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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 6.30pm

237. Present

Councillors – Geoff Moore (Presiding), Dai Davies, Dave Jones, Linda Bentham, Len Preece, Cathryn Harrison, Sue Jordan, Michele Emerson and Adrian Herdman,

In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council.

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)

Leander Bell, Dafydd Humphries, Nia Treharne – all members were in favour of extending Nia's leave of absence.

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

239. Minutes (Agenda item No 3)

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

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

☐ **Declaration of Councillor Vacancy for Lower Brynmanan Ward** The vacancy will be re-advertised as soon as possible.

☐ **Celtic Energy Opencast Site**

Reported that a response from Natural Resources Wales has still not been received. The Clerk will chase up a response.

241. Update on the following – (Agenda item No 5)

(i) **Draft lease relating to the Old Glyn School** Reported that the lease was now ready for signature.

(ii) **Christmas Lighting**

Reported that it was planned to redistribute some of the existing lights to Tairgwaith – up to five of the 20 available. Noted that Cwmgors has no lights. A letter received from Awel Aman Tawe was read out to members and it was suggested that the organisation be invited to come and speak to the Council.

242. Final Report of the Independent Review Panel on Community and Town councils in Wales - (Agenda item No 6)

Reported that copies of the final report had been sent out to members.

Noted that the training of members was considered very important by the Panel.

243. Accounts for Payment for October 2018 – (Agenda item No 7) It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the following accounts totalling £22,457.33 (Cheque No 103790 to 103808 be approved for payment.

See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes

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

- E-mail dated 2nd October, 2018 from the Independent Remuneration Panel. The Annual Report for 2019/20 has been published for consultation and any comments should be forwarded by 27th November 2018. **Noted.**
- E-mail from Cllr Rowland Rees-Evans, Chair of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority re: Draft Corporate Plan for 2019-2024. Consultation ends on the 7th December, 2018.
Questionnaire to be completed. **Noted**

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

□ Application No: P2018/0775

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Roberts, 26 Abernant Road, Cwmgors,
SA18 1RB

Address: As above

Site Location: As above

Proposed Development: Two storey rear extension, single storey extension.

No objection

246. Reports and representations of committees, sub committees and external bodies – (Agenda item No: 10) □ Wetlands Committee

Reported that Dave Jones has written to Neath Port Talbot CBC – no reply received to date.

247. To consider motions received (Agenda item No: 11)

It was proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present, with the exception of one abstention, that a letter be sent to the Head of Planning complaining about lorries running at 6.00am through the villages to and from the Celtic Energy Opencast Site in Tairgwaith.

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

- Reported that the Chairperson had received a response in the matter of the Rhydyfro recycling proposal saying that to maintain a 5 day opening at the site would cost the CBC £187k. The Chairperson will continue to pursue the matter with Neath Port Talbot CBC.
- There were complaints of smells coming from the Rhydyfro site – members were advised to complain to the CBC local member.
- In relation to primary care, Sue Jordan pointed out that the life expectancy of residents in Neath Port Talbot was a staggering two years less than for residents in Swansea. The Council supported the setting up of a Working Group to investigate the issue.

The meeting was closed at 8.45

Signed.......... Dated **13/11/2018**