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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 6.30pm

323. Members' Present

Councillors – Geoff Moore (Presiding), Dave Jones, Nia Treharne, Leander Bell, Adrian Herdman, Dafydd Humphries,

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Also In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)

Michele Emerson, Sue Jordan, Leander Bell, Gareth Edmondson, Len Preece and Dai Davies.

324. Declarations of personal interest – (Agenda item No 2)

There were no declarations of personal interest made.

325. Minutes (Agenda item 3)

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 9th April 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairperson. In addition, the recommendation of the Personnel Committee held in camera on 3rd April 2019, that Mark Alchin's appointment as Caretaker/Cleaner at the Cwmgors Community Centre is approved.

326. Matters arising from those minutes – (Agenda item 4)

Celtic Energy Opencast Site – Minute No 313

Reported that Natural Resources Wales has failed to respond to the request to meet with Council to discuss potentially serious issues, which may arise in the future, in relation to the opencast site.

Declaration of Vacancy in the GCG Ward – Minute No 313

Reported that the statutory 14 working days had elapsed on the 8th April 2019 (yesterday) and it was expected that Neath Port Talbot CBC will now advise Council as to whether or not it will be necessary to call a by-election.

Old Glyn School – Minute No 313

Consultant's Report

Members expressed disappointment with the contents of the consultant's report, dated 27th February 2019. It was proposed and seconded and approved by members present that Council write to the consultant requesting that they do it again.

Mens Shed Association – Chairperson's Report

The written report, dated 9th April 2019, circulated by the Chairperson was accepted and approved. As a result, the organisation has Council permission for the following –

- Removal of the Children's' play equipment from the front of the lower building.
- Removal of the fencing around the play area and use some of it to install as barriers to block off the connecting steps to the upper building. If possible, these should be able to pivot allowing future access if required (lock and keys)
- Removal of the radiators and the old boiler
- Improve access via the gateway onto the premises making a single gateway rather than two separate gates
- Any monies resulting from the sale of the obsolete equipment should go to the Management Committee of the Community Centre, once it has been set up.
- A Management Committee will be set up using the agreed Constitution.

Matters that need to be resolved by Council

- Check for funding as to fitting of heating system.
When satisfied, then contact company for a visit and new quote.
- Recognition of setting up of Lower Brynaman Community Centre Management Committee.

Other Issues

It was reported that a boundary fence had been moved with the result that land owned by the Council had been taken. It was noted that the report was investigated by the Chairperson and found to be unfounded.

It was proposed that the adjoining land be marked out and fenced. Two members volunteered to measure the land. This offer was accepted.

327. Update on the following matters Agenda item 5).

(I) Christmas Lights

Reported that a meeting with Blachere Illuminations will take place in the Tairgwaith Community Centre at 11.00am on the 30th April 2019.

(ii) Parc y Waun

Unfortunately, Mike was unable to be present.

(iii) Development of new Website

Unfortunately, Gareth was unable to be present

328. Presentation Plates – (Agenda item 6)

None

329. Accounts for Payment for April 2019 – (Agenda item 7)

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the accounts totalling £11,390.68 (Cheque No 103885 to 103900) be approved for payment.

See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes

330. Correspondence – (Agenda item No 8)

The following were reported -

- (i) E-mail dated 6th April 2019, received from the Public Loans Board, confirming the outstanding balance as at 31st March 2019, in relation to the purchase of the Old Glyn School, as being £114,868.17. **Provided for audit purposes.**
- (ii) E-mail dated 9th April 2019, received from One Voice Wales, advising Council of the One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint event which will take place in the Liberty Stadium, Swansea on the 15th May 2019. The cost of the event is £90.00 per person plus VAT. **Agreed that the Chairperson and the Clerk attend the event.**

331. Planning Applications (Agenda item 9)

(1) Application No: P2020/0229

Applicant's Name/Address: Samuel Bose, 16 New Road,
Gwaun Cae Gurwen, SA18 1UN

Site Location: 1 Aman Cottages, Lower Brynman, SA18 1SL

Proposed Development: Replacement pitched roof over existing two storey side extension, insertion of one window in the apex of the new roof and two windows at first floor level in the side elevation of the extension plus decking to rear elevation.

No objection

(2) Application No: P2019/0243

Applicant's Name/Address: Luke Jones, 51, Barry Road,
Lower Brynman, SA18 1TY

Site Location: 51, Barry Road, Lower Brynman, SA18 1TY

Proposed Development: First floor rear extension

No Objection

(3) **Application No: P2019/0327**

Applicant's Name/Address: Anthony Evans, 25 Colbren Square,
Gwaun Cae Gurwen, SA18 1HS

Location: 25 Colbren Square, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, SA18 1HS

Proposed Development: Front porch extension plus canopy to
front and part side elevations.

No Objection

**332. Reports and representations of committees, sub committees and
external bodies – (Agenda item No: 10)**

None received

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

None received.

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

It was agreed that the Chief Executive of the Swansea Bay
University Health Board be invited to attend a future meeting of
the Council to discuss local health issues

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....Dated.....