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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 6.30pm

145. Present

Councillors – Geoff Moore (Presiding), Dai Davies, Gareth Edmondson, Adrian Herdman, Len Preece, Mike Harrison and Sue Jordan.

In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council.

Apologies

Nia Treharne, Cathryn Harrison, Michele Emerson and Dave Jones.

Mrs Margaret Jones

Reported that Margaret, Cllr Dave Jones' wife had sadly passed away. Members expressed their sincere condolences to Dave and his family.

146. Resignation - Cllr Robert Smith

Reported that an e-mail had been received from Robert stating that, due to the pressure of other commitments, he had reluctantly decided to resign. His resignation was accepted with regret.

147. Declarations of personal interest.

- Geoff Moore – Director of Y Banwen Development
- Len Preece – Canolfan Maerdy was a probable tenant of Y Banwen Development – Noted the Clerk had written to the Monitoring Officer, and provided answers to the questions he raised, but no definitive guidance had been received to date.
- Gareth Edmonston – Planning application No: 2018/0059

148. Minutes

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 9th January 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

149. Matters arising from those minutes

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

Reported that the former Clerk had no recollection of the existence of an asbestos report relating to the school. Further reported that two tenders for the completion of a survey have been received by our consultant, Hurley & Davies, – Contractor A in the sum of £1,045.00 and Contractor B in the sum of £950.00. **It was proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the work be awarded to the lowest tenderer in the sum of £950.00.**

- **Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board re: outstanding debt of £3,883.32 relating to the GCG Community Centre**

Reported that invoices covering the period from October 2015 to September 2016 totalling £3,883.32 has now been paid directly to the Council's bank. In addition, copy invoices covering the period from October 2016 to December 2017 were sent to the Health Board on the 7th February, 2018.

- **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.**

Reported that there was still no response from the Health Board. Noted that the Clerk will write to Tracy Myhill, who has taken up the post of Chief Executive during the last few days, requesting a meeting.

- **Defibrillators**

Reported that the Council had applied for grant to cover the cost of three defibrillators. Due to the heavy demand, we were only awarded one, subject to the payment of £500 for a cover. **It was proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that Council pay the £500.00 and that the defibrillator be sited at Canolfan Maerdy, Taigrwaith.** Noted that the site has already provided written agreement and meets the conditions of the grant.

150. Declaration of Vacancies (Councillors)

- Lower Brynaman Ward

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that, as a result of Robert Smith's resignation, a vacancy be declared in Lower Brynaman.

- Gwaun Cae Gurwen (2) and Tairgwaith (1)

Reported that the County Electoral Officer has confirmed that no election has been called. We have two confirmed applications for co-option, Leander Bell and Dafydd Humphries and there may, subject to confirmation, be a third, Linda Bentham. **Noted that all three will be invited to the next meeting for official co-option on to the Council.**

151. Updates

- Christmas Lights

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

- Cwmgors Village Forum

Reported that as yet no letter had been received from the Secretary.

- Council Website

Gareth reported that all being well the Council should have a new website online within the next 3 months. Gareth was thanked for his hard work.

152. Draft Lease for the former Glyn School site Lower Brynaman

The Chairperson, Cllr Geoff Moore, declared an interest as a Director of Y Banwen Development and took no part in the discussions on the lease but remained only to answer any queries.

Mr Chris Worrell, the Council's Solicitor, was present and answered the questions raised by members.

It was proposed and seconded and accepted by all members present that the draft lease be duly approved and sent to Y Banwen for their attention.

153. Accounts for Payment – February 2018

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

- **payments for February, 2018 totalling £10,925.11**
(Cheque Nos: 3661 – 3680)

See Schedules of Payments attached to these minutes

154. Correspondence /emails from -

- **Robert Smith – email dated 8th February 2018**

Robert formally tendered his resignation as a Councillor representing Lower Brynmanan Ward.

- **One Voice Wales –letter dated 8th February 2018**

Invitation to renew membership for 2018/19 in the sum of £604.00 (last year £578.00) - increase of 4.8%. **Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the Council accept the invitation and pay the fee of £604.00**

- **GCG Brass Band – undated letter**

Application for financial assistance. Response: **The Council has decided not to make any financial contributions for the next 12 months** – the band be advised to make application for grant from the Celtic Energy Community Benefit Fund.

- **Tenovus - letter dated 24th January 2018**

Application for financial assistance. Response: **The Council has decided not to make any financial contributions for the next 12 months.**

155. Budget Monitoring Report

A budget monitoring report up to 31st December 2017 was presented. **It was decided to defer consideration of the report until the next Council meeting.**

156. Presentation Plates

None issued.

157. Planning Applications

- **Application No: P2018/0033**

Applicant – Mrs Sacha Petrie – 24 Heol y Gors, Cwmgors

Site Location – Above address

Proposal – Single storey rear extension.

Agreed no objection.

- **Application No: 2017/1075**

Applicant – Mr Jason Williams – 185 Heol y Gors, Cwmgors

Site Location – Above address

Proposal – Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 3 (Contamination) and 6 (Drainage) and partial discharge of condition 7 (Retaining wall details – excluding retaining wall's construction method statement of planning permission P2017/0614 granted 5.10.17.

Agreed no objection

- **Application No: 2018/0051**

Applicant – Miss Cowell & Mr Stephen Lee, NPTCBC

Site Location – 32 Barry Road, Lower Brynaman

Proposal – Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of a single storey rear extension.

Agreed no objection

- **Application No: 2018/0078**

Applicant – CK Supermarkets Ltd

Site Location – 2-6 Heol Cae Gurwen, Gwaun Cae Gurwen

Proposal – Creation of 2 No additional flats in first floor storage area and additional first floor fenestration

Agreed no objection - but concern about parking issue

- **Application No: 2018/0059**

Applicant – Gareth Edmondson – **Cllr Edmondson left the room and returned after conclusion of this item.**

Site Location – 91 Brynamman Road, Lower Brynaman

Proposal – Two storey extension and first floor rear extension

Agreed no objection

Application No P2018/0091

Applicant – Mr Rhidian Anderson, 48 Maesywerin Gwaun Cae Gurwen

Site Location – as above

Proposal – Single storey rear and side extension

Agreed No objection

158. Reports

There were no written reports presented.

159. Any Other Business

There was no other business

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm

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