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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 6.30pm

131. Present

Councillors – Geoff Moore (Presiding), Len Preece, Dave Jones, Gareth Edmondson, Robert Smith, Dai Davies, Sue Jordan and Adrian Herdman.

In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council.

Apologies

Mike Harrison, Cathryn Harrison and Michele Emerson.

132. Declarations of personal interest.

There were no declarations of personal interest made. However, it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Monitoring Officer to obtain advice on whether or not Cllr Len Preece should declare a personal interest in the Banwen lease.

133. Minutes

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the draft minutes of the Special Council, held on 28th November, 2017, and the Ordinary meeting, held on the 12th December, 2017, be approved and signed by the Chairperson, subject to the insertion in the Special Council minutes of a record of the proposal made by Cllr Dave Jones, that failed to secure a seconder, that the rent charged should cover the Council's loan repayments amounting to £7,414 per annum.

134. Matters arising from those minutes

- **The Old School, Ysgol y Glyn - Roofing Repairs and dry rot treatment**

Reported that the Clerk had made enquiries with the solicitor, who had acted for Council in the purchase of the former school, but there was no report on his file. It was emphasised that no work will commence without the asbestos report. The Clerk will ask the former Clerk and the County Borough Council if they have any knowledge of an asbestos report.

- **Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board re: debt circa £5,000.00 relating to the GCG Community Centre**

No payment had been received to date and no response has been received regarding the request for a meeting between representatives of the Health Board and members of the Council's Finance Committee to discuss the terms of the lease agreement. These matters will be pursued by the Clerk.

- **Quotations for Electrical Tests at Community Centres**

Reported that the electrical tests at the three Community Centres had been successfully completed last week.

- **Defibrillators**

Reported that information received from the Town Clerk of Pontardawe suggests that not all defibrillators have been fully funded.

135. Declaration of Vacancies

Reported that the declaration of vacancies was advertised on the 6th December 2017 and that the 14 days excluding Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays has now elapsed. The clerk will contact the County Borough Council to ascertain if an election has been called and, if not; will proceed to advertise asking potential candidates to make application for the vacant posts.

136. Updates

- **Christmas Lights**

Noted that a questionnaire is to be completed during February/ March, 2018.

- Cwmgors Village Forum

Reported that no letter had been received from the Secretary.

- Council Website

A report was presented by Cllr Gareth Edmondson which highlighted the limitations of the existing website. Gareth tabled the preliminary results of the website questionnaire – the closing date for the return of the questionnaire is the 31st January 2018. Based on the information provided, it was agreed that £250.00 be allocated to the new website project. Gareth was thanked for his excellent work.

137. Estimates of Income and Expenditure – 2017/18 and 2018/19 and Precept requirement for 2018/19

The Estimates of Income and Expenditure, as revised, for the current financial year 2017/18 and the Original Estimates for next year 2018/19 were presented, discussed and amended as necessary – See Appendix 1 of these minutes for details.

Proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed by members present that –

- The Revised Budget for 2017/18 be approved at £122,776
- The Proposed Budget for 2018/19 be approved at £139,642
- The Precept for 2018/19 be approved at £81,155

138. Rental Report relating to the lease of the former Glyn School

Agreed that discussion on this subject be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

139. Accounts for Payment – December 2017

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the following accounts be approved for payment-

- payments for January, 2018 totalling £4,608.38
(Cheque Nos: 3650 – 3660)

See Schedules of Payments attached to these minutes

140. Correspondence /emails from -

- **Lisa Aspinall, Secretarial Support, Review of Community Council in Wales - email dated 22nd December 2017**

It was agreed that Council should invite Gwenda Thomas to attend the next Council meeting to address members in her capacity as a Community Council Review Panel Member.

- **Leigh Batchelor, Neath Port Talbot CBC – email dated 29th December 2017**

It was agreed that Council promote the Neath Port Talbot Council's budget consultation within its networks. For more information see www.npt.gov.uk/budget.

- **Simon Green, Bridgend Coalition of Disable People – email dated 3rd January 2018**

It was agreed that Council sign up to the petition calling for premises in Wales to be awarded an Access Certificate similar to the Food Hygiene Certificate with premises displaying a sign for 0 to 5 depending how disabled friendly they are. Members can sign up individually at <https://www.assembly.wales/en/gethome/e-petitions/Pages/petitiondetail.aspx?PetitionID=1273>

- **Rachel Thomas, Community Liaison Officer, for Jeremy Miles AM – email dated 9th January 2018**

Rachel informed Council that the Welsh Youth Parliament will be holding their first elections in November of this year and will elect 60 members aged between 11 and 18 to represent young people on the issues they care about. More information is available on: <https://www.youthparliament.wales/>

141. Presentation Plates

The Chairperson, Cllr Geoff Moore, presented a Council presentation plate to Mrs Ray Lewis on the occasion of her 90th birthday on the 9th January 2018.

142. Planning Applications

- Application No: P2018/0002

Applicant – Mrs S H Matthews – 99 Brynaman Road GCG SA18 1TT

Site Location – Above address

Proposal – Single storey rear extension.

Agreed no objection.

143. Reports

There were no written reports presented.

144. Any Other Business

- **Wetlands Committee**

It was agreed to form a Wetland Committee consisting of the following members –

Cllr Dave Jones, Cllr Adrian Herdman and Cllr Robert Smith.

- **Flooding on Cwmgors to Rhydyfro Highway**

Reported that a reply had been received by Cllr Geoff Moore from Neath Port Talbot CBC, which was dated 20th December, 2017, and that the matter would be pursued with County Cllr Sonia Reynolds.

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....Dated.....