

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 13th November 2018 at 6.30pm

249. Present

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

In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council.

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1) Michele

Emerson (on holiday).

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

251. 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 and the Finance Meeting held on the 30th October, 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

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

□ Celtic Energy Opencast Site

Reported that a Freedom of Information Act notice had been served on the Natural Resources Wales requesting copies of reports regarding the Celtic Energy Opencast Site. The response received was not particularly helpful and will need to be followed up.

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

(i) Draft lease relating to the Old Glyn School

Reported that Y Banwen was still unhappy about the lease and have declined to sign it. As a result it was proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that a meeting be arranged with the directors of the Company to try to resolve the matter. It was decided that the Council's Chairperson, the Clerk and the Council's solicitor represent the Council.

(ii) Christmas Lighting

Reported that a cheque for 75% or the cost of providing the lighting was being held until the contractor has provided satisfactory explanations. It was agreed that efforts be made to redistribute 10 of the existing lights to Lower Brynaman (5No) and Taigwaith (5No).

254. Grant Application received from Canolfan Maerdy to establish a Community Transport Group - (Agenda item No 6)

Copies of the grant application had been sent out with the agenda for the meeting. After consideration members voted overwhelmingly in favour of supporting the project and a grant of £4,491.00 was awarded to Canolfan Maerdy.

255. Accounts for Payment for November 2018 – (Agenda item No 7) It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the following accounts totalling £13,913.87 (Cheque No 103809 to 103824) be approved for payment.

See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes

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

- Letter dated 23rd October, 2018 from the Gwaun Cae Gurwen Bowls Club requesting a donation of £600.00 from Council. **Deferred until January 2019 when the estimates for 2019/20 are considered.**

- Letter dated 23rd October, 2018 from the Head of Legal Services, Neath Port Talbot CBC **re:** application to change the register of Common Land – CL25A Entry 86, as modified by Entry 216-application No: NPT 0043. **Noted.**
- E-mail dated 13th November, 2018 confirming that Gaynor Richards, Director of Neath Port Talbot CVS and Andrew Jarrett Head of Social Services Neath Port Talbot CBC will attend the Council meeting to be held on the 11th December 2018. **Noted.**
- E-mail dated 1st November 2018 requesting a contribution of £3,000 towards the cost of repairing Llwyn Hen Road in December 2018/January 2019. **Noted.**

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

☐ Application No: P2018/0854

Applicant: Mr Raymond Thomas, 110 Heol Cae Gurwen, Gwaun Cae Gurwen.

Address: As above

Site Location: As above

Proposed Development: Boundary Fence.

No objection

☐ Application No: P2018/0871

Applicant: Richard Beynon, Yr Yscribwr, Aman Road, Brynaman

Address: As above

Site Location: As above

Proposed Development; First Floor Extension.

No objection

☐ Application No: P2018/0905

Applicant: Tom Davies, 21 Gron Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen

Address: As above

Site Location: As above

Proposed Development: Two storey rear extension including Juliet balcony.

No objection

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

Reported that three wreaths had been ordered. Noted that –

- The Chairman, Geoff Moore, would take one to Cwmgors Church and following the service he would lay the wreath on the Gwaun Cae Gurwen memorial.
- Cathryn Harrison would lay a wreath on the Lower Brynman memorial and
- Len Preece would lay a wreath on the memorial in the Tairgwaith Club.

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

There was no motion received.

260. Any Other Urgent Business – (Agenda item No 12) There was no urgent business

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Signed.......... Dated **11/12/2018**