

COUNCIL SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL to be held at the Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, Loughor and to be held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and by means of Microsoft Teams on Monday NEXT the 8th April,2024 commencing at 7.15pm.

Press and Public are invited to attend online but should give prior notice to the Clerk at clerk@llwchwrtaowncouncil.gov.uk and detail any question they wish to submit. The agenda will be as follows-

1. Mayor's Announcements
2. Apologies for absence.
3. To receive disclosures of Personal Interests from Members under the Council's Code of Conduct.
(Note: Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their Personal Interest relates to. Where the Personal Interest is a Prejudicial Interest they must withdraw from the meeting while that item of business is discussed.)
4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 4th March,2024 (copy enclosed).
5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes, if any.
6. To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 4th March,2024(copy enclosed).
7. To receive the Minutes of the Functions Sub-Committee held on the 4th March,2024 (copy enclosed).
8. To receive a report on current policing activity.
9. To consider correspondence received, if any.
10. To receive reports from Members attending meetings/functions.
Presentation by Councillor Judith Williams-use of I.T., Websites and Social Media.
11. To consider the Report of the Clerk (copy enclosed).
12. To consider the Planning Report (copy enclosed).
13. Any other business which the Chair determines to be urgent.
14. To consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public during consideration of the next item of business due to the confidential nature of the matters to be considered.
15. To consider the Further Report of the Clerk (copy attached).

Dated this 4th April,2024.

Clerk to the Council

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Llŵchwr Town Council held at the Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, Loughor and on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and by means of Microsoft Teams on the 4th March,2024.

PRESENT: Councillor David Walters (Chair)
Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, A. Davis, M. Davis, I.James, A. Phillips, C. Phillips, K. Roberts (remote access), R. Smith, W. Smith, N. Walters, J. Williams and M. Williams.

(At the Welfare Hall and by Remote Access: 7.27 pm – 8.48 pm)

142. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that Councillor Rob Smith's father had sadly passed away- all Members and staff stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

143. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors P. Parsons, C. Richards, and R. Williams.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J. Bowen declared an Interest in Minute 153 (c) (i) and withdrew from the meeting while the matter was discussed.

145. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 5th February,2024 be confirmed as a correct record save that-

- i) paragraph x) should be added to Minute No.126 and should read" a photograph of the Mayor's Presentation and a few sentences on each Event should be sent to the Council's Website Manager as soon as possible after the Event so that they can be uploaded to the Council's website."
- ii) Minute No.134 should now read-"The Police Report had been received. Members requested some guidance from the Clerk on what are the Police's obligations to attending and presenting content to Town Councils."
- iii) Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Minute No.137 (d) should now read-
 - 3-The Clerk was asked to enquire with HeartBeat Trust/Swansea Council where defibrillator units had been installed in the Llŵchwr area.
 - 4-One list of all Town Council defibrillators and dates when they are serviced to be presented by the Clerk to Council every 6 months. The list to be kept updated and checked to ensure regular services are taking place."

146. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

147. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/ Trustees held on the 5th February,2024 as amended were noted and agreed.

148. FUNCTIONS SUB COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 5th February,2024 as amended were noted and agreed.

149. POLICE REPORT

The Police Report had been received.

150. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received an e mail offering a Portrait of the King-the Report was **NOTED**.

151. MEMBERS REPORTS

There were no Reports.

152. PRESENTATION FROM COUNCILLOR JUDITH WILLIAMS-USE OF I.T.,WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

It was **RESOLVED** that-

- i)a List of Decisions would be prepared by the Clerk after each Meeting of the Town Council, Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees and Functions Sub Committee and such List would be placed on the Council's website within 7 days of such Meetings.
- ii)Swansea City Councillors will use @swansea.gov.uk e mail addresses; Town Councillors will communicate via the Clerk.
- iii)the Newsletter, I.T., Website and Social Media Sub committee will be convened to consider-
 - Whats App Council Group
 - Council Social Media Accounts
 - Social Media Protocol
 - Online Calendar
- iv)the Council's back up procedures and systems would need to be discussed.
- v)the Clerk was to attend a data protection course and the fee was authorised.

153. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Police Matters

The Police Report had been received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised-

Flowers	£35.00
Dorian Heel Bar	£380.00
Cawl a Chan Float	£300.00
Postage	£100.00
Clarity Copiers	£45.30
Lead	£7.00

(c) Grants

(i) Casllwchwr Food Bank

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

1-a Grant of £500.00 would be awarded but receipts would be required.

2-a bin for food donations would be purchased and placed in the Welfare Hall.

(ii) Swansea Falcons Cheerleaders

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that a Grant of £200.00 would be awarded.

(d) Defibrillators

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that one list of all Town Council defibrillators and dates when they have been serviced to be presented to Members every 6 months-the list to be kept updated and checked to ensure regular services are taking place.

(e) Flooding on Culfor Road

The Clerk's Report and verbal update by Councillor Michael Williams were **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

i) representatives of Welsh Water would be invited to attend a future Meeting of the Town Council to deal with Members' queries in respect of the Gowerton Treatment Plant.

ii) representatives of Active Travel would be invited to attend a future Meeting of the Town Council to deal with Members' queries in respect of the cyclepath.

iii) the Clerk to e mail Swansea Council Drainage Department to confirm what measures are being taken following the site visit and to confirm the position generally with regard to drainage.

iv) the Clerk to e mail Swansea Council's Rights of Way Officer to reconsider attending a site visit in respect of the flooding of the bridleway and cyclepath.

(f) Police

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**.

(g) Cost of Living Allowance

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

i) the Council had agreed to purchase a bin for food storage in the Welfare

Hall.

ii)the Council already hosted Warm Hub/Coffee mornings.

