

# **CYNGOR CYMUNED GWAUN CAE GURWEN**

## **GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council**

#### **Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre**

**On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6.30pm**

#### **202. Present**

Councillors – Geoff Moore (Presiding), Dave Jones, Len Preece, Gareth Edmondson, Linda Bentham, Dafydd Humphries, Cathryn Harrison, Adrian Herdman, Sue Jordan, Mike Harrison, Michele Emerson and Leander Bell

#### **In Attendance**

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council.

#### **Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)**

Nia Treharne and Dai Davies

#### **203. Declarations of personal interest – (Agenda item No 2)**

Linda Bentham declared an interest (she is a volunteer) in the letter asking for financial assistance from the Lolfa and took no part in the discussion.

#### **204. Minutes (Agenda item No 3)**

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the following minutes be approved and signed by the Chairperson –

- (i) Annual Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- (ii) Special Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- (iii) Ordinary Monthly Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

#### **205. Matters arising from those minutes – (Agenda item No 4)**

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

Reported that the work has started on repairing the roof.

- **Y Banwen Association**

Reported that the lease is still with the Banwen Association for signature.

- **Declaration of Councillor Vacancy for Lower Brynmanan Ward** A notice of vacancy for co-option onto the Council has been posted but no one has expressed an interest.
- **Christmas Lights**

Michele presented a suggested questionnaire to Council and following a few minor amendments it was accepted - the questionnaire is attached to these minutes.

- **Cwmgors Village Forum**

No letter has been received from the Secretary.

- **Council Website**

Gareth reported that the work on the new website was ongoing.

**206. Training Program for members (Agenda item No 5)**

The Council received a verbal report from the Clerk and it was, therefore, decided to wait for the new training programme to be produced by One Voice Wales.

**207. Celtic Energy Community Benefit Fund – Grant Application from Organised Kaos Youth Circus Ltd (Agenda item 4)**

The chairperson, Geoff Moore, reported that the residual questions raised by members had now been satisfactorily resolved and a cheque has been drawn for £4,500 and is included in the accounts for payment.

**208. Opencast Site – Written report prepared by Cllr Dai Davies (Agenda item 4)**

Reported that arrangements were being made for Council to meet with Will Watson, Chief Executive of Celtic Energy and Nicola Pearce, Head of Planning and Public Protection, Neath Port Talbot CBC to discuss the concerns of members regarding the opencast site. This meeting was likely to take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**209 Accounts for Payment for June 2018 – (Agenda item No 6)** It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the following accounts be approved for payment –

- Payments for June 2018 totalling £17,455.32 (Cheque No: 103727 – 103740).
- See Schedules of Payments attached to these minutes**

**210. Correspondence – (Agenda item No: 7) The following were reported -**

- One Voice Wales, letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – informing Council that the next meeting of the Neath Port Talbot Area Committee will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 in the Carnegie Hall, Evelyn Road, Skewen SA10 6LH.
- National Assembly for Wales, letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Consultation on diversity in local government
- One Voice Wales, e-mail dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – New Standing Orders that replace those issued in 2013. They have been updated to reflect legislative changes which have occurred since 2013 but unfortunately OVW has not been provided with the specific changes made.
- One Voice Wales, e-mail dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Consolidation and amendment of the Use Classes Order and the Permitted Development Order.
- Deborah Phillips, Town and Community Clerks Cluster - informing Clerk of the next meeting of the Cluster Group will take place at 10.00am at the Neath Town Council office.
- Louise Thomas, Coedffranc Community Council, e-mail dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 – Notice of an event that the Health & Safety Executive are running regarding Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome at the Memorial Hall in Skewen Park on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. **Agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Cathryn Harrison attend.**
- Y Lolfa, letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – requesting financial assistance to cover additional costs associated with the Summer Reading Challenge aimed at encouraging children to read for pleasure. **Proposed, seconded and agreed by members, with the exception of Cllr Linda Bentham, who declared an interest and took no part in the discussion, that the Council fund the additional costs, amounting to £475.00, under s.137 of the Local Government Act.**
- One Voice Wales, e-mail dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – enclosing correspondence received from Andrew Davies, Chairman and Tracy Myhill, Chief Executive, ABMU Health Board. The Board is currently engaging on changes it is proposing to make to its services.

**Cllr Sue Jordan volunteered to prepare a response on behalf of the Council.**

**211. Planning Applications – (Agenda item No: 8)**

□ Application No: P2018/0415

Applicant's Name: Faye Rees, 16B Leyshon Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen

Site Location: 16B Leyshon Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen Proposed Development: Single storey side extension.

**No Objection**

**212. Reports and representations of committees, sub committees and external bodies – (Agenda item No: 9)**

Cllr Michele Emerson circulated a written report on the meeting of the Standing Orders Sub-Committee, which was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. The Council agreed and approved the recommended amendments made by the Sub-Committee. **See Minutes attached.**

**213. To consider motions received (if any) - (Agenda item No 10)** There were no motions received.

**214. Any Other Urgent Business – (Agenda item No 11)** There was no other urgent business

**The meeting was closed at 9.05pm**

Signed..........

**Dated 12/06/2018**