GOWERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL TREGŴYR**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council**

 **Held at The Con Club at 7.30pm**

 **on Wednesday 5 March 2025**

**PRESENT**:

**Councillors**, **Vice Chair** June Merells, , Dai Jenkins, Pat Evans, Barbara Small, Lynne Carey, Ros Holt, Susan Jones, Wayne Erasmus ,Lyneth Howells, Gareth Evans,

**Clerk to the Council:** Allison James

**125 Apologies for absence** – Matt Palmer, Amanda Guard

**126** **Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial** – None declared.

**127** **Minutes of Council**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the following date be approved and signed as a correct record.

(i) Wednesday 5 February 2025

**128 Announcements of the Chair of Council**

Cllr Matt Palmer had given apologies. Meeting was chaired by Vice Chair, June Merrells.

**129 Public Question Time**

Sian Green from Swansea Council came to speak about grants available from Lottery Fund.

**130 Record of Payments**

It was resolved that:

1) The Payments & Receipts be noted.

2) The Clerk be authorised to pay the Payments Raised at the Meeting.

3). Bank statements to be sent out to Councillors on a quarterly basis.

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|  |  |  |  | **Total for January** | **5393.87** | **654.82** | **6048.69** |  |  | **Balance as at 30/1/25** | **30981.5** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Reserves balance @ 30/1/25** | **10672.97** |
| 87 |  | 03/02/2025 | HP Instant Ink | February | 15.41 | 3.08 | 18.49 |  | GA |  |  |
| 88 |  | 12/02/2025 | McAfee | Internet security - annual  | 89.99 | 0 | 89.99 |  | SAF |  |  |
| 89 |  | 12/02/2025 | OVW | 8542 Training course | 40 | 0 | 40 |  | T |  |  |
| 90 |  | 12/02/2025 | Vision ICT | Web hosting etc | 354 | 0 | 354 |  | SAF |  |  |
| 91 |  | 12/02/2025 | Audit wales | 18/19 invoice | 1380 | 0 | 1380 |  | SAF |  |  |
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| 95 |  | 26/02/2025 | Bay Landscapes Ltd | January invoice | 202.92 | 40.58 | 243.5 |  | GM |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | **Total for February** | **3217.9** | **43.66** | **3261.56** |  |  | **Balance as at 26/2/25** | **27719.94** |
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**Payments to be authorised for March 2025**

Bay Landscape Ltd February £264.00

HP instant Ink March £18.49

Bowen Hopkins Xmas lights etc £5670

Cllr Matt Palmer to decide what Chair allowance will be spent on and let Clerk know so it can be paid during the month of March.

**131. Correspondence The actions / comments made as in relation to the correspondence reported:**

Emails from Dean Mason giving updates regarding Autumn Fun events.

Emails from Swansea Council giving details of planning applications.

The following email from Dean Mason:

Good morning Allison and Sam,

Our SummerFun committee met last evening to evaluate our Summer and Autumn events and consider plans for 2025. I'll forward to you the minutes of the meeting when completed.

As part of our discussions it was agreed that we'd like to support any plans or activities that are going to be organised for Christmas 2025 and the reason for this email is to inform you of that so that we can be involved in the co-ordination (if it's felt appropriate) of any events planned for next December.

Last year, we were involved in co-ordinating a morning of Christmas music with markets at Nomad and the Temple and felt those events went well and feel that similar could be included in any programme of events planned for next December.

Our next meeting is timetabled for Monday March 10th and would welcome any thoughts on how you feel we could progress things.

Thanks,

Dean

An email from OVW inviting us to take out membership for 25/26.

Emails to Linda Bolchover asking to arrange return of the photograph to the lady who originally donated it to Community Council. I can confirm this has now been returned to the lady.

**132. Planning Matters**

**Application No: 2025/0160/FUL**

Date Registered: 29.01.2025 Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2

Status: Being Considered

Map Ref: 259547 195831 Development Type: Householder

Location: 18 Cedar Close, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3AR

Proposal: Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump

 Applicant: Garry Hale Agent: Andrew Butt

**133 Gowerton Ward Councillors Update**

Cllr Susan Jones and Cllr Dai Jenkins produced reports of meetings attended and actions taken during the month of February.

**134. Grants – (Cllr Erasmus)**

Cllr Erasmus is looking into what grants are available and invited Sian Green from Swansea Council to discuss what is available. Possible suggestion for grant application to pay for Xmas lights in Gowerton? Clerk to get a quote from Bowen Hopkins and to contact Gorseinon Town Council to ask where they get their lights from.

Awards for all Wales through National lottery.

To pay for community events, promote local heritage, decoration of capital works etc. From £300 up to £20k.

Do some research from people in the village. Questionnaires.

Dean Mason has put bid in for Lottery.

Three events for Summer of Fun. 8 events in Autumn.

Dean will forward details on so we can see what has been applied for.

**135 Pedestrian Crossing at Gorwydd Road.**

Still no information from Cllr Andrew Stevens. Clerk to contact Cllr for the fourth time.

**136. Parking in the Village**

Requested as agenda item by Cllr M Palmer. Cllr Palmer had given apologies so agenda itemrolled forward to April meeting.

**137 . LDP2 – Cllr Dai Jenkins**

Councilor Jenkins explained the process. If the Developer loses the appeal they will try to get development back into LDP2. If they lose they will put in a separate bid for 80 houses.

As many people as possible need to go into drop in centres and put in objections. Put it out on social media and make people aware of where proposed developments are.

**138. 18/19 Audit bill. Review of Audit Process**

Audit process was set out and explained by Clerk so that all Councillors understand the process and time line to be followed.

**139 Set date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2 April 2025 at the Con Club in Gowerton.

**Meeting closed at 21.02**

**Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Chairperson)**

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