(h)Penyrheol School Students and Climate Issues

The Clerk's Report and verbal update by Councillor Jeff Bowen were **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

i)three Councillors would meet the School Representatives at a date to be agreed.

ii)the pupils had concerns with regard to planting more trees, bee houses bird houses and cleaning up the riverside.

154. PLANNING REPORT

i)Application No.2024/0277

The Council had no objections.

ii)2B Swansea Road, Garden Village

The Council had objections on highways grounds.

155. URGENT ITEMS

The Clerk confirmed that as regards the payment of Members Remuneration that Members were required to reclaim the overpayment of tax in the current financial year personally but that as regards the next financial all such remuneration would be paid in full and no tax would be deducted.

156. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next items due to the confidential nature of the matters under discussion.

157. FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the payments referred to in the Report be authorised.

(b)The Clerk and the Caretaker

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**.

(c)Councillor Ron Williams

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** to grant dispensation as set out in the Report.

(b) Receipts and Payments

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**.

Chair

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

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PRESENT: Councillors Ireen James, Jeff Bowen (Joint Chairs)
Councillors S. Beynon, A. Davis, M. Davis ,A. Phillips, C. Phillips,
K. Roberts (remote attendance), R. Smith, W. Smith,
D. Walters , N. Walters, J. Williams and M. Williams.

(At the Welfare Hall and by Remote Access: 7.05 pm – 7.26 pm)

51. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors P. Parsons, C. Richards, and R. Williams.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

53. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th February,2024 be confirmed as a correct record save that the following should be added to Minute No.50-“the Clerk would accompany Councillor Phillips in the purchase of the equipment.”

54. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

55. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a)Payments

It was noted that the following payment had been made by Direct Debit-
Virgin Media £70.80

The following payment was authorised
Swansea Council-Asbestos Report £761.10

(b)Users

The Clerk’s Report was **NOTED**.

Councillor Nia Walters reported that she had been approached by Swansea Council with a view to that Authority hiring the Hall for digital training-it was

RESOLVED that the Hall could be offered for hire at a discounted rate of £50.00

(c) Refurbishment Works

(i) List of Further Works

Councillor Jeff Bowen gave a verbal update-he had inspected the Hall on the 29th February and as a result presented a List of Further Works; it was

RESOLVED that-

1-the blinds were to be installed prior to the deep clean and then the windows would be cleaned.

2-the items noted as urgent on the List would be given priority.

3-payment of floor brackets to secure the screen in the balcony area was authorised.

(ii) It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should immediately supply the Caretaker with an Asbestos Register-the Caretaker should ensure all Contractors sign it to signify receipt of the Asbestos Report prepared by Swansea Council.

(iii) It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should initial the Inspection Report prepared by the Caretaker in respect of his inspection of the alarms and lighting.

(iv) Porch

Councillor Jeff Bowen gave a verbal update-drier weather was required but hopefully a quotation could be supplied to allow a Grant Application;further work was required to ascertain the cause of the dampness.

(v) External Fire Escape

Councillor Jeff Bowen's verbal update was **NOTED**.

(vi) Deep Clean

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that the deep clean would not now take place until after the blinds had been installed.

(vii) Plumbing Works

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** the radiator was not working correctly and the Clerk was to contact the Contractor; in the meantime payment of the Contractor's Invoice would not be authorised.

(viii) Grant

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

1-the Grant Team required quotations for the four non Apple type of iPads units

2-the Council wished to apply for 30% of the Grant to be paid up front-the monies to be utilised for I.T. equipment.

3-any publicity relating to the Grant will have to use specific logos and be approved in advance by the Grant Team.

4-the Grant Team required a short quote stating what impact Rural Anchor funding will have on the work of the Town Council and Members approved the wording in the Report.

(d)Wheelchair

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-
1-payment of the fee of £355.49 was authorised.
2-the old wheelchair could be donated to St.John Ambulance.

(e)Receipts and Payments

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED**.

56. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

Chair

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LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held at the Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, Loughor and on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and by means of Microsoft Teams on the 4th March,2024.

PRESENT: Councillor David Walters (Chair)

Councillors S. Beynon, J. Bowen, A. Davis, M. Davis, I.James, A. Phillips, C. Phillips, K .Roberts (remote access), R. Smith, W. Smith, N. Walters, J. Williams and M. Williams.

(At the Welfare Hall and by Remote Access: 8.49 pm – 9.08 pm)

51. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors P. Parsons, C. Richards, and R. Williams.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

53. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th February,2024 be confirmed as a correct record save that the following amendments should be

made-

Minute No.49 (i)-the heading should read-Cawl a Chan 2024-15th March 2024

Minute No.49 (ii)-the heading should read-Annual Dinner 2024-12th April,2024

Minute No.49 (iii)-the heading should read-Awards Evening 2024-19th April,2024

54. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

55. CLERK'S REPORT

(i)Cawl a Chan 2024-15th March,2024

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

a)the Event would commence at 6.00 pm

b)there would be a raffle

c)authorisation be given for any expenditure associated with the Event

(ii)Annual Dinner 2024-12th April,2024

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

a)catering by the Globe Inn be authorised

b)purchase of bouquets of flowers be authorised

c)Clerk and Caretaker to cover bar

d)raffle proceeds to be paid into Mayor's Account and bar takings to be paid into main Town Council Account

e)invites to be sent out by the 14th March-replies by the 4th April

f)Councillor J. Bowen to be Master of Ceremonies

(iii)Awards Evening 2024

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk to forward to Members the current List of Nominations.

(iv)Other Events

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that on the

9th March a Coffee Morning/Warm Hub Event would be held at the Welfare Hall between 11.00 am to 1.00 pm and that there would also be an Art Exhibition at

Parc Williams.

56. OTHER COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

No other Functions were discussed.

Chair

Agenda Item 11

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Date 8th April,2024

REPORT OF THE CLERK

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11-Parc Solar Caenewydd

12-Town and Community Council Forum

Dated this 4th April,2024.

