

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Llwrchw Town Council held at the
Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, on the Monday 7th April @ 7.30pm**

Attendees:	Councillor W. Smith (Chair) Councillors J. Bowen, M. Williams, J. Williams, N. Walters, S. Beynon, I. James, A. Phillips, R. Smith, and R. Williams Councillor K. Roberts attended via TEAMS
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Main Meeting Discussion Points:

TC0425-49	MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS Cllr W Smith requested a minute silence in respect of Mayor Richard's recent bereavement Cllr J. Williams proposed a letter of condolence be sent to the Mayor and consort. AGREED Cllr R. Smith – informed council that a past Mayor, P. Williams, had moved into Ty Olwen and proposed a donation be paid to Ty Olwen. Sum of £30 was AGREED .
TC0425-50	APOLOGIES There were apologies for absence from Councillors A. Davis, M. Davis, D. Walters, P. Parsons, C. Richards and C. Phillips
TC0425-51	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No members of the public were present and there were no representations from the public prior to the meeting commencing.
TC0425-52	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Cllr J Bowen put forward a declaration of interest in relation to the grant request made by Jireh Food Bank.
TC0425-53	LIST OF DECISIONS & ACTIONS A clerical error was noted on number 120 and 121 Decision list, should be Awards dinner on both not annual dinner. NOTED and UPDATED .
TC0425-54	MINUTES OF COUNCIL It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 3 rd March 2025 be corrected to reflect apologies from M. Walters to M. Williams. Amended minutes confirmed as a correct record - AGREED .
TC0425-55	MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.
TC0425-56	WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 3 rd March 2025 were NOTED and AGREED

TC0425-57	FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 3 rd March 2025 were NOTED and AGREED .
TC0425-58	MEMBERS REPORTS Cllr I. James – Attended open day at Gorseinon Fire Station with Cllr D Walters. Spoke to the firemen there and they advised that people could have free fire alarms, carbon monoxide alarms etc installed free of charge. These incentives were free to the public. They also said they would be happy to give a talk at the Welfare Hall. Clerk to contact fire station to book them in for a Saturday coffee morning, and request a link to put onto the council website and share on social media. Cllr N. Walters – gave a presentation with One Voice Wales on Llŵchwr Town Council digital champions. It was received very well. The webinar was attended by councils across Wales who were looking for ideas and also sharing ideas that they had done. Found it very inspirational and some great ideas we could pick up on. Cllr W. Smith thanked Cllr Walters for her representation of the Council.
TC0425-59	Nominations for Mayor Elect for municipal year 2025/26 Cllr R. Smith PROPOSED Cllr W. Smith for Mayor Elect 2025/26, SECONDED by Cllr I. James, ALL AGREED .
TC0425-60	Nominations for Deputy Mayor Elect 2025/26 Cllr I. James PROPOSED Cllr S. Beynon for Deputy Mayor Elect 2025/26, SECONDED by Cllr J. Williams, ALL AGREED .
TC0425-61	Police Report Kingsbridge 28 occurrences 3 Anti-Social Behaviour related. 7 have been recorded as Violence Against the Person. No burglaries have been reported. An incident of note occurred within the beat which involved a male person being charged and remanded to court regarding the theft of a vehicle on Glebe Road. Upper Loughor 19 occurrences 1 Anti-Social Behaviour related. 5 have been recorded as Violence Against the Person. No burglaries have been reported. Lower Loughor 30 occurrences 2 Anti-Social Behaviour related. 9 have been recorded as Violence Against the Person. No burglaries have been reported. An incident of note relates to racist graffiti discovered on a park bench at Parc William. Engagements are ongoing with schools to educate also this could be linked

	<p>to a rise in unreported anti-social behaviour near the Castle. Officers are working with Youth Services to explore some outreach work in the area.</p> <p>Cllr R. Smith and Cllr J. Williams discussed how bad the graffiti was and a lot of damage had been done to benches being set on fire.</p> <p>Cllr J. Williams – mentioned that a story had come up on social media about 3 boys that had started a fire. A question was asked of the person that had posted as to why they hadn't gone straight to the police.</p> <p>Cllr R. Smith – agreed this was a valid point anything of this nature should be reported to the police, to ensure that their stats reflect the issues that are in the area.</p> <p>Cllr N. Walters advised that a PCSO had attended a couple of the Saturday coffee mornings. We could point out to the PCSO the issues that were not being reported.</p> <p>Cllr J. Bowen suggested that people weren't bothering to report to the police because they didn't think the police would respond to it or take it any further.</p> <p>Accident on Glebe Road was discussed and the fact that it had been requested that calming measures were put into place.</p>
TC0425-62	<p>REPORT OF THE CLERK</p> <p>a. Payments for March Clerk's report was NOTED.</p> <p>b. Accounts for Payment Clerk's report was NOTED and AGREED</p> <p>c. Correspondence. Age Cymru – NOTED clerk to set up attendance at a Saturday coffee morning. A. James – NOTED clerk responded. P. Olsberg - Email passed to County Councillors. L. Dixon – Email passed to County Councillors. Clerk to request update report. Jazz from Scotland – Clerk to respond.</p> <p>d. Grant Funding/Applications</p> <p>e. None to report – clerk will be attending OVW webinar "Securing Grant Funding from Lottery" on 10th April.</p> <p>f. Grant Requests Clerk's report was NOTED with following proviso any application not yet received cannot be approved once application has been received clerk to return to Council for review. Cllr J. Williams asked if there was assistance that could be provided to anyone that may have difficulty completing the application form. Clerk confirmed happy to help. Jireh Food bank – application received Council AGREED a grant of £500. Loughor Rovers AFC – grant request for training facilities. Completed application has not been received. Email was not clear on what they were looking for, Cllr Bowen queried if they were looking for another loan. Further discussions on what they had presently, what may be required and way forward. Clerk to invite a representative of LRAFC to attend the June council meeting to put forward their request to understand better what they need.</p> <p>g. OVW/SLCC Clerk's report was NOTED – Email in relation to OVW website to be sent to councillors</p> <p>h. Wales/Swansea Governing Committees Clerks report was NOTED</p> <p>i. Dates of Upcoming Meetings Clerk's report was NOTED</p>

