

# **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 12th February 2019 at 6.30pm**

#### **294. Members' Present**

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

#### **Also In Attendance**

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

#### **Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)**

Mike Harrison -school parents evening, Gareth Edmondson – school parents evening, and Cathryn Harrison - illness

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

#### **296 Presentation by Steve Hayes of Pantry Food bank, Pontardawe (Agenda item No 3)**

Noted that Mr Hayes will attend the next meeting of Council

#### **297. Minutes (Agenda item No 4)**

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

**298. Matters arising from those minutes – (Agenda item No 5)**  
**Celtic Energy Opencast Site**

Reported that a Freedom of Information Act request was in the process of being completed. Members requested that a member of staff from Natural Resources Wales be invited to address the Council.

**299. Declaration of Vacancy in the GCG Ward (Agenda item No 6)**

Proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that a vacancy be declared in the Gwaun Cae Gurwen ward and that County Council be informed accordingly.

**300. Budget Monitoring Report for the period 1/4/18 to 31/12/18 (Agenda item No 7)**

The Clerk/RFO presented a Budget Monitoring Report for the nine months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. It was noted that the report indicated that overall both income and expenditure were within budget. The report was accepted.

It was agreed that the Business Rates relating to GCG and Tairgwaith Community Centres would appear on the agenda of a future Council meeting for detailed consideration.

**301. Update on Christmas Lights – (Agenda item No 8)**

Reported that the group of members delegated to deal with the 2019 Christmas Lights had already met and had made very good progress in sourcing potential suppliers. In particular, Dafydd was thanked for his hard work.

**302. Old Glyn School- (Agenda item No 9)**

Reported that the chimney at the old primary school had now been demolished and as a result the building is now water tight.

Proposed, seconded and agreed by members present that –

- The Council issue an advance payment in the sum of £500.00 to Men's Shed to pay for materials to repair the interior of the building
- The Council approved the appointment of a surveyor to value the land and buildings on site for the sum of £400.00 plus VAT.

**303. Accounts for Payment for February 2019 – (Agenda item No10)** It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the accounts totalling £6,038.82 (Cheque No 103855 to 103869) be approved for payment.

**See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes**

**304. Correspondence – (Agenda item No 11)** The following were reported -

- Report from Auditor General for Wales – Financial Management and Governance in Town and Community Councils 2017/18. The Key findings were read out to members. **Noted.**
- Report from Auditor General for Wales – Internal Audit Arrangements at Town and Community Councils in Wales. The Key findings were read out to members. **Noted.**
- One Voice Wales training session in Advanced Local Government Finance to be held between 6.30pm- 9.00pm at Llanelli on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019. **Noted that two members had been enrolled.**
- The draft advertisement for a part time Minute Clerk was discussed. **Approved**

**305. Planning Applications – (Agenda item No: 12)**

None received

**306. Reports and representations of committees, sub committees and external bodies – (Agenda item No: 13)**

None received.

**307. To consider motions received (Agenda item No: 14)**

None received.

**308. Any Other Urgent Business – (Agenda item No 15)**

- Recycling – the closing date of the site is believed to be the end of this month - February 2019.
- Members were urged to attend the South Wales Nuclear Waste march in Swansea.

**The meeting was closed at 8.45pm**

Signed.......... Dated **12/03/2019**