GOWERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL TREGŴYR**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council**

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

 **on Wednesday 4 June 2025**

**PRESENT**:

**Councillors**: **Chair** Patricia Evans, **Vice Chair** Ros Holt,

Barbara Small, Wayne Erasmus, Gareth Evans, Kath Jennings, Amanda Guard, Dai Jenkins, Lynne Carey, Lyneth Howells, Susan Jones

Cllrs shall be referred to by initials from here on in.

**Clerk to the Council:** Allison James

**22 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs June Merrells, Lynne Carey

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

**24 Minutes of Council**

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

(i) Wednesday 7 May 2025

**25 Announcements of the Chair of Council**

The chair gave a speech which included:

 Wishing a speedy recovery to Cllr Lynne Carey.

Thanks to all who gave up time for distributing leaflets for Save Gowerton from Gridlock

Thanks to Ward members for work they have done for SGFG campaign.

Best wishes to Lee from the Commercial Pub on his retirement and thank you for all he has done for the community over the years.

Thanks to Mrs Viv Davies for tree donated to the centre of the village green and thank you to

Clint Todhunter from Bay Landscapes Ltd for collecting and planting the trees.

Pleased to hear Gowerton primary is working with Freedom leisure for “pick up your dogs poo posters” in the Elba.

Attended training with OVW. Encourage Cllrs to engage in training to comply with training plan as per Audit Wales requirements.

**26 Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

**27 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.

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| 8 |  | 02/05/2025 | HP Instant Ink | May Ink  | 15.41 | 3.08 | 18.49 |
| 9 |  | 08/05/2025 | SGFG committee | Refund  | -128.36 | 0 | -128.36 |
| 10 |  | 19/05/2025 | Clerk | Phone Allowance |  |  |  |
| 11 |  | 21/05/2025 | Nest | Pension |  |  |  |
| 12 |  | 21/05/2025 | HMRC | Month 1 |  |  |  |
| 13 |  | 23/05/2025 | Clerk | May Salary |  |  |  |
| 14 |  | 27/05/2025 | Zurich | Public liability insurance 25-26 | 407.96 | 0 | 407.96 |
| 15 |  | 29/05/2025 | One Voice Wales | Membership 25-26 | 989 | 0 | 989 |
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|  |  |  |  | **Total payments** | **2982.12** | **3.08** | **2985.2** |
|  |  |  |  | **Total receipts** | **-128.36** | **0** | **-128.36** |

**Payments to be authorised for June 2025**

Bay Landscape Ltd £264.00

Clerk Salary

Clerk Phone Allowance

Nest Pension

HP instant Ink £18.49

HMRC

One Voice Wales Training £42

Internal Audit Invoice £445

**28. 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.

Clerk has sent an email to Bowen Hopkins asking for a quote for Xmas light feature so that we might apply for grant funding. Update – to be discussed as agenda item.

Email from Mrs V Davies confirming the trees have been planted in the centre of the village.

Email requesting funding for Gowerton Under 7’s kit – to be discussed as an agenda item.

Email from Freedom Leisure saying that they are working with Gowerton Primary to produce posters regarding picking up dog waste and keeping dogs on leads at the Elba playing fields.

Email from a local resident with various concerns in the village. Clerk replied via email.

**29. Planning Applications & Planning Matters**

**Application No: 2025/0697/FUL Date Registered: 29.04.2025**

 Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 259548 195266 Development Type: Householder Location: 2 Springbourne Close, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3BB

Proposal: Single storey rear extension Applicant: Wyn Williams-Clement Agent:

**Community Council do not object.**

**30 Gowerton Ward Councillors Update**

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

**31. Dentists – anticipated changes**

It was resolved to: write to Jeremy Miles – Senedd Health Minister

GCC are unaminously opposed to the proposed changes. People with mobility problems might struggle and you build up a rapport with your dentist. Choice has been taken away from the individual. Proposal has to be to improve things not to make things more difficult. Trying to reduce travel, not increase it, so it is going against the climate change policies.

**32. Training – feedback from Cllrs L Howells and P Evans**

Both Councillors said the training courses they attended were informative and interesting and well worth doing to improve their services as Community Councillors.

**33. Sterry Road speed humps**

Raised by Peter Richards, local resident via email.

**Resolved**: Can we have an assessment with a view to be removed. Causing accidents. Problems with wheelchair users etc. Numerous mirrors being knocked off. Clerk to contact Highways Dept, Swansea Council.

**34. Update on Doctors Surgery**

Email from Barrie Matthews who said they are having a meeting this month and will update us after the meeting.

**35 Request to fund kit for Gowerton RFC Under 7s rugby team.**

Proposal of £300 by BS. Seconded by AG. Everyone in agreement. Suggest they also look at applying for grants to help fund the team.

**36. Check AGAR 24-25 and approve.**

The Clerk passed around the papers prepared for Audit Wales to all Councillors at the meeting and also sent via email. They were declared as correct and were duly signed by the Chair. Clerk to post notices on website and notice board as required and post papers to Audit Wales in Cardiff.

**37. Xmas lights – quote received to apply for grant funding**

Bowen Hopkins have provided a quote for purchase of new xmas lights to possibly go on the side of the former Welcome to Gower Pub (now The Mill Charity). All Councillors were in agreement. Possibly round up to £1000 to include new strings of lights?

Clerk to apply to Lottery Fund.

**38. Set date of next meeting.**

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

**Meeting closed at 20:44**

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

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