GOWERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL TREGŴYR**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council**

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

 **on Wednesday 2 July 2025**

**PRESENT**:

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

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

**Clerk to the Council:** Allison James

**39 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Lynne Carey, Matt Palmer

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

**41 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 4 June 2025

**42 Announcements of the Chair of Council**

1.Welcome to Cllrs and residents.

2.Since elected as Chair, it is tantamount that we improve engagement and participation with due diligence with Gowerton residents.

3.Request that everyone present speaks through the chair and observe the Code of conduct and standing orders with respect. Disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated.

4.Thanks be extended to Colin Charvis for his kind offer to support U7's rugby kit by way of promoting his business.

5.Gowerton comprehensive pupil, Ioan Herbert recently represented Wales U16's in Scotland beating them 40 - 18.

6.Local residents have been very complimentary on the Floral displays throughout the village.

7.Attended the Successful "Joshfest" with fellow Councillors.   Organiser, Cllr June Merrills organised the event and raised over £2000 to be donated to the charity" Mind, a much -valued charity.

8. As a member of SCVS I attended a presentation given by HM Lord lieutenant, Mrs Louise Fleet who encouraged all constituted voluntary groups in Swansea to consider nomination for the "Kings award" with information available online.

9.Attended OVW Innovative practice conference-" Planning ahead for a challenging future" to be reported at next meeting.

**43 Public Question Time**

Four local residents attended with questions regarding Agenda item 15 (Minute number 48) Three of the residents asked questions regarding Agenda item 15. It was suggested that they forward the list of questions on to the Clerk via Email and these would be responded to in a timely manner.

**44 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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| 16 | 04/06/2025 | HP Instant Ink | June ink | 20.99 |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | 05/06/2025 | Clerk | Travel expenses to auditor | 30.6 |  |  |  |  |
| 18a | 09/06/2025 | One Voice Wales | Inv 9298 | 40 |  |  |  |  |
| 18b | 09/06/2025 | One Voice Wales | Inv 9356 | 42 |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | 09/06/2025 | One Voice Wales | Inv 9340 | 42 |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | 09/06/2025 | One Voice Wales | Inv 9327 | 42 |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | 09/06/2025 | Lyn Llewellyn | Audit 24-25 | 445 |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | 10/06/2025 | Moneysoft | Annual licence | 108 |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | 17/06/2025 | Clerk | Phone allowance June | GDPR |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | 18/06/2025 | Nest | Pension | GDPR |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | 18/06/2025 | HMRC | Month 2 tax/NI | GDPR |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 18/06/2025 | Bay Landscapes Ltd | Inv 02500 | 264 |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | 18/06/2025 | R Tanner | Kit S137 Payment | 300 |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | 18/06/2025 | Bay Landscapes Ltd | Inv 02501 | 360 |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | 23/06/2025 | Clerk | Office Allowance Qtr 1 | GDPR |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | 25/06/2025 | Clerk | Salary - June | GDPR |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Total payments | 3184.36 |  | Balance @ 25/6/25 | 26646.58 |
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Forthcoming payments for approval

Bay Landscapes Ltd £264

Clerk Salary GDPR

Pension GDPR

HMRC GDPR

HP Instant Ink Monthly cost £20

Quarter 1 budget report was approved by Council.

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| **Quarter 1 Budget report**  | **Apr - June** | **25-26** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Detail** | **Budget to date** | **Actual to date** | **Variance to date** | **Annual Budget** | **Budget left** |  | **Comments** |  |
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| **Salaries**  | 3006 | 3006 | 0 | 12025 | 9019 |   | Net salary |  |
|  **Pension Cont EE and ER** | 574 | 284 | 291 | 2297 | 2013 |   | Employee and employer contributions to Nest |  |
| **HMRC** | 1227 | 588 | 639 | 4907 | 4319 |   | 2 months |  |
| **Clerk Expenses** | 325 | 348 | -23 | 1300 | 952 |   | Includes Qtr 1 office allowance |  |
| **Chair Allowance** | 125 | 0 | 125 | 500 | 500 |   |  |  |
| **General Admin** | 100 | 48 | 52 | 400 | 352 |   |  |  |
| **Subs and Fees** | 673 | 2000 | -1327 | 2692 | 692 |   | Temple, audit, OVW, moneysoft all paid. |  |
| **Remuneration** | 507 | 0 | 507 | 2028 | 2028 |   | Based on 13 Councillors |  |
| **Grounds Maintenance** | 800 | 720 | 80 | 3200 | 2480 |   | 3 months |  |
| **Floral Displays** | 775 | 0 | 775 | 3100 | 3100 |   | Paid end of year usually. |  |
| **Events** | 1350 | 0 | 1350 | 5400 | 5400 |   | xmas lights |  |
| **Training** | 125 | 166 | -41 | 500 | 334 |   |  |  |
| **S137 payments** | 250 | 300 | -50 | 1000 | 700 |   | Kit for Gowerton RFC under 7s |  |
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| **Total** | **9837** | **7460** | **2377** | **39349** | **31889** |  |   |   |
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**45. 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. Quote has been received and grant has been applied for.

