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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 14th May, 2019 at 6.30pm

335. Members' Present

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

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Also In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)

Dai Davies (broken his leg), Kathryn Harrison (not well) and Mike Harrison (working),

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

Dafydd Humphries declared an interest in item 7 on the agenda – application from the Amman Valley Fire Cadets for a grant under the Celtic Energy Community Fund.

337. Minutes (Agenda item 3 and 5)

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, which was held in camera, on the 24th April, 2019, that Andrea Prescott's appointment as Council's Minute Clerk, is approved.

338. Matters arising from those minutes – (Agenda item 4) **Celtic Energy Opencast Site**

Reported that there was still no response received from Natural Resources Wales to the request to meet with Council to discuss the potentially serious issues, which may arise in the future, in relation to the opencast site. In the circumstances it was agreed to –

- Send a further Freedom of Information request to Natural Resources Wales.
- Write to both our county councillors.
- Make representations to Jeremy Miles AM

Declaration of Vacancy in the GCG Ward

Reported that the statutory 14 working days had elapsed on the 8th April 2019. The Clerk will pursue the matter with Neath Port Talbot CBC **Old**

Glyn School – Consultant’s Report

No response has been received from the consultant. The Clerk will pursue the matter.

Christmas Lights

Reported that following a successful meeting with Blachere Illuminations held on the 30th April 2019 the company will provide a quotation for the Council’s consideration.

339. Declare a vacancy in the office of Councillor for the Lower Brynaman Ward (Agenda item 6)

Reported that Gareth Edmondson has tendered his resignation for personal reasons.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by members present that the Council formally declare a vacancy and inform the Neath Port Talbot CBC accordingly. Agreed that Gareth be sent a letter thanking him for his hard work on behalf of the Council and wishing him well for the future.

340. Aman Valley Cadets – Application for a grant under the Celtic Energy Community Benefit Fund (Agenda item 7)

Cllr Dafydd Humphries left the meeting room during consideration of the grant application.

Members carefully considered the application and decided to support the project and award the grant subject to satisfactory

responses to the queries raised.

341. Accounts for Payment for May 2019 – (Agenda item 9)

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the accounts totalling £11,939.57(Cheque No 103901 to 103914) be approved for payment.

See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes

342. Correspondence – (Agenda item No 10)

The following were reported -

- (i) E-mail dated 29th April 2019, received from the One Voice Wales inviting member councils to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on Saturday 5th October 2019. Noted that these must arrive at the OVW office no later than noon on Thursday 20th June 2019.
Agreed that the Clerk will forward the email to members.
- (ii) E-mail dated 9th April 2019, received from John Richard Holmes asking that he be considered for co-option on to the Council. **Agreed that Mr Holmes be co-opted and that he be invited to attend the next meeting of Council.**
- (iii) Letter dated 3rd May 2019 from the Secretary of the GCG OAP Association requesting financial assistance. **Referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration.**

343. Planning Applications (Agenda item 11)

(1) Application No: P2019/0382

Applicant's Name/Address: Chris Morgan, Tanyrallt, Graig Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen.

Site Location: Former RAOB Club 121 Heol Cae Gurwen, Gwaun Cae Gurwen.

Proposal: Prior Notification for the demolition of the former club.

No objection

(2) **Application No: P2019/0364**

Applicant's Name/Address: Layton Jones, 7 Park Street, Lower Brynaman, SA18 1TF

Site Location: 7, Park Street, Lower Brynaman, SA18 1TF

Proposed Development: Single storey rear extension and associated ramp.

No Objection

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

None received

345. To consider motions received (Agenda item No: 13) None received.

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

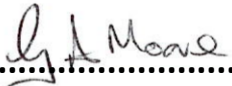
- **Outgoing Chairperson**

Cllr Len Preece thanked the outgoing Chairperson, Cllr Geoff Moore, for all his hard work over the past two years. This was endorsed by members. Geoff responded by congratulating Len on his recent award as the volunteer of the year.

- **Recycling and Garden Waste**

The Chairperson reported that following the changes to the system of collection, involving the use of reusable white hessian bags for collection of paper/cardboard/plastics etc., he had e-mailed the County Borough Council raising a number of issues on behalf of residents. In particular, there was a question of legal responsibility, following the emptying of the bags, which still awaits a response from the Council.

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm

Signed..........

Dated **14/05/2019**