

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 11th December 2018 at 6.00pm

265. Members' Present

Councillors – Geoff Moore (Presiding), Mike Harrison, Sue Jordan, Dave Jones, Len Preece, Dafydd Humphries, Cathryn Harrison, Dai Davies and Leander Bell

Also In Attendance

Will Watson, Chief Executive of Celtic Energy

Gaynor Richards, Director of Neath Port Talbot CVS

Andrew Jarrett, Director of Social Services, Neath Port Talbot CBC

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)

Michele Emerson, Adrian Herdman, Nia Treharne and Gareth Edmondson.

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

267. Meeting with Will Watson Proposed Project – “Parc y Waun” Will Watson the Chief Executive of Celtic Energy was welcomed to the meeting. He said he had met with Cllr Mike Harrison and he had come along to establish whether or not the proposed project had the full support of the Community Council. In principle he was favourable disposed towards the project and would be happy to donate the required land for the development subject to the receipt of a letter outlining the Council's plan and identifying the land in question. He stated that he was meeting with representatives of the Commoners in January, 2019.

268. Meeting with Gaynor Richards and Andrew Jarrett (Agenda item No.3)

Gaynor Richards, Director of Neath Port Talbot CVS and Andrew Jarrett, Director of Social Services, Neath Port Talbot CBC were both welcome to the meeting. It was said that the

CVS and Neath Port Talbot CBC were keen to help the Council identify what can be done to bring communities together. A pilot scheme was being undertaken in the area to identify assets and the findings would be shared with the community. Members complained, in particular about primary care deficiencies in the area, resulting largely from difficulties in recruiting general practitioners. Both presenters said they would return to report back.

269. Minutes (Agenda item No 3)

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on the 13th November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

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

☐ **Celtic Energy Opencast Site**

Reported that a further Freedom of Information Act notice will be issued on the Natural Resources Wales requesting specified copies of reports regarding the Celtic Energy Opencast Site.

☐ **Y Banwen – The Old Glyn School**

☐ Reported that Y Banwen had now repaid the £30,000 advanced to it by the Council.

☐ **Christmas Lights**

Reported that contact had been made with the contractor following numerous attempts. Apparently he had developed a back problem and had been hospitalised. He promised that the Council's Christmas lights would be installed over the weekend of the 15th and 16th of December, 2018. Members expressed great concern particularly as the agreed installation date was the 30th November 2018. Noted that he had failed to produce details of his insurance to Neath Port Talbot CBC as required by the legal agreement entered into with the Council.

271. Plan for the future of the Old Glyn School Site

After some discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that –

- (i) A professional valuer be instructed to produce a report and valuation of both buildings, separately and also the land
- (ii) The primary school building be sold
- (iii) The land on site be sold

- (iv) A roofing contractor be employed urgently to make the small building watertight.

272. Accounts for Payment for December 2018 – (Agenda item No 8) It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the following accounts totalling £12,916.44 (Cheque No 103825 to 103840) be approved for payment.

See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes

273. Correspondence – (Agenda item No 9) The following were reported -

- E-Mail dated 6th December, 2018 from the pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Cae Gurwen inviting Councillors to sign a petition to Neath Port Talbot CBC to introduce new safety measures on the road from Gwaun Cae Gurwen to Brynaman (A4069). **Council supported the petition and members duly signed.**
- Letter dated 23rd November from the Principal Council Tax Officer at Neath Port Talbot CBC detailing (a) Council Tax Base for 2019/20, (b) Schedule of Precept Payment for 2019/20 and (c) Timetable for Receipt of Precepts. **Noted.**
- Letter dated 26th November 2018 from Judith Cole, Local Government Finance at Welsh Government notifying Council that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2019/20 is £8.12 per elector. **Noted.**
- E-mail from One Voice Wales attaching latest Newsletter – already forwarded to members. **Noted.**
- Reported for information that the Clerk had completed and submitted to HMRC the VAT return for the 6 months ended 30/9/18

274. Planning Applications – (Agenda item No: 10)

□ Application No: P2018/0945

Applicant: Mr Rhys Williams, 17 Banwen Place, Lower Brynaman.

Address: As above

Site Location: As above

Proposed Development: Two storey rear extension, plus pitched roof to existing 2 story extension.

No objection

275. Extension of Meeting time – in accordance with Standing Orders It was agreed that the meeting would continue after 9.00pm and until 9.30pm, as necessary.

276. Reports and representations of committees, sub committees and external bodies – (Agenda item No: 11)

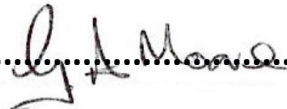
- Cllr Cathryn Harrison reported that she had attended an informative One Voice Wales course on Health & Safety.

277. To consider motions received (Agenda item No: 12) There was no motion received.

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

- Noted that Steve Hayes will come along to the February 2019 Council meeting to present a report entitled “Building a stronger Food bank in GCG”

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm

Signed..........

Dated 08/01/2019