	<p>j. Evac and Chair Clerk's report was NOTED. Council are happy to stay with company and AGREED payment of yearly renewal of £106 plus VAT.</p> <p>k. Annual Return/Audit Clerk's report was NOTED.</p> <p>l. Utilities Clerk's report was NOTED. Council do not want to continue using an energy advice broker, this should be passed to the clerk. Clerk to review energy usage and research best costs. Council AGREED that the clerk should also review the costs in changing the current boiler which currently covers the hall and chamber room in one and see about changing this to a 3-boiler system for hall, chamber and woodwork room.</p> <p>m. Biodiversity Report Clerk's report was NOTED. Council confirmed that current biodiversity was the yearly sowing of wildflowers throughout Loughor, providing flower troughs around the area and more recently tree-planting in the Globe field opposite the Welfare Hall. Council asked the Clerk to research what biodiversity actions could be taken up by the council.</p> <p>n. Defibrillators Clerk's report was NOTED. Council AGREED to the costs £216 plus VAT to swap out the Welfare Hall defibrillator with a new heated box. Clerk to arrange.</p> <p>o. Gower Society – Hywel James Clerk's report was NOTED. Cllrs R. Smith and M. Williams gave a verbal update on the meeting. Worth noting that the Gower Society fund various environmental projects. The 3 County Councillors will put forward the Loughor foreshore project to the Gower Society to see if they can help with funding in that regard. In addition they are looking to put up a memorial to Hywel James, one of the places discussed was the cycle path between Garden Village and Gowerton, Hywel campaigned for that path so would seem a good place. Some members of the Society did not know Hywel, Cllr Smith was able to tell them a little bit about him. They are keen to work with the Council as their remit covers this area.</p> <p>p. Flower Displays Clerk's report was NOTED. It has been confirmed that there is no resource to water the hanging baskets. Due to this fact we will have to put these on hold for this year but request that the resource be evaluated for next year. Due to the fact that they can't be watered ask city and county to resolve the issue for next year. Cllr N Walters queried whether or not we could have a hanging basket over the shop in Garden Village and ask the proprietors to water the basket. Cllr A Phillips suggested contacting local businesses to see if they would like to sponsor the flowers for next year.</p> <p>q. Wild Flowers Clerk's report was NOTED. Clerk to double check with team to make sure all areas listed are being covered by Llŵchwr Town Council. Costs of £904 plus VAT is AGREED.</p> <p>r. 28th April Council Meeting Clerk's report was NOTED. Clerk to send apologies to One Voice Wales Swansea Area Committee.</p> <p>s. Receipts and Payments Clerk's report was NOTED.</p>
TC0425-63	<p>PLANNING REPORT</p> <p>The Town Council had considered the following Planning Applications:</p> <p>a) Application No. 2025/0516/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection.</p>

	<p>b) Application No. 2025/0511/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection</p> <p>c) Application No. 2025/0596/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection</p> <p>d) Application No. 2025/0643/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection</p>
TC0425-64	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Swansea Council Local Development Plan, LDP.</p> <p>Cllr J Williams advised understanding was this was at the preliminary stage and that people could put forward their representations but these needed to be done before Friday 18th April. Issues with website navigation and access to the form to put comments forward.</p> <p>Cllr R. Smith suggested that the clerk contact the planning department to enquire whether the town council will be given a specific opportunity to comment on LDP2 and if this is required over portal.</p> <p>Cllr Williams asked for confirmation of the town council's position, assumed that it would be to oppose further housing development on land going down to the marsh behind the Reverend James public house and Whitley Road Farm.</p> <p>Cllr Bowen stated that the council had already put forward it's position on the developments.</p> <p>Needs to be put to the County Council in writing ensuring that we stipulate the reasons why we oppose and the issues that further development will raise for the local community/area.</p> <p>Cllr N. Walters brought up the fact that Loughor had a long history with traveller communities and advised that all the developments would push these minority group communities out of Loughor.</p> <p>RESOLVED as above clerk to contact LDP team to request confirmation on process of how and when the Town Council can put forward their representations on development in the area.</p>
TC0425-65	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>It was RESOLVED 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.</p>
TC0425-66	<p>FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK</p> <p>The report of the Clerk was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that the Council APPROVED all aspects of the report.</p>
<p><u>Chair closed the meeting at 8.56pm</u></p>	

Recommendation / Actions:

Actions arising are: listed in the Decisions and Actions List