Agenda Item 11

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Date 8th April,2024

Report of the Clerk

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1-Police Matters

At the time of writing this Report no Police Report has been received.

2-Accounts for Payment

The following Accounts need to be authorised-

Laundering of tablecloths	£102.00
WIX	£201.60
Office Power(stationery)	£62.99
Food Donation crate	£49.20
Cawl a Chan expenses-Cllr. I.James	£128.07
Cawl a Chan expenses-Cllr. C. Richards	£38.34
Vaughton-Mayor's Bar	£110.89
RBS	£230.40

3-Grants

a)Royal British Legion(to be provided for under S.137 LGA 1972)

The Clerk has received the following request for financial assistance. The Applicant has previously received funding from the Town Council as follows-

£120.00 March 2006

The Applicant has supplied financial details-they have £2,600.00 in the Bank.

“Dear Mr Havard

My name is Annette Edwards and I am the current Treasurer for the Gorseinon & Loughor branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL).

At our last branch meeting I was requested by the Chairman Mr Philip Sillick and the President Malcom Curtis to contact to request a council donation of £750.00 for member welfare and admin costs please.

If accepted either make a bank transfer to HSBC account No 11003356 sort code 40-22-15 or send me a cheque to bank made out to RBL Gorseinon & Loughor, my address is 26 Pencefnarda Road, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4FY.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Annette Edwards “

b)West Street Gymnastics Centre(to be considered under S.19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Clerk has received the following request for financial assistance.

The applicant has previously received Grant assistance from the Council as follows-

July 2018 £600.00

May 2019 £500.00

January 2022 £600.00

November 2022 £600.00

The applicant has forwarded their financial details-they have £53,777.00 in the Bank but have stated-“ This account holds the fundraising for a major roof repair that we have upcoming.”

“_My name is Lisa Thomas, and I am the Head coach of Acrobatic Gymnastics at West Street Gymnastics Centre in Gorseinon, Swansea.

At the recent Welsh National Acrobatic Championships on Sunday 25th February in Cardiff we qualified 17 local children (80% of the Welsh National Team) to take part in the Caledonia Home Nations Cup in Scotland in April 2024. Those 17 gymnasts have also been given a place in the Welsh National Squad for the next 6 months which involves travelling across Wales for training sessions which cost £25 per session.

From the Welsh Championships in February we have also qualified 24 gymnasts to compete at the British Championships in Stoke on Trent in May 2024.

The gymnasts who have qualified for the International range from 10 – 19 years old and train at West Street 3-4 times a week.

I am a Loughor resident and I have been successful in being chosen as the lead Welsh coach for the International.

The gymnastics centre is a huge part of the local community offering affordable gymnastics classes from babies to adults 7 days a week and relies heavily on the efforts of volunteers to keep running.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children but unfortunately given the cost and the timing of the trip many of them will struggle financially to afford it.

The trip is going to cost approx £500 per Gymnast and as Acrobatic Gymnastics isn't an Olympic sport it is not going to be funded in any part by Welsh Gymnastics. We are looking to fundraise as much of the £8,500 as possible to allow them all to take up this opportunity and participate in the International which will earn them Welsh Feathers which will be a first for them all.

The costs include the gymnast's entry fee of £70 each, costs for their accommodation, flights and transfers.

Thank you in advance for any donation you may be able to make “

Lisa Thomas

West Street Gymnastics Club”

4-Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

The Clerk has now received the Panel's Report for 2024 and sets out the Allowances available for Members-

i)Extra Costs

Members of Community and Town Councils will be paid £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power, and broadband) of working from home-this payment unless Members opt out by informing the Clerk in writing. This payment is no longer taxable.

ii) Consumables

Councils must either pay their Members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable Members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

iii) Mayor

Mayor-Optional; up to a maximum of £1,500.

iv) Attendance Allowance

Optional- Each council can decide to introduce an attendance allowance for members. The amount of each payment must not exceed £30. A member in receipt of financial loss will not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event.

v) Financial Loss

Optional- Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:

- the figures for 2024 are now set at £119.62 for a full day and £59.81 for a half day.

vi) Travel and Subsistence

Optional- Community and town councils can decide to make payments to each of their members in respect of travel and or subsistence costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances.

vii) Cost of Care or Personal Assistance

Mandatory- All community and town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by Members to enable them to carry out their approved duties.

Traditionally the Town Council have paid the Extra Costs Allowance-£156.00-to Members unless an individual Member informs the Clerk that he/she does not require the Allowance .It is proposed to adopt the same procedure this year and Members are requested to inform the Clerk by the 30th April if they do not require the Allowance.

There is now also a payment of £52.00 towards consumables and Members are requested to confirm whether each Member should receive this amount or each Member to submit relevant receipts.

Traditionally the only other Allowance paid is to the Mayor on the occasion of the AGM.

5-One Voice Wales

The Clerk has received the following e mail-

“Dear Clerk

Please bring this letter to the attention of your Chair and Councillors.

Membership of One Voice Wales 2024/25

I am writing to invite your council to renew its membership to join One Voice Wales from April 2024. Once again, the past year has seen many positive developments to our services and for the community and town council sector in general, many of which are outlined in this letter, which we believe add significantly to the value for money offered by One Voice Wales membership.

We continue to represent the sector in a wide variety of ways – we regularly meet with the Minister for Finance and Local Government Rebecca Evans MS and we continue to represent the sector on the **Local Government Partnership Council**. During 2023-24 we have once again made strong representation on the role the sector can play in supporting sustainable local services and supporting the Local Government Reform agenda amongst others. We have maintained and further enhanced our working relationships with the Welsh Government, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the WCVA strengthening the voice of the sector within the public services family in Wales and improving working relations with the Third Sector.

