

CYNGOR CYMUNED GWAUN CAE GURWEN

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 6.30pm

225. Present

Councillors – Geoff Moore (Presiding), Dave Jones, Linda Bentham, Len Preece, Dafydd Humphries, Adrian Herdman, Sue Jordan, Dai Davies, Michele Emerson, Leander Bell,

In Attendance

Cllr Sonia Reynolds for item No 5 Lyn Llewellyn,
Clerk to the Council.

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1) Nia Treharne and
Gareth Edmondson.

226. Declarations of personal interest – (Agenda item No 2) There were no
declarations of personal interest made.

227. 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) Ordinary Monthly Meeting held on the 10th July 2018.

228. Matters arising from those minutes – (Agenda item No 4)

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

Reported that the roofing repairs and dry rot treatment had now been completed.

- **Declaration of Councillor Vacancy for Lower Brynaman Ward** Agreed that the
vacancy will be re-advertised.

- **Christmas Lights**

Agreed that arrangements be made to meet with the contractor with a view to reallocating
the existing lights so as to allow Tairgwaith to be included this year.

- **Council Website**

Reported that steady progress was being made in constructing a new website.

- **Training Program for members**

Reported that the receipt of the new One Voice Wales training programme was pending.

- **Celtic Energy Opencast Site**

Reported that a response from Resources Wales was pending.

229. Proposed lease relating to the Old Glyn School, Lower Brynmanan (Agenda item No 5)

The chairperson welcomed Cllr Sonia Reynolds to the meeting and invited her to address the members. Sonia summarised the points raised by Y Banwen to the draft lease and then left the meeting.

The Chairperson referred to a document (copy attached) prepared by him detailing the points raised by the tenant together with a suggested solution to the points raised.

Following a detailed discussion **it was proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present to accept the suggested solutions and to forward the document to the Council's solicitor for legal advice thereon.**

230. Applications for Celtic Energy Community Benefit Grants (Agenda item No 6)

Reported that the following applications for grant had been received –

- (i) Y Banwen – gas installation and supply of new boiler at the old Glyn Infants School.
- (ii) Cwmgors Community Hall Committee – purchase and installation of Defibrillator at Tai Tarion estate office, Cemetery Road, Cwmgors

Following careful consideration of each application it was proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the following grants be awarded –

- (i) Y Banwen = £4,500.00 - Suggested that payment be withheld until all funds are secure.
- (ii) Cwmgors Community Hall Management Committee - £1,341.00.

231. Accounts for Payment for August 2018 and September 2018 (Agenda item No 7)

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

- Payments for August 2018 totalling £34,415.64 (Cheque No: 103757 – 103773).
- Payments for September 2018 totalling £5,489.52 (Cheque No: 103774 – 103787).

See Schedules of Payments attached to these minutes

232. Correspondence – (Agenda item No: 8) The following were reported -

- Letter dated 24th July 2018 from the Action Group “Help us save beds, services and jobs at Amman Valley Hospital request for financial assistance. **Noted that the Chairperson will make a donation from his Allowance.**
- E-mail from Clerk to Quarter Bach Community Council with request to Council to reconsider decision made re contribution in support of Gwyn y Gwter Fawr. **Noted**

233. Planning Applications – (Agenda item No: 9)

- Application No: P2018/0636

Site address: East Pit Surface Mine, Tairgwaith.

Variation of Conditions 1, 2, 18 and 82 attached to planning

permission reference P/2012/1073 to extend coaling operations until 31st May, 2019; to extend the period of removal of coal stocks until 1st March 2020; to extend the use of the GCG Rail pad until 1st March 2020 and extend the time period for the submission of the final proposed buttress to be placed against the eastern high wall until 31st October 2018.

Applicant’s Name: Mr Robert Thompson, Celtic Energy Ltd 9 Beddau Way, Castlegate Business Park, Caerphilly.

Noted

- Application No: P/2018/0571

Applicant: Miss Leanne Morgan, 17, Upper Colbren Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen.

Address: As above

Site Location: As above

Proposed Development: Two storey and single storey rear extension plus raised terrace and detached garage.

No objection

234. Reports and representations of committees, sub committees and external bodies – (Agenda item No: 10)

- **Wetlands Committee**

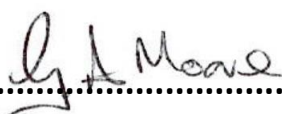
Agreed that the proposed lease be made outside the Council.

235. To consider motions received (Agenda item No: 11) There were no motions received.

236. Any Other Urgent Business – (Agenda item No 12)

- The Chairperson reported on the Recycling proposals and said that he had written to Neath Port Talbot CBC and replies are awaited.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm (Standing Orders were duly suspended)

Signed..........

Dated **09/10/2018**