

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Llŵchwr Town Council held at the
Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, on the 6th January 2025 7.15pm**

Attendees:	Councillor W. Smith (Chair) Councillors J. Bowen, M. Davis, I James, A. Phillips, R. Smith, C. Richards, N. Walters, D. Walters, J. Williams, and C. Phillips.
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Main Meeting Discussion Points:

TC0125-1	MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS a. Cllr Richards thanked Cllr W. Smith and J. Bowen for chairing the meeting whilst she was on holiday and not able to attend in person. b. Informed Council that Cllr P. Parsons had had a fall and had been in hospital all over Christmas and New Year. c. Only 2 events from December, the first being the potential event of the craft fair that we had to cancel on 7 th December due to the weather. Thank you to Cllr N. Walters for all the hard work she put into getting the craft fair set up. It could not be helped that it had to be cancelled. The items that Friends of Parc Williams had made for the craft fair had been sold and they were able to raise £80. d. Second event was the 22 nd December a carol service in aid of the Forget Me Not club they raised £300.
TC0125-2	APOLOGIES There were apologies for absence from Councillors S. Beynon, P. Parsons, K. Roberts, M. Williams and R. Williams.
TC0125-3	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No members of the public were present and there were no representations from the public prior to the meeting commencing.
TC0125-4	DECLARATION OF INTEREST None
TC0125-5	POLICE REPORT Cllr Smith changed agenda listing to take report from Police Attending PCSO Phil Davies Support Officer and Sgt Molly Llewellyn covering Gorseinon and Penlan area. Stats for December Kingsbridge 34 occurrences 1- Anti Social behaviour related 0- Violence against the person related

No dwelling burglaries.

Upper Loughor 21 occurrences

No reports of anti-social behaviour

7 - Violence against the person related

No dwelling burglaries.

Lower Loughor 28 occurrences

No reports of anti-social behaviour

6 - Violence against the person related

No dwelling burglaries.

Report of antisemitic graffiti between Gowerton and Kingsbridge unfortunately no idea who's responsible for it. Police will be doing work with schools and around memorial day to try and educate youngsters. The matter has been taken extremely seriously to prevent this from happening. Council are asked to report any sort of graffiti, or anyone reports anything to anyone in the Council please make sure to report it to the police.

Cllr D Walters asked if it was only in this area

PCSO Davies confirmed it was and asked everyone to be vigilant.

Cllr A Davis advised that there had previously been an incident of antisemitic graffiti on Loughor bridge and it has also been spotted at the foreshore but has since been removed.

Cllr J. Williams asked if it was antisemitic or anti-Israel

PCSO Davies confirmed antisemitic.

PCSO Davies answered the email query that had been sent by the Clerk in relation to the nature of the statistics and what is provided by the Police.

In relation to domestic violence it's a very sensitive matter and information of that nature is not normally reported. The reports cover different categories, i.e. sexual offences, threats, theft, so the results may not be fully accurate. Violence against women or men and domestic violence is taken extremely seriously by police. Support is offered to victims of abuse by police officers trained specifically in this area. Sometimes people don't want to make a complaint but there is a way that if we are able to gather enough evidence in the most serious of circumstances they will mount an investigation.

Cllr D Walters – From own experience found the police to be excellent for advice in their support has always been positive in terms of feedback after the event.

Cllr N Walters – how can the Council support the police in their work.

Sgt M Llewellyn - Due to cuts there is no replacement for PCSO I Davies. Any issues please contact PCSO Herbert or main station.

Cllr N Walters advised that we hold a digital café on Saturday and asked if PCSO Herbert could attend

Cllr C. Phillips – what is the percentage of violence against men as opposed to women. A lot of it at times is emotional abuse would that come into.

PCO Davies stated that he did not have that level of in-depth detail and agreed that this was a very valid point domestic violence was not just physical violence it also comes under coercive control, this is why it's quite difficult to give an accurate report. Domestic violence is a wide category of behaviours.