One Voice Wales continues to make significant contributions to public policy developments through our representation on several Welsh Government advisory panels including the **Climate Change Panel, Ystadau Cymru Working Group, Ministerial Towns Action Advisory Group, Welsh Government Litter Advisory Panel, Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing, Welsh Government Diversity in Democracy Working Group, Welsh Government Democratic Health Task and Finish Group, Older Persons Commissioner Age Friendly Steering Group, Welsh Government Advisory Board on Resourceful Communities as well as Understanding Welsh Places Advisory Board**. One Voice Wales is playing an ever-increasing role in the development of resources for the sector, for example, through our **Local Places for Nature Officer** in our team

who has helped hundreds of councils to date on environmental projects and issues; and following funding off Public Health Wales via Save a Life Cymru we were able to establish the post of **Community CPR and Defibrillator Manager** in the team who helped hundreds of community and town councils in 2023/24 in developing this critically important agenda. We also played a significant role working with the Welsh Government and SLCC colleagues in the development of a **Finance and Governance Toolkit** for the sector which will help to drive up standards of working practice. We continue to work collaboratively with a range of other bodies including the **Local Government Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, Independent Remuneration Panel, Public Services Ombudsman and Audit Wales**. So, our ability to influence key stakeholder organisations continues to grow year on year.

In 2023/24 we were successful in our funding bid to the Welsh Government to recruit a Digital Project Manager and a Cost-of-Living crisis support team. Justin Horrell is delivering on a project plan to support councils in relation to digital approaches and will be instrumental in helping us develop a new website that will provide member councils with a wealth of up-to-date information include practice guidance in an easily accessible format. Our new Cost of Living crisis support team will be delivering on a project plan designed to support councils with a range of issues linked with the ongoing cost of living issues faced by communities in Wales. The funding will continue into the next two financial years.

Our representational role means that ***we have a direct interface not only with the Minister for Finance and Local Government but other Ministers*** where our sector's remit extends. During 2023-24 we made several representations to the ***Minister for Climate Change*** on a range of matters - on the need for greater resources for the sector, the need for digital skills and capabilities to be developed, the role community and town councils can play in town regeneration and community planning, how the sector can support the decarbonization agenda, devolution of services and asset transfer agenda and support for the sector to better engage on the green infrastructure agenda. During 2023-24 we have extended our ***representational role*** - One Voice Wales' many Councillors across Wales are increasingly able to provide their views on a wide range of policy areas to support our lobbying activities and ***influence government and stakeholder organisations*** in their decision-making. This includes representation on health trust stakeholder forums and several ***Public Services Boards***. These developments have improved and further developed our representational and lobbying roles and we will seek to further develop them in 2024-25.

Some of our other accomplishments over the past 12 months include:

- There has been a healthy increase in membership numbers during the year. Over 90% (89% previous year) of all councils in membership of One Voice Wales, or 670 (653 previous year) out of the 732 Councils in Wales and this is

the highest level of membership since One Voice Wales was formed. Plans are already in place to drive increases in membership in 2024-25.

- Through our Local Places for Nature Officer post, we have enabled over £1m of funding to be accessed by Community and Town Councils across Wales with a further £500,000 of projects having been worked up for 2023/24.

As current members are aware, we provide the following services outlined below, and we are aware from feedback from our members that all aspects of the service are highly valued.

- **Provision of free legal advice** from a team of experienced Solicitors which can save members significant time and cost compared with using local solicitors for advice (These savings can in many cases exceed the membership that is payable)
- **Quality and timely advice and support service** on topics relevant to member councils.
- **Training** for members and staff, including policy seminars and new working opportunities.
- **General information via our website including a members' area.**
- **Monthly** editions of our new '**E- Newsletter**' and wider forms of communication on social media by our new Communications Officer
- **Representation** of the sector on the Local Government Partnership Council.
- Creating **new opportunities for collaboration** with national organisations across Wales.

The training and development agenda is another area where much progress has been made during 2023-24 with the continued successful delivery of webinar-based training. Under the auspices of the **National Training Advisory Group**, chaired by One Voice Wales, we have continued to refine and develop and extend our training provision to the community and town council sector. Once again, the breadth of our training programmes has been extended and will be available to members throughout the year. To date it is very pleasing to see councils actively engaging in developing their skills and abilities as the sector's role grows in importance.

Furthermore, our **Consultancy Services** have been growing at a pace with many councils taking advantage of this service. We are increasingly able to provide 'One Stop Shop' solutions for our members and have supported our councils on **community planning exercises, HR and personnel matters including representation at Industrial Tribunals**, assisted in **policy development and health and safety** – and at **costs significantly below market rates**. Please contact the Ammanford Office if you would like further details on how we can support you through these services.

Importantly our role as a representative body has been significantly improved with a significant growth in our membership during 2023-24 – **at year end we had 670 local councils in membership or 91.5% of all community and town councils**.

I hope that this summary of current and future developments has demonstrated that One Voice Wales continues to do all it can to represent the sector, provide high-class information, and support service for our members.

For your council to have a voice in the future of this vital sector of local government, and to benefit from the support provided by One Voice Wales, please return the attached Membership Form by email or to our office in Ammanford – the address is at the top of this letter.

If you have any further queries relating to membership, please contact the office on 01269 595400 / 07917 846510 or email: tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales

I trust that your Council will give this invitation full consideration and I hope to be able to welcome you into membership shortly. I look forward to working with your council in 2024-25.

Yours sincerely,



Lyn Cadwallader
Chief Executive"

The renewal fee for membership of OVW is £1,789.00 and Members are asked to authorize payment.

6- Proposals for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/2025

Members views are sought for the nomination of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/2025.

