022/1913/PLD Date Registered: 24.08.2022**

Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 258779 196137 Development Type: All Others (CPLDS, Prior etc) Location: 12 Cae Grawn, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3BY  
Proposal: Rear roof extension and front roof light (Application for a certificate of Proposed Lawful Development)  
Applicant: Miss Lauren Webb Agent: Mr. Wyn Evans

No Objection

**Application No: 2022/1979/FUL Date Registered: 18.08.2022**

Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 259672 195967 Development Type: All Other Minor Dev Location: Former Cefn Gorwydd Colliery, Gorwydd Road, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3AN  
Proposal: Retention and completion of a Stormking substation Applicant: Mr Sam Jones Agent: Mr Phil Baxter

No objection but Council is concerned that it is on contaminated land.

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 5 October 2022.**

**Meeting closed at 21.50pm**

**Chairperson**



