MAY REPORT 2025: Cllr Dai Jenkins Monthly Report

**Save Gowerton from Gridlock** – Outline planning is refused by Swansea City Council Persimmon -have now appealed to PEDW (Welsh Government inspectorate) – well it’s now in the hands of PEDW. Cllr Sue Jones and myself issued a joint written statement highlighting the lack of amenities the extra 500 cars on this 213-housing development would cause not just Gowerton Ward but all public who drive through Gowerton. I have never spoken to anyone who is in favour of this development. PEDW could make a decision, defer to Welsh Government or ask for a hearing to listen to more evidence. For now, it’s a waiting game.

**LDP2 (Local Development Plan Version 2)** we are at stage 2 and 3, early stages, when we move to stage 4 there will be extra information available to the public.

**Gowerton Park Road Park and ELBA uplifts** – A} Teenage ride now purchased, and it is envisaged ride will be placed in park around July 2025, weather permitting of course. B} Two picnic benches ordered again hopefully will be in place before schools break for summer recess.

**Path from Fairwood to Station Road** – Another set back so chased this 17th May and asked for a full complaint and escalation by 17th June 2025 if we are still getting nowhere. I can only apologise for the continued delay and assure you I am lobbying at the highest level possible to get this path open.

**Mobility access** – awaiting a reply from cabinet member.

**Route 16** -. It’s up and running where 16 will head up to the traffic lights by Ming Fai, turn right, stop by Nomads, travel down Sterry Road, up Cecil Road turn right past Library, and then right again down Hill Street, then back along Sterry Road and then stop outside laundry shop and then continue onwards up Gorwydd Road through Waunarlwydd and into Swansea city centre.

**Supernumerary Bus Shelter** - Plans progressing to relocate bus shelter that is now outside new chemist to Bryn Y Mor Road near Ballard Estate. This is going to take place, it’s just a question of when so I will continue to monitor and chase.

**PUP** – Pick up Poop campaign launched in Gowerton for residents to report to me any dog poo now picked up so I can report and keep a record, posters placed round the village to support campaign, on-going campaign.

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**Penclawdd Rd –** Just before the sign to Mrs Moyes’ Gower horse carriage school on right hand side, footpath has collapsed. Barriers now in place email sent asking for an update by mid-June 2025 of an estimated timeframe on when a permanent fix will take place.

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**GRIP (Gowerton Road Improvement Plan) Walked** You will be aware that I walked the village videoing hot spots for road improvements and have an ongoing GRIP Campaign and continue to lobby to resolve problematic road surfaces in Cae Mansel Road, \*upper and lower sections -crossroads by surgery and Mill Street and Mount Street(lower). Cae Mansel Road on list from April 2026 for full re-surface, one part can’t wait that long so trying to get a jet patcher up there asap. Mount Street lower didn’t make the list but Mill Street and crossroads by Surgery did, and we are hoping those will be resurfaced by November 2025, or sooner as long as the weather doesn’t inhibit any development in the program.

**Penclawdd Road Risk Assessment** – Walked Rake & Riddle to Cefn Stylle placed Health & Safety risk assessment to highways found barriers from road to field are inadequate, with poor street lighting. Risk of slip and trips from height and into water. Highways have agreed to pass my findings to their preferred risk assessors for extra investigation. Chased and awaiting update and reply.

**Cleansing Team** – Great work in Bryn y Mor Road

**Lane between Cecil Road and Park Road Railings** –. Residents sent a letter 15th May informing them of improvement and asking if there are any objections. It’s hoped that a handrail and small step will be implemented so its safer for the public then to use this short cut, which they have been doing for many years anyway.

 **New Bin Cycle Track** – Meeting set for June to see if that can be made possible near a bench that attracts lots of litter. Fence issue Yr Hen Golau, Speed camera request Gorwydd Rd,

**Glanmorfa tree cutting-** Been chasing this since 2022! Latest advice from Team Leader of Tree section is this ----- ‘This work is still on our books, and we will be back during this year to carry on with the work. I don’t agree however that these trees are considered ‘dangerous’ They have dropped branches in the past but didn’t lose any of great size during storm Darragh in December. These trees are just very large and a species prone to dropping occasional branches hence why I agreed to fell them. When we have the right resources to hand and have gone some way to catching up with the backlogged work from storm Darragh we will be back on site’. I asked the question in scrutiny is it acceptable to be waiting two years for a request and was advised **“yes”** two years is acceptable as it’s a “desirable” job request not an urgent or dangerous one. Cllr Small disagrees and I am liaising with her on what next to do here.

**Elba Street** -Working with Highways officers and Cllr Sue Jones on road safety issues and future improvements if possible.

**Cae Mansel Road** -Working with Highways officers and Cllr Sue Jones on road safety issues and future improvements if possible

**Miscellaneous** – Wall/Fence dispute deadlock, Japanese Knotweek issues, housing issue, Manholes issues, fallen street stump issues, overflowing bins, wildflower cut query, Blue Badge query.