Email requesting funding for Gowerton Under 7’s kit – to be discussed as an agenda item. Update – Money has been paid out. Clerk received a message from Colin Charvis who has set up a company and wants to provide free kit. Clerk gave details of R Tanner and Mr Charvis said he would contact Mr Tanner to discuss.

Cllr Guard had been approached by a resident who likes to read ward members reports. Clerk had not included full report in the minutes to reduce printing costs but going forward, the reports will appear on the Community Council website and a hard copy will be available at the Library.

Clerk emailed documents to Pedwr regarding Proposed Development at Fairwood terrace as requested by chair.

Reply received following Clerks email to the Senedd regarding proposed changes with Dentists.

**46. Planning Applications & Planning Matters**

**Application No: 2025/0656/FUL**

Date Registered: 29.05.2025 Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 258054 195378 Development Type: Householder

Location: Hillside, Cae Mansel Road, Three Crosses, Swansea, SA4 3HN

Proposal: Incorporation of land into residential curtilage, single storey side extension and first floor rear extension (Amended plan received) Applicant: Mr John Stainton Agent: Mr Tony Collins

**Application No: 2025/1227/FUL**

Date Registered: 27.05.2025 Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 258429 196166 Development Type: Householder

Location: Llwyndyrys , Uplands, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3ET

Proposal: Front dormer extension over garage and three rear rooflights Applicant: Mr & Mrs Morgan Agent: Mr Robert Bowen

**Application No: 2025/1333/TPO**

 Date Registered: 09.06.2025 Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 259429 195598 Development Type: Tree Preservation Orders

 Location: 12 Gower Rise, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3DZ Proposal: To lop three Sycamore trees and fell one Ash tree covered by TPO 414

Applicant: Mr Mark Powell Agent: Mr Nick Thomas

**Application No: 2025/1409/PLD**

Date Registered: 19.06.2025 Electoral Division: Gowerton - Area 2 Status: Being Considered Map Ref: 258705 196357 Development Type: All Others (CPLDS, Prior etc)

 Location: 2 Mount Street, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3EJ

Proposal: Installation of solar panels to the front and rear elevations Applicant: Mrs Sarah Dow Agent:

**There were no objections from GCC to any of the planning applications presented.**

**47. Gowerton Ward Councillors Update**

Cllrs Susan Jones and Dai Jenkins produced reports of meetings attended and actions taken during the month of June which can be found on their social media accounts or the website of Gowerton Community Council.

**48. Proposed development at Fairwood Terrace – Cllr Pat Evans.**

Cllr Wayne Erasmus called for item 15 to be brought forward. Cllr Holt seconded the motion.

Cllr Erasmus asked as a Community Council what are we doing? Cllr Evans said she submitted her statement to Pedw but there was an admin error and asked to re send. Cllr Evans sent a letter of complaint to MPS and requested for a re submission.

Residents who asked questions are going to email in a list of questions to be answered by Ward Members.

**49. 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. **Update – a reply has been received and sent on to all Councillors.**

**50. Problems with security at Car Park near the Commercial Pub – Cllr Lyneth Howells.**

Resolved to Contact Swansea Council to ask if CCTV and improved lighting is a possibility?

**51. 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. No reply has been received to date – Clerk to follow up.

**52. Update on Doctors Surgery**

Email from Barrie Matthews who said they are having a meeting this month and will update us after the meeting. No reply has been received to date – Clerk to follow up.

**53. 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.

**Update – Grant has been applied for.**

**54. Set date of next meeting.**

There will not be a meeting during the month of August.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at the Con Club in Gowerton.

**Meeting closed at 20:23**

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

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