Just to finish off, the other aspect was we give an overview of stats on crimes that we feel you would want to know about and would be more specific to this community.

Cllr W. Smith Thanked the Police officers for giving up their time to come to the meetings.

	Clerk to send the Digital Café dates to the PCSOs.
TC0125-6	<p>LIST OF DECISIONS & ACTIONS</p> <p>These were noted and updated.</p> <p>Cllr D Walters advised that he was in contact with the NHS defibrillator coordinator and would send the email address to the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr J Williams asked if the Gower society had been in contact. Clerk advised that there had been no contact and would try to contact them again.</p>
TC0125-7	<p>MINUTES OF COUNCIL</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 2nd December 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.</p>
TC0125-8	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
TC0125-9	<p>WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 2nd December 2024 were noted and agreed</p>
TC0125-10	<p>FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 2nd December 2024 were noted and agreed.</p>
TC0125-11	<p>BUDGET PRECEPT</p> <p>Cllr D Walters thanked the Clerk for the work done on the budget information. Cllr R Smith had 2 questions about the information in the budget:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why was there a price increase for defibrillators <i>This was to cover the cost of new defibrillators to replace ones that were out of maintenance period.</i> b. Why was there an increase in the cost of expenses for members. <i>Not all 17 councillors took the payment but if they did it would be a total of £3,536 the remaining amount was to cover the cost of carers allowance if taken by any council member.</i> <p>Council agreed to precept figure of £160,411 be put forward and approved that the Clerk send this amount as the precept figure to the County Council.</p>
TC0125-12	<p>MEMBERS REPORTS</p> <p>No Reports</p>
TC0125-13	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>All part of the Clerk's report</p>

<p>TC0125-14</p>	<p>REPORT OF THE CLERK</p> <p>a) Accounts for Payment It was RESOLVED that the payments listed were authorised to be paid</p> <p>b) Correspondence Clerk’s report was NOTED.</p> <p>c) Grant Requests The Clerk’s Report was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that the sum of £300 should be paid to the Garden Village Brownies voted by Cllr N Walters and seconded by Cllr J Williams. Donation to be made to Visually Impaired Group in the sum of £200 this was voted by Cllr J. Bowen and seconded by Cllr D Walters.</p> <p>d) One Voice Wales emails Clerks report was NOTED</p> <p>e) Wales/Swansea/Governing Committees The Clerk’s Report was NOTED. A query was raised by Cllr J Bowen on the email from the Valuation Office. He requested sight of the same to review the reasoning for the letter. Audit completion information this needs to be moved to the Budget Sub Committee. Cllr J Williams suggested that more of the Councillors complete the finance course.</p> <p>f) Norton Anti Virus The Clerk’s Report was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should pay the fee that has been paid by the previous Clerk.</p> <p>g) Budget and Precept Clerk’s report was NOTED matter discussed previously under TC0125-11</p> <p>h) Hanging Baskets The Clerk’s report was NOTED it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would get the cost of the list provided together with hanging baskets and provide this to the Council. Cllr A Phillips suggested that for the future we look at the possibility of sponsorship for the flowers.</p>
<p>TC0125-15</p>	<p>PLANNING REPORT</p> <p>The Town Council had considered the following Planning Applications:</p> <p>a) Application No. 2024/1925/S73</p> <p>b) It was NOTED that this matter had already been agreed and this was a variation of conditions. Cllr J Williams asked if we could query this again because of drainage issues that have since been realised.</p> <p>c) Application No. 2024/2177/PLD It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection</p> <p>d) Application No. 2024/2293/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection</p>
<p>TC0125-16</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>No other business to report</p>
<p>TC0125-17</p>	<p>URGENT ITEMS</p> <p>There were no urgent items</p>

TC0125-18	<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>
TC0125-19	<p>FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK</p> <p>The report of the Clerk was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that the employment contracts were to be signed by Council, Clerk and Caretaker</p>
<p><u>Chair closed the meeting at 8.12pm</u></p>	

Recommendation / Actions:

Actions arising are: listed in the Decisions and Actions List