

**CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR**

**LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Llwrchw Town Council held at the  
Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 7.30pm**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Councillor C. Richards (Chair) Councillors: I. James, J. Bowen, A. Phillips, R. Smith, W. Smith, D. Walters, J. Williams, S. Beynon and R. Williams
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**Main Meeting Discussion Points:**

<b>TC0325-33</b>	<b>MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> Quiet February for visits.
<b>TC0325-34</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> There were apologies for absence from Councillors K Roberts, A. Davis, N. Walters, M. Davis, C. Phillips, P. Parsons and M. Williams
<b>TC0325-35</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> No members of the public were present and there were no representations from the public prior to the meeting commencing.
<b>TC0325-36</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> Cllr R Smith in his capacity as appointed County Councillor to Gower College, put forward a declaration of interest in relation to the planning application 2025/0338/NMA Cllr J Bowen in his capacity as governor for Penyrheol Comprehensive put forward a declaration of interest in relation to the grant request made by the school.
<b>TC0325-37</b>	<b>LIST OF DECISIONS &amp; ACTIONS</b> Noted and updated. Cllr I. James provided an update to item 112 of the Functions sub-committee list.
<b>TC0325-38</b>	<b>MINUTES OF COUNCIL</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.
<b>TC0325-39</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> There were no matters arising.
<b>TC0325-40</b>	<b>WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES</b> The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025 were <b>NOTED</b> and <b>AGREED</b>
<b>TC0325-41</b>	<b>FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE</b> The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025 were <b>NOTED</b> and <b>AGREED</b> .

<b>TC0325-42</b>	<p><b>MEMBERS REPORTS</b></p> <p>Cllr J Bowen – provided a report from the Community / Town Council Charter Review Group which was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025. It was a very productive meeting, the new Charter was drafted between Swansea City Council and community/town councils. This has been passed to the Head of Democratic Services to review, once approved it will go out to all councils to put forward their views on it.</p>
<b>TC0325-43</b>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION FROM PAY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Cllr C Richards put to the council the recommendation from the Pay and Personnel Committee. Minutes of that meeting were also provided to the council. Cllr Richards advised that, as per the minutes, 2 choices had been put forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clerk/RFO role full time – 35/37 hours – pay scale point 26</li> <li>2. Clerk/RFO 22 hours per week. Council employ assistant clerk to deal with events/social media/welfare hall/website – 10 hours a week.</li> </ol> <p>The Pay and Personnel committee recommended option 1 to the council. It was put to the vote and <b>AGREED</b>. Start date was advised as 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 and core hours would be discussed closer to the start date.</p>
<b>TC0325-44</b>	<p><b>REPORT OF THE CLERK</b></p> <p><b>a. Police Matters</b></p> <p>Report provided by the police as below:</p> <p>The stats which are from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 9am 27<sup>th</sup> February are as follows</p> <p>Kingsbridge Beat- 25 occurrence</p> <p>1 Anti-Social Behaviour related</p> <p>6 Reports of Violence against the Person</p> <p>0 Dwelling burglaries.</p> <p>There are no current trends or concerns within the beat</p> <p>Upper Loughor Beat- 27 occurrences</p> <p>2 Anti-Social Behaviour related</p> <p>3 Reports of Violence against the person</p> <p>0 Dwelling burglaries</p> <p>Earlier this week officers attended at an address in the Upper Loughor area. A male was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply after a quantity of drugs and equipment which indicating that drugs have or were going to be cultivated at the address discovered. The male has been released under investigation whilst the drugs discovered are formally identified, a requirement of the criminal justice process.</p> <p>Also, an increase in youth related anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Glebe Road/ Ffordd Moriah has been reported. The Neighbourhood Team have implemented a problem solving plan which is designed to look at ways in which the current situation can be successfully resolved.</p> <p>Lower Loughor Beat- 22 occurrences</p>

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Cllr R Smith felt that the reports on violence against a person should be monitored.

Cllr J Williams advised that she had noticed on social media over the last few months that a lot of people had complained about cars being damaged when they were parked and the damage could be traced back to the college. Advised that the general feeling of the local community was that when the incidents were reported even if the reporter gave the vehicle registration the attitude of the police was that nothing could be done about it from their side. Advice given to residents was to contact their insurers.