**MEETINGS**

 1.5.25 Full Council Guildhall.

2.5.5 Meeting Cllr June Merrells at the Hive, Gowerton RFC.

2.5.25 Meeting with Gowerton Glitterati volunteer group.

3.5.25 Spoke in International May Day workers Day Rally Castle Square.

5.5.25 Twinning association meeting.

6.5.25 Scrutiny Meeting (Service Improvement and Finance)

7.5.5 Gowerton Community Council Meeting Conservative Club.

12.5.5 Online meeting with Cllr Joines and planning Officer regards Fairwood Terrace appeal development.

14.5.5 Online pre–Trees Service Scrutiny Meeting.

15.5.25 Online annual County Council meeting.

16.5.25 New Mayor of Swansea and Deputy Mayor appointment ceremonial Council at Guildhall.

19.5.25 Grant Enquiry Scrutiny Panel online meeting 2pm.

19.5.25 Trees Service Scrutiny Meeting Guildhall 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

19.5.25 SummerFun volunteers group meeting Commercial 7pm to 8pm.

19.5.25 Meeting Cllr Lyndon Jones and Carl Jones Harvester discussing appeal for Fairwood Terrace 216 development and next steps.

20.5.25 1pm site meeting with officers and residents at Rake and Riddle car park regards transport queries.

30.5.5 Met with Highways officer, Cllr Sue Jones and many residents both at Elba Street at 4.30pm and then Cae Mansel Road at 5.20pm to discuss road safety concerns and possible improvement plan moving forward.

30.5.5 Gowerton Glitterati meeting 7.30pm Gowerton Conservative Club.

**Coming Up.**

Summer Childrens Trips – Organised by PC Laura Anthony swp6367 splash coach trips over summer have been arranged. Cllr Jones and I have given money towards the coaches from our Ward budgets to support this worthwhile event. Big thank you to Cllr Wendy Lewis of Waunarwlydd, who recognising that Waunarlwydd Pupils also attend Gowerton Schools and would be on the coaches has also donated from the Waunarwlydd Ward budget, so £1000 between us in total.

**New Road Surface Gorwydd Road opposite Pobl Development –** Will check road outside development when last house is built

**Radar Key** – Liaising with freedom to leisure to hopefully facilitate a toilet facility using disability radar key down the Elba. Was advised that due to vandalism in past its not possible, so I have asked to escalate the request to higher management as it’s a shame that disabled residents with radar keys have to miss out because of any possible hooligan element which must be years ago anyway. On-going and trying hard to get Freedom to Leisure to have a change of heart.

**Outside Table Tennis Table** – Working on this to be supplied around same time as skate park down Elba.

**Park Road Park** – Working on enhancements to improve facilities for residents from 3 to 103! Watch this space by June or July 2025 depending on the weather.

**Motley Mount** – Cllr Jones and I along with active travel are pleased now to see enhancements- at the green area outside Motley Pies, the train sculpture is in place, as are the two fantastic new picnic benches and bike stands all we now need is that reference sign highlighting that Gowerton South Railway station was in that vicinity, that’s hoped to be in place and operational on or before Summer 2025

**Smart Bench** – Smart Bench is evolving and may well be a covered small seating meeting area, when that’s installed, I will be looking at securing a wi-fi charging station, I want this in the Elba, will liaise with Freedom to Leisure as area highlighted now for larger Skate Park. I have liaised with officer and am awaiting quotes and artists impression. Met officer at Elba and Park Road Park, latter is on order, as for Elba, it was decided to investigate having a table around the lamp post and three Gabion type benches around said table…Ongoing progress but developing ahead.

**Large Skate Park** – Email to attend meeting on 6th May – with all stakeholders, hopefully this will be in place by summer 2026.

**Pelican Crossing** - On site visit with Cllr Sue Jones and Alan Ferris to discuss Victoria Road, ongoing with ballpark figure of 60K. – Still no update from Alan – ongoing- Complicated by fact new Fairwood Development have offered to deal and pay for a crossing if they gain planning permission for their new development. Long term project on going. (Persimmon have lost outline planning, but awaiting result if/when they appeal to Welsh Government)

**Missing walk/cycle link on B4295.**  Working with fellow Gowerton Councillor Susan Jones and Penclawdd Councillor Andrew Williams plus missing link action group. it has been agreed that the route it will take is alongside the pavement, taking the old railway line route where possible. A survey, costings and report will now be produced and then passed for funding. This process is going to take a good two years to implement, but we will appraise you all whenever there is an update. (ongoing) Brought this up at Community Council who are in process of writing to Swansea council and Active Travel to see where on the “pecking” order this missing walk/cycle track is.

**Walking and cycle path – new** walking path behind Pobl development Gorwydd Road- not taking place sorry .Whilst an initial site meeting and discussions took place with Morganstone and Pobl regarding their Gorwydd Road development, unfortunately insufficient land existed within their curtilage for a footpath to be connect to the existing adjacent development on the old cattle mart site.   None of the land within the development either is within Council ownership.  The only section of land within Council ownership is a small slivver between the new development and the old cattle mart site, none of who’s roads or footpaths have become adopted highways either.

New Bus Stop shelter – Confirmation received that this “will” take place it’s just a question of when (on-going)

**Gowerton Glitterati** – Next events Glitterati Gathering Get together 9th June as one member is 60 that day. 4th July supporting Conservative Club with a pre “Gowerton Trail” completion at 6pm, before their singer starts at 9pm (watch Facebook for advertising opportunities}

Gowerton Dog Show – A great success for 3rd year running now liaising with Llys Nini for a date for April 2026 as both teams so busy need to diarise that far in advance.

 **Gowerton Summerfun –**. Combined Churches’ Community Songs of Praise 5th July - Christmas Events Day 13th December

Next Surgery Rechabite Hall 10am 28th June 2025, or email me anytime cllr.dai.jenkins@swansea.gov.uk or text me 07954426080

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