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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 8th January 2018 at 6.30pm

279. Members' Present

Councillors – Geoff Moore (Presiding), Dave Jones, Cathryn Harrison, Sue Jordan, Leander Bell, Dafydd Humphries, Michele Emerson and Adrian Herdman.

Also In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)

Mike Harrison, Len Preece, Dai Davies, Gareth Edmondson and Nia Treharne.

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

281. Annual Welsh Meeting of Council

It was decided that the annual Welsh Meeting would be deferred to a future meeting of Council.

282. Minutes (Agenda item No 3)

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

- (i) Special Council meeting held on the 4th December 2018
- (ii) Ordinary Council meeting held on the 11th December, 2018

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

Celtic Energy Opencast Site

The Clerk will send a Freedom of Information Act within the next few days.

284. Resignation of Member of Council (Agenda item No 5) Agreed that this matter be deferred to the next Council meeting.

285. Grant Application – Celtic Energy Community Benefit Fund (Agenda item No 6)

The application by Awel Aman Tawe be deferred to await a response to members' queries.

286. Draft Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2019/20 (Agenda item No 7)

The Clerk presented the draft estimates of income and expenditure for 2019/20 and following a detailed discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present to approve the following – Total Expenditure = £167,997

Funded by –

Celtic Energy Community Benefit Fund = £23,184

Transfer from EMR – Brynaman Fund = £46,634

Transfer from General Fund = £14,589 £84,407

To be met from Precept £83,590

In addition it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the Precept for 2019/20 be approved at £83,590.

Noted that this represented an increase in the precept of £2,435 or 3% and an increase in Council Tax Band D of £1.62 from £61.90 to £63.52

The Clerk was thanked for his hard work.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

287. Christmas Lights – (Agenda item No 8)

It was reported that the contractor's performance was unacceptable to the Council. He had failed to install the lights until the 15th December, 2018 - this was two weeks later than the 30th November, 2018 agreed at the outset. In addition, the lights were not installed in accordance with the locations agreed with Neath Port Talbot CBC and he had failed to respond to repeated telephone, e-mail and text messages.

This was most unsatisfactory and contrary to the terms of the contract. In the circumstances it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the contract be severed and that the Christmas Lights 2019 be delegated to a group of councillors – it was agreed that the group include Dafydd, Leander, Mike and Cathryn.

288. Accounts for Payment for January 2019 – (Agenda item No 9)

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the accounts totalling £5,819.90 (Cheque No 103841 to 103854) be approved for payment.

See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes

289. Correspondence – (Agenda item No 10) The following were reported -

- A highly complementary letter dated 11th December, 2018 from Men's Sheds praising Leander for the help, support and assistance they received from her whilst they were setting up Men's Shed in Brynaman. **Noted.**
- Letter dated 8th January 2018 from Nigel Sheldon of Wrenvale Nurseries thanking the Council for its support over the last 30 years. **Noted.**

- E-mail dated 7th January 2019 advising Council of a draft Supplementary Planning Guidance – The Historic Environment.
Noted.

290. Planning Applications – (Agenda item No: 11)

None received

291. Reports and representations of committees, sub committees and external bodies – (Agenda item No: 12)

None received.

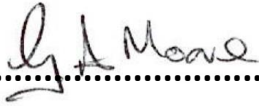
292. To consider motions received (Agenda item No: 13)

There was no motion received.

293. Any Other Urgent Business – (Agenda item No 14)

There was none

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm

Signed..........

Dated 12/02/2019