Cllr R Smith picked up on the fact that there were more cars in the area than there had been previously due to the work on the Gorseinon campus, he felt that it was very concerning if the police weren't dealing with these matters and did not want to see them passing cases off to other agencies if they should be dealing.

Cllr D Walters updated council that he had met with a youth engagement officer recently who advised him that there were some very positive projects in the pipeline for the summer months.

**b. Accounts for Payment**

Clerk's report was **NOTED**. Clerk advised roof payment duplicated in error on report.

**c. Correspondence**

Clerk's report was **NOTED**. Cllr R Smith advised that any correspondence in relation to County council should be sent straight to the 3 County Councillors. The email received had been reported to Cllr R Smith.

Emails in relation to advertising on website - website is for local charities and groups only.

**d. Grant Funding/Applications**

Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk should respond to both requests from Rural Grant for information.

**e. Grant Requests**

Clerk's report was **NOTED** with following provisos

**3M Runners** – request financials and further information as to when they are at the Foreshore and Parc Williams possible to share this information on the website/social media. On receipt of financials and information grant approved £200.

**Penyrheol School** – Grant approved for £300 but cannot be given until new financial year as per the council policy.

**f. OVW/SLCC**

Clerk's report was **NOTED**

**g. Wales/Swansea Governing Committees**

Clerks report was **NOTED**

**h. Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

Clerk's report was **NOTED**

**i. Wildflowers**

Clerk's report was **NOTED**. Additional areas were to be provided to county council, Bryngwyn Avenue and Castle mound.

**j. OVW Digital Conference 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Clerk's report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr N Walters would be happy to do the presentation, clerk to inform OVW.

**k. Photocopier**

	<p>Clerk's report was <b>NOTED</b>. Council <b>AGREED</b> to wait until the end of the contract to replace the copier/printer.</p> <p><b>I. Defibrillators</b> Clerk's report was <b>NOTED</b>. Cllr D Walters gave a verbal update. Cllr J Williams queried the best way to inform local residents about the locations of the defibrillators. Cllr D Walters advised that there was a website that residents could check to see where they were. Cllr Williams suggested putting this on website and social media.</p> <p><b>m. Gower Society – Hywel James</b> Clerk's report was <b>NOTED</b>. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllrs R. Smith and M Williams would attend Penclawdd Community Centre dates/times to be arranged/confirmed.</p> <p><b>n. Flower Displays</b> Clerk's report was <b>NOTED</b>. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> Cllr R Smith would check with county council directly with regards watering of baskets and troughs.</p> <p><b>o. Receipts and Payments</b> Clerk's report was <b>NOTED</b>.</p>
<b>TC0325-45</b>	<p><b>PLANNING REPORT</b></p> <p><b>The Town Council had considered the following Planning Applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Application No. 2025/0065/FUL It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection, although it is noted that there is still a need for guests to stay there.</li> <li>b) Application No. 2025/0173/FUL It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</li> <li>c) Application No. 2025/0188/FUL It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</li> <li>d) Application No. 2025/0044/PLD It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</li> <li>e) Application No. 2025/0215/FUL It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</li> <li>f) Application No. 2025/0277/FUL It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</li> <li>g) Application No. 2025/0338/NMA It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</li> </ul> <p><b>Development off Heol Pen-Y-Belli S278 Works – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.</b> Council reviewed map and information provided and would like the question put to the county council on the parking rights for the people that already reside in that area. What parking facilities will they have.</p>
<b>TC0325-46</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Cllr Beynon informed the council that it looked like a tree had been pulled from it's roots in Globe field. Cllr Beynon had been in contact with the council department to see if the tree would resprout if replanted. Advised that this could be a possibility so they would leave it until next year and if it hadn't resprouted the county council would replace it.</p> <p>Cllr asked the clerk to ensure that Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect were part of the Agenda in April.</p>

	Newsletter – to be prepared and added to facebook as well as website discussion on whether it will be printed off as well.
<b>TC0325-47</b>	<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item due to the confidential nature of the matter under discussion.
<b>TC0325-48</b>	<b>FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK</b> The report of the Clerk was <b>NOTED</b> and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council <b>APPROVED</b> all aspects of the report.
	<b><u>Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm</u></b>

*Recommendation / Actions:*

*Actions arising are: listed in the Decisions and Actions List*