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

1. Only existing Members of Council are eligible for nomination to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor.
2. A Member of Council is only eligible for nomination to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor if they have held office as a Councillor for a minimum term ie 5 years prior to holding office as Mayor.
- 3(a). Subject to (b) below the minimum term for eligibility for nomination will be the period running from the time a Councillor is first elected to the office of Councillor to the time when they are first re-elected to the said office.
(b) Provided always that any prior period of co-option or any period of office held by a Councillor elected part of the way through the term of office of all other Councillors will not count towards a minimum term but will count towards the long service referred to in 4 below.
- 4(a) Subject to 5 below, the order of priority for nomination to hold the office as Mayor or Deputy Mayor will fall to the longest serving Member of the Council provided always that they wish to accept the nomination.
(b) The term "longest serving Member" shall mean that Member of Council who has served the largest number of years as a Member of the Council.
- 5(a) A Member who has previously held the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor may be considered for a subsequent nomination to hold the office for a further term.
(b) However for the purposes of the definition of longest serving Member he or she will only be entitled to count those years of service on the Council which have accrued since he or she ceased to hold the office of Mayor.

- 6(a) At the Annual Meeting of Council the Mayor or person presiding will call for a nomination for the office of Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.
- (b) Upon a nomination being received in accordance with the criteria set out above, the Council will vote on whether to accept or reject the nomination in accordance with Standing Orders.
- (c) In the event of a nomination being rejected the person presiding at the meeting will call for a further nomination and the procedure in (b) above will be followed until such time as a nomination is accepted.

7. The procedure set out in 6 above will likewise be followed for the appointment of a Deputy Mayor.

Amended April 2018

Further amended 12th April 2021.

The list of Members and their respective periods of service are set out below

Councillor	When elected	Mayor	Years of service (after being Mayor if applicable)
Anthony Phillips	2022	Not been Mayor	2
Michael Williams	2022	Not been Mayor	2
Cynthia Phillips	1999;re elected 2004,2012,2017,2022	2017/18	6
Judith Williams	Elected 2017 Re elected 2022	Not been Mayor	7
Robert Smith	1999;re elected 2004,2008,2012,2017, 2022	2015/16	8
David Walters	2012;re elected 2017, 2022	2023/24	0
Ireen James	2004;re elected 2008,2012,2017,2022	2018/19	5
Christine Richards	2008;re elected 2012,2017,2022	2013/14	10
Mark Davis	Elected 2022	Not been Mayor	2
Jeff Bowen	2004;re elected 2008,2012,2017,2022	2011/12,2021/22, 2022/23	1

Kelly Roberts	Co opted 2015; Elected 2017 Re elected 2022	Not been Mayor	9
Sandra Beynon	Elected 2017 Re elected 2022	Not been Mayor	7
Ron Williams	1999;re elected 2004,2012,2017,2022	2016/17	7
Adam Davies	Elected 2017 Re elected 2022	Not been Mayor	7
Nia Walters	Elected 2022	Not been Mayor	2
Wilf Smith	Co opted 2016; Elected 2017 Re elected 2022	Not been Mayor	8
Peter Parsons	Co opted 2014, Re elected 2017,	Not been Mayor	10

7-Newsletter,I.T.,Website and Social Media Sub Committee

The Sub Committee convened on the 19th March and the Clerk sets out the Minutes. Members are requested to confirm the Minutes and to consider the Recommendations made by the Sub Committee.

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LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Newsletter, I.T., Website and Social Media Sub Committee held at the Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, Loughor on the 19th March,2024.

PRESENT: Councillor J. Williams(Chair)
Councillors A. Phillips, C. Richards, D. Walters, N. Walters,
and M. Williams.

(At the Welfare Hall : 7.04 pm – 8.27 pm)

1.APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor J. Williams was appointed Chair.

2.APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor D. Walters was appointed Vice Chair.

3.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Councillors A. Davis, J. Bowen, K. Roberts and W. Smith.

4.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. ITEMS DISCUSSED

a) Whats App Council Group

It was **NOTED** that such a Group could be useful for reminders but could not take the place of an actual Council Meeting or discussion.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that-

- i) a Whats App Group would be set up for reminders and prompts
- ii) the Clerk would be the Administrator
- iii) all Members to supply the Clerk with their mobile telephone numbers-any Member who does not have an appropriate device would be emailed
- iv) the Caretaker to be part of the Group.

b) Council Social Media Accounts

It was **NOTED** that-

- i) the Town Council has a social media/internet presence by virtue of its website and Facebook Account
- ii) the WGLA had issued Guidance-"Social Media-a Guide for Councillors"-the Guidance contains information in respect of the use of social media and the internet including the advantages and drawbacks of using such media.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that-

- i) the WGLA Guidance be emailed to all Members
- ii) the Council's Website Administrator would be the Clerk
- iii) the Council's Facebook Administrators would be Councillors C. Richards and K. Roberts
- iv) the Council would set up a Twitter Account.

c) Social Media Protocol

The Sub Committee discussed a checklist produced by Councillor J. Williams and also Social Media Protocols/Policies produced by two Town Councils in Wales.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that-

- i) the Clerk draft a Social Media Policy for the Town Council
- ii) delegated powers be granted to Councillors C. Richards and J. Williams to approve the terms of such a Policy.

d) Online Calendar

Councillor J. Williams demonstrated the Teamup system.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that-

- i) the Teamup system be adopted by the Town Council and would include Town Council Meetings, Events, leave and Hall Bookings.
- ii) the Clerk to be the administrator of the system.

iii) Councillors to have read only access save for the Mayor who would have editorial rights.

6-ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor N. Walters addressed the Sub Committee in respect of digital training and digital champions.

It was **NOTED** that a Grant of £500.00 had been received and that laptops and tablets were available for training purposes.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that-

- i) the initial focus would be to train Councillors
- ii) training would be in the Welfare Hall and Events such as coffee mornings could be utilized to promote training.

