GOWERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL TREGŴYR**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council**

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

**on Wednesday 2 April 2025**

**PRESENT**:

**Councillors**: **Chair** Matt Palmer **Vice Chair** June Merrells, Pat Evans, Barbara Small, Ros Holt, , Wayne Erasmus, Gareth Evans, Kath Jennings, Amanda Guard

**Clerk to the Council:** Allison James

**140 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Dai Jenkins, Lynne Carey, Lyneth Howells, Susan Jones

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

**142 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 March 2025

**143 Announcements of the Chair of Council**

Cllr Matt Palmer mentioned Joe Muldoons’ presentation from the last meeting regarding the Active Travel route and asked if anyone had any comments. Emails received from Mr Muldoon will be on the May agenda for discussion.

**144 Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

**145 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) Quarter 4 budget report was approved.

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| 96 |  | 03/03/2025 | HP Instant Ink | March | 15.41 | 3.08 | 18.49 |  | GA |  |  |
| 97 |  | 17/03/2025 | Nest | Pension February |  |  |  |  | P |  |  |
| 98 |  | 17/03/2025 | HMRC | 5 Jan - 5 March |  |  |  |  | HMRC |  |  |
| 99 |  | 17/03/2025 | Clerk | Phone March |  |  |  |  | CE |  |  |
| 100 |  | 18/03/2025 | June Merrels | Hive - chair donation | 200 | 0 | 200 |  | Chair |  |  |
| 101 |  | 18/03/2025 | FOGWOS | Chair donation | 100 | 0 | 100 |  | Chair |  |  |
| 102 |  | 18/03/2025 | Bay Landscapes Ltd | February invoice | 224 | 44 | 264 |  | GM |  |  |
| 103 |  | 18/03/2025 | Bay Landscapes Ltd | March invoice | 224 | 44 | 264 |  | GM |  |  |
| 104 |  | 18/03/2025 | Clerk | Reimbursement of voucher | 20 | 0 | 20 |  | Chair |  |  |
| 105 |  | 18/03/2025 | Swansea Council | Floral display | 1850 | 0 | 1850 |  | FD |  |  |
| 106 |  | 18/03/2025 | Bowen Hopkins | Xmas lights 24 | 4725 | 945 | 5670 |  | E |  |  |
| 107 |  | 18/03/2025 | Cllr L Carey | Remuneration | 156 | 0 | 156 |  | Remuneration |  |  |
| 108 |  | 18/03/2025 | Cllr W Erasmus | Remuneration | 156 | 0 | 156 |  | Remuneration |  |  |
| 109 |  | 18/03/2025 | Cllr L Howells | Remuneration | 156 | 0 | 156 |  | Remuneration |  |  |
| 110 |  | 18/03/2025 | Cllr Pat Evans | Remuneration | 156 | 0 | 156 |  | Remuneration |  |  |
| 111 |  | 19/03/2025 | Cllr A Guard | Remuneration | 156 | 0 | 156 |  | Remuneration |  |  |
| 112 |  | 25/03/2025 | Amazon | Printer paper | 19.97 | 0 | 19.97 |  | GE |  |  |
| 113 |  | 25/03/2025 | Clerk | Office Allowance Qtr 4 | 200 | 0 | 200 |  | CE |  |  |
| 114 |  | 25/03/2025 | Clerk | Salary - March |  |  |  |  | S |  |  |
| 115 |  | 26/03/2025 | Nest | March |  |  |  |  | P |  |  |
| 116 |  | 26/03/2025 | HMRC | March |  |  |  |  | HMRC |  |  |
| 117 |  | 28/03/2023 | OVW | Inc 9270 training | 40 | 0 | 40 |  | T |  |  |
|  |  | 31/03/2023 | Move from reserves | To cover loan until repayment | -4500 |  | -4500 |  | Loan |  |  |
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**146. Correspondence The actions / comments made as in relation to the correspondence reported:**

Emails from Dean Mason giving updates regarding Summer Fun Events for 2025.

Emails from Swansea Council giving details of planning applications.

Emails from One Voice Wales giving details of training courses, webinars and other news which are forwarded on to Councillors as applicable.

Emails from Swansea Council Planning dept giving details of planning applications.

Clerk has sent an email to Bowen Hopkins asking for a quote for Xmas light feature so that we might apply for grant funding.

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**148. Planning Applications & Planning Matters**

**Application No: 2025/0032/FUL**

Date Registered: 21.02.2025 Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered

Map Ref: 259054 196316 Development Type: All Other Minor Dev Location: 71 Sterry Road, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3BN

Proposal: Retention of ground floor retail shop with relocation of first floor gymnasium to ground floor, together with the conversion of first & second floors to two houses of multiple occupation (HMO), each accommodating five bedrooms and communal facilities, installation of rear terrace and fenestration alterations.

Applicant: Mr F Vernon Agent: Rhydian Gore

Community Council object to this application on grounds of lack of parking in an already congested location.

**149 Gowerton Ward Councillors Update**

Cllr Dai Jenkins produced reports of meetings attended and actions taken during the month of March. Cllr Susan Jones was away on holiday so did not send in a report.

**150. Bus stop near carpet shop – Cllr A Guard**

There are plans to re route this bus in the near future. Update provided as information is available.

**151 Pedestrian Crossing at Gorwydd Road.**

Still no information from Cllr Andrew Stevens. Clerk to contact Cllr for the fourth time and to copy in Huw Evans, Democratic Services.

**152. Parking in the Village**

Cllr Palmer has had a few requests from local residents regarding parking. Limited parking in the village. Ratio of disabled residents to restricted parking is limited. Questioning why planters on Gorwydd Road are there? They were to prevent parking on the pavement apparently. It was resolved that parking problems are out of Council remit unfortunately.

**153. Noise Buffer fence on Gorwydd Road – Cllr B Small**

Noise buffer fence between Drs surgery and tesco roundabout. Blown down. Clerk to report on Swansea Council website.

**154. Trees on Ffos Felen – Cllr B Small**

Trees blown down in storm. Can they finish removing the trees. Near flat entrances and dangerous. Clerk to report to Swansea Council.

**155. Potholes on Mill Street – Cllr B Small**

Potholes on Mill Street. From 8 – 13 Mill Street. Cllr Matt Palmer has previously asked for information when resurfacing would take place, but Swansea Council could not commit to a timescale. Clerk to report to Swansea.

**156 Set date of next meeting.**

The next meeting which will be the Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday & May 2025 at the Con Club in Gowerton.

**Meeting closed at 20:30**

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

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