8-Flooding on Culfor Road

The Clerk sets out the Minutes from the last Meeting-

“ Flooding on Culfor Road

The Clerk's Report and verbal update by Councillor Michael Williams were **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

- i) representatives of Welsh Water would be invited to attend a future Meeting of the Town Council to deal with Members' queries in respect of the Gowerton Treatment Plant.
- ii) representatives of Active Travel would be invited to attend a future Meeting of the Town Council to deal with Members' queries in respect of the cyclepath.
- iii) the Clerk to e mail Swansea Council Drainage Department to confirm what measures are being taken following the site visit and to confirm the position generally with regard to drainage.
- iv) the Clerk to e mail Swansea Council's Rights of Way Officer to reconsider attending a site visit in respect of the flooding of the bridleway and cyclepath.”

As regards i) the Clerk has received the following e mail from Welsh Water-

“Thanks for your email replies of 18 and 28 February 2024. I'd like to answer your further points raised which I hope you'll find helpful. For ease I've listed your points below (in a bold font) and I've added our replies directly underneath for easier reading.

In relation to the above figures for the period 2019 to 2023 which in my calculation is a 4-year, not a 5-year period? but even so amounts to around one discharge every week (or more if it is a 4-year period)

The data that we've provided previously does cover a five-year period as requested. This annual data covers; 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. The overflow frequency was 41, 80,39,34 and 52 respectively.

The nature of these discharges (how many a minimal, moderate, or have severe effects on the water quality in the river?)

I've attached a copy of our Event Duration Monitoring (EDM) report, which I hope you'll find helpful. For further reading on how we monitor discharges into waterbodies, I've provided the following link, which I hope will be useful. You can access this [here](#)

Is there any stable pattern to these discharges or is there a tendency for them to be more, or less severe?

The operation of Storm Overflows (SO) prevents homes from flooding. As SOs are impacted by rainfall, it is fair to expect a considerably wet year to have more storm overflow activity. The SOs at Gowerton WwTW have been fairly consistent over recent years with a general reduction, although 2020 does show a spike, likely due to a difference in weather patterns and annual rainfall received that year. You can see in the data set attached – the duration of each overflow and the start and stop times – which show that the vast majority of overflows over the last 5 years, have happened during wetter months, and are less frequently required in the summer period.

Is there any link between housing development and an increase in incidents?

We can confirm that there's been no increase in any incidents relating to new developments. Our SOs are mostly impacted by weather conditions. It might also be helpful if I explain that the requirement for us in Wales is to ensure that all new developments (of 1 or more units) must utilise Sustainable Urban Drainage (SuDS) to help remove surface water from the developer's site/land.

How does the number of incidents at the Treatment Plant in Gowerton compare to others in Wales?

The operation of SOs is very subjective to the catchments it's in. It's influenced by lots of aspects such as topography of the land, the size of the catchment, how much non

permeable surfaces there are within it, the number of homes with surface water connected to the sewer, natural level of the water table of the drainage area, i.e., rivers, estuaries, and sea's etc. Therefore, individual overflows are not comparable as they will be dealing with different amount of water and other influences. In Wales, with agreement from Welsh Government, we are focusing on addressing SOs via environmental impact over operation frequency, for example a site could show us to be performing worse than our statistical data but may not be having any impact and one operating far less could be having a much greater impact.

On a wider note the Council would like to know what investment is planned for the Treatment Plant in Gowerton, given the considerable increases in local housing that are currently being undertaken, or the new sites that are proposed. We are aware that Welsh Water has been in breach of discharge limits on several sites in Wales and would like to know where the site in Gowerton is on any list of proposed improvements.

Gowerton has already had a side stream process installed called Peak Flow Equivalent Treatment (PFET) in recent years, to reduce storm overflow operation. It has been successful in treating flow that would otherwise have gone to storm tanks. However, we are still undertaking optimization and commissioning, as well as undertaking further inspections. Hopefully, this will allow us to meet the anticipated flow for the PFET system. This has not jeopardized the quality of the final effluent, which remains compliant with our quality permit conditions.

In relation to future investment we would also like to know what factors are being built in to cope with Global Warming?

We have many published documents online demonstrating our longer-term strategies and ambitions, including climate change. You can access our 'Climate Change Adaptation Report' by clicking [here](#)

Finally, turning to your most recent email relating to the Council's future meetings, our River Quality Manager or other appropriate colleagues would be more than happy to attend if you can kindly let us know the upcoming dates in advance, and relevant any topics you'd like to discuss so we can have the correct information available so we can make the necessary arrangements prior.

I hope you find the above information useful. If you have any further queries, please contact me on 03300 413307 Ext: 50093 and I'd be happy to help. I'm usually available Monday to Friday, 9am – 4pm.

Kind regards



Scott Drew

Customer Care Officer | Sewerage Services | Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

Welsh Water have been invited to the June Meeting of the Town Council and in the meantime Members are requested to formulate questions/issues that they would wish to raise.

As regards ii) the Clerk e mailed Active Travel and requested they attend the Town Council Meeting on the 29th April so that they could outline their proposals for the new cyclepath and associated improvements. The Clerk has not yet received a reply and will chase the matter.

As regards iii) at Councillor Michael Williams' suggestion the Clerk has e mail the Principal Engineer of Swansea Council as follows-

“ what, if any, interim measures have been taken to ease the flooding on Culfor Road. Also, in view of the volume of water coming from the fields above we would also like to know if this has, or is being, investigated.”

No response has yet been received and the Clerk is chasing the matter.

As regards iv) the Clerk has requested the Swansea Council's Rights of Way Officer to attend a site visit.

It is possible that the Clerk or Councillor Michael Williams may be able to give a verbal update.

9-Police

The Clerk had reported to the last Meeting that he had submitted an FOI request to the Police to ascertain the identity of the Senior Officer in the Area with a view to confirming attendance by Police at Town Council Meetings and the content and quality of Reports submitted by the Police.

Since the 4th March the Clerk had received several e mails-

“Hello Nigel,

I am the local Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for the Gorseinon & Penlan area. Iestyn has forwarded the below email to me. I am responsible for all the PCSO's, PC's and Sgts in the area, along with setting local priorities, objectives and arranging attendance at Town Council meetings amongst many other things.

Diolch,

Simon

Simon Trick

Arolygydd 5198 | Inspector 5198

Arolygydd Plismona Lleol - Gorseinon a Penlan | Neighbourhood Policing Inspector - Gorseinon and Penlan

Gorsaf Heddlu Gorseinon | Gorseinon Police Station

Heddlu De Cymru | South Wales Police

(: 101 | Ext: 56300 | Mobile: 07970269629”

The Clerk then received the result of the FOI request-the Senior Officer is Chief Supt. Chris Truscott.

The Clerk emailed the Chief Supt. and received a reply as follows-

Good Morning Nigel

Thank you for your e-mail. I am the head of Neighbourhood Policing for the area. and I have also copied in my colleague Chief Inspector Lindsey Sweeney

I am sorry to hear about the inconsistent attendance and reporting at your meetings. I am keen to maintain a positive working relationship with the Llŵchwr Town Council.

In terms of the reporting, it would be useful to understand what data the attendees at the meetings are seeking and whether this is achievable. I would imagine you would keen to understand basic details of any crime hotspots within the area and what activity is being carried out to address this. If this is the case, then I can ensure this is completed. I will also strive to ensure more regular attendance by your local officers, but this will be dependent on their availability as they cover a very wide area and will often be committed to operational tasks. I note from the correspondence below, that the PCSO was on a rest day when your recent meeting took place, and in instances like these, the absence would be unavoidable. Please provide PCSO Davies which as much notice as possible of future meeting dates and we will do all we can to be there.

I hope this offers you some reassurance

Kind Regards

Mark



Mark Kavanagh

Uwcharolygydd | Superintendent

Pennaeth Diogelwch Cymunedau a Pharteriad Head of Community Safety &
Uned Reoli Sylfaenol Abertawe a Castell-nedd Port Talbot Swansea and Ne
Heddlu De Cymru | South Wales Police

The Clerk then received a further e mail from Inspector Trick-

Hi Nigel,

I have received the below correspondence from my Supt Mark Kavanagh.

Unfortunately PCSO Iestyn Davies is off on rest days on the 8th April. I will do my best to provide alternative attendance from another staff member. In relation to the police reports being sketchy and provided in the same format as the police website, this is a data protection matter. We can only provide publicly available material for perusal and discussion. This publicly available material does not include matter aggravated by domestic abuse or violence. If such data is to be requested I believe that would have to be via a Subject Access Request.

What is more important in my opinion, over the raw crime data, is whether there are any concerning patterns or trends apparent. Something which we will certainly bring to the meetings for any support from the town council and for wider dissemination to the community. Fortunately Llŵchwr is an extremely safe area and has low crime figures, very rarely do we see any concerning trends or patterns here. However, due to the low figures when there is a sudden increase, or a particular location targeted, it becomes immediately apparent and plans can be put in place. We are always scanning for repeat locations, offenders and locations. I hope this provides you with some reassurance.

I will respond in due course regarding attendance at the April meeting.

For reference I have CC'd in the local sgt for the area Molly Llewellyn, who will respond accordingly with arrangements for attendance.

Cofion Gorau,

“Simon

The Inspector did later e mail to say there was a typing error-it should read” repeat locations, offenders and subjects”

It is believed that Sgt. Molly Llewellyn will be in attendance at the Meeting. Members views are sought generally and Members may wish to ask the Sergeant what data could be made available to Members.

10-Penyrrheol School Students and Climate Issues

Councillor Jeff Bowen may be able to give a verbal update.

11-Parc Solar Caenewydd

The Clerk has received the following e mail and Notice. Members are requested to confirm whether or not the Town Council wishes to make any objections.

“Bore da,

Please find attached a notice regarding the above DNS application.

This application has now been accepted for examination – the closing date for any representations is 25th April 2024.

Best Regards

Nina Kinsey

Swyddog Gwaith Achos/Case Officer

[Penderfyniadau Cynllunio ac Amgylcheddol Cymru](#)/Planning and Environment Decisions Wales

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government”

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) ('the 1990 Act')

The Developments of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended) ('the DNS Regulations')

The Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 (as amended) ('the DNS Procedure Order')

Application by: Taiyo Power and Storage

Site address: Land Fronting the A484 and Swansea Road (B4560) at Penyfodau Fawr Farm, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 4LN

Proposed development: Construction operation, management, decommissioning of a ground mounted solar power and battery storage facility with associated development including battery storage facility, cable trench and connection infrastructure

The above application has been submitted to the Welsh Ministers for examination. It is considered to contain all essential supporting documents and the necessary fees have been paid in full; as such, it is a valid application and the examination period will now commence. The Inspector's report will be submitted to the Welsh Ministers within 24 weeks of the date of this letter.

The Inspector appointed to examine this Development of National Significance (DNS) Application is: Richard Duggan BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI.

The application documents can be found on the DNS website:

<https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/> - Search CAS-01900-V0J7C7

This communication constitutes an **official notice of acceptance under Article 15(2) of the DNS Procedure Order**.

All parties should read the following carefully to ensure they understand the process and note any relevant deadlines.

1. Local Planning Authority

The Local Planning Authority (LPA) is now required to display a notice on site, as a matter of urgency, in at least one place on or near to the land which the application relates, for a period of not less than **21 days**.

The notices must be erected within 5 working days of the date of this Acceptance Notice. The LPA must write to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) via PEDW.infrastructure@gov.wales to confirm that it has complied with the requirement to erect the site notice as soon as possible after the notices have been erected.

The LPA must also place on the planning register, within 5 working days of the date of this letter, a copy of the following documents:

- the application made to the Welsh Ministers;
- the notification of receipt of an application given by the Welsh Ministers under Article 12 of the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016;
- the notice of acceptance given by the Welsh Ministers in relation to an application Article 15(2), i.e. this notice;

In order for the appointed Inspector to fully consider the application and report to the Welsh Ministers, it is crucial that the LPA produces a comprehensive Local Impact Report (LIR) as required by Section 62I(4) of the 1990 Act, and Regulation 25 of the DNS Procedure Order. This must be received by PEDW by no later than **25/4/2024**.

Section 62K of the 1990 Act, and Regulation 25 of the DNS Procedure Order sets the minimum requirements for the content of an LIR. These are:

- The likely impact of the development on the area;
- planning history of the site;
- local designations relevant to the site / surroundings;
- any relevant local planning policies, guidance or other documents;
- draft conditions or obligations which the LPA considers necessary for mitigating any likely impacts of the development; and
- evidence of the publicity undertaken by the LPA in accordance with the Procedure Order, i.e. a copy of the site notice, a photograph of the site notice on display and a map showing the location of the site notice; and
- If any secondary consent(s) are sought with the application, the LIR must also address the likely impact of the consent(s) being granted, preferably as separate sections for each secondary consent.

If the LPA fails to submit the LIR by the deadline specified above, it will not receive the full fee amount. If the LIR is submitted up to 14 days after the deadline, the LPA will receive only half of its fee, and if the LIR is submitted more than 14 days after the deadline, the LPA will not receive a fee at all. Further information about fees can be found in the Developments of National Significance (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2016.

2. Specialist Consultees

Specialist Consultees are defined in the DNS Procedure Order and are determined by the criteria listed in Schedule 5 to the Order. Specialist consultees are required to provide a substantive response to this consultation no later than **25/4/2024** by virtue of Article 23 of the Order.

The Specialist Consultees that we have identified for this application are listed in **Annex A**.

3. Community Consultees, Relevant Persons, and Interested Parties

Community Consultees are defined in the DNS Procedure Order as:

- a) each county or county borough councillor representing an electoral ward in which the land to which the proposed application relates is situated; and
- b) each community council in whose area the land to which the proposed application relates is situated.

Relevant Persons are defined by Section 62G of the 1990 Act as “the person by whom (but for section 62F) the decision as to whether to grant the secondary consent would have been made”, i.e. the person who would normally determine an application if it had not been submitted as a Secondary Consent to a DNS application.

The parties who meet the above criteria, and any other interested person, are invited to submit their representations about this application. Should you wish to comment on the application, your representation must be received by **25/4/2024**. You may submit your representation by e-mail or by post. Our email and postal address can be found in the header of this notice. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

All representations will be published to the website. Personal details such as e-mail addresses and telephone numbers will not be made available to members of the public.

4. All parties

The procedure will be determined ten working days after the representations and LIR deadline has passed. You should be aware that if a hearing or inquiry is required:

- It is likely to be arranged within a tight timescale. As such, the date for the event will not be negotiable. However, we will provide at least 4 weeks’ written notice of the arrangements; and
- The Inspector will invite those whose presence he/she considers necessary and only they will be entitled to participate. However, any Hearing or Inquiry will be a public event and, as such, any party would be welcome to attend and observe proceedings.

The Inspector may consider a suspension period necessary (under Section 62L(5) of the 1990 Act), which will halt the examination period. All parties will be served a written notice in the case where an Inspector considers a suspension period is required.

Further guidance on the DNS process can be found on the following page:
<https://gov.wales/developments-national-significance-dns-guidance>

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ANNEX A: List of Specialist Consultees

- Natural Resources Wales
- Cadw
- Welsh Water
- Swansea Council Highways

- National Grid
- Welsh Government Highways
- Health and Safety Executive
- The Coal Authority
- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service “

12-Town and Community Council Forum

Swansea Council convened a Forum on the 4th March at 5.00 pm which was the date of the last Town Council Meeting-because of this Councillor Jeff Bowen was unable to attend and the Clerk could only partially attend.

The subjects covered were 1-Ensuring a Resilient Swansea for the Future - How understanding the effects of climate change on the communities of Swansea will enable us to plan for a better future; and 2- Role of the Monitoring Officer in respect of Community Town Councils.

The Clerk will forward the relevant slides to Members prior to the Meeting.

Dated 4th April,2024

Clerk to the Council

Agenda Item 12

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Date 8th April,2024

PLANNING REPORT

1-Planning Applications

The following Planning Application has been received and Members views are sought-

i)

Application No:	2024/0479/FUL	Date Registered:	18.03.2024
Electoral Division:	Llwchwr - Area 1	Status:	Being Considered
Map Ref:			258700 197865
Development Type:			Householder
Location:			107 Loughor Road, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 6AZ

Proposal: Rear dormer extension within sloping roof
Applicant: Mr K Wilds **Agent:** Mr Mark Shreves

ii)

Application No: 2024/0484/TPO **Date Registered:** 19.03.2024
Electoral Division: Llwchwr - Area 1 **Status:** Being Considered
Map Ref: 258877 197807
Development Type: Tree Preservation Orders
Location: 61 Loughor Road, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 6AY
Proposal: To lop 1 Oak tree covered by TPO 562
Applicant: Mr Sean Whatley **Agent:**

Agenda Item 15

Not for publication due to the confidential nature of the Report
LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL
Date 8th April,2024
FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK

1-Payments

N. Havard –Salary	£2,138.40
N. Havard – Office Expenses	£140.00
N Havard HMRC – Tax/N.I.	£798.87
N. Livings – Salary	£1,581.32
HMRC – Tax/N.I.	£367.10

2-Receipts and Payments

The current receipts and payments are attached.

Dated this 4th April,2024
Clerk to the Council

