

# **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 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at 6.30pm**

#### **347. Members' Present**

Councillors – Michele Emerson (Presiding), Cathrin Harrison, Nia Treharne, Dafydd Humphries, Geoff Moore, Dai Davies, Dave Jones, John Holmes and Len Preece.

#### **Also In Attendance**

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

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

Mike Harrison (working)

#### **348. Declarations of personal interest – (Agenda item No 2)**

Dafydd Humphries declared an interest in item 5 on the agenda – application from the Amman Valley Fire Cadets for a grant under the Celtic Energy Community Fund.

#### **349. Minutes (Agenda item 3)**

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting, held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

#### **350. Matters arising from those minutes – (Agenda item 4)**

**Celtic Energy Opencast Site** It was agreed that –

- Dai Davies and Dafydd Humphries attend the proposed meeting with Jeremy Miles AM.
- A fresh Freedom of Information request is made to the NRW.

#### **351. Grant Application Amman Valley Fire Cadets - Celtic Energy Community Benefit Fund - (Agenda item No 5)**

Members considered the detailed response received from the grant applicant, in relation to the queries raised in the last meeting, and, as a result the Council approved the application and the payment of the grant.

Dafydd Humphries left the meeting room whilst this matter was under discussion.

**352. Quotation for Christmas Lighting 2019-2021 (Agenda item No 6)**

The quotation received from Blachere was considered. The quote appeared reasonable, and compared very favourably with the last contractor, but questions were raised about possible “add-ons” It was agreed that further information was required from the company.

**353. Adoption of media policy for Council (Agenda item No 7)** Agreed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of Council.

**354. Accounts for Payment for June 2019 – (Agenda item 8)**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the Accounts totalling £7,451.93 (Cheque No 103915 to 103932) be approved for payment.

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

**355. Correspondence (Agenda item No 9)**

The following were reported -

1. E-mail dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 from Frank James regarding the Brynmanan Lido Committee. The Council was invited to send a representative to a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in the Black Mountain Centre to discuss proposals for the Lido and how it may benefit the community. In the event Dafydd Humphries attended and reported on a good meeting and presentation. It was proposed, seconded and agreed by members present that Mr James be invited to make a presentation to a future meeting of Council.
2. E-mail dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from Ben Wheeler of Copper Bay informing Council that the website used is the world’s most common web technology, PHP. There is a big industry change to PHP version 7.3 for security. As a result web servers will stop supporting the old version within a few months. Rather than a full rebuild or anything complicated, Copper Bay can offer a patch that will cost £70.00 plus VAT. Agreed that the Council accept this offer at a cost of £70.00 plus VAT.

**356. Planning Applications (Agenda item 10)**

- (1) **Application No: P2019/0418**

Applicant's Name/Address: Diane Sutton, Brynglas Retreat, 1, Brynglas, King Edward Road, Taigwaith, SA18 1YN.

Site Location: As above address.

Proposed Development: Change of use of land to campsite to include the siting of 1 wooden clad static caravan and the provision of 3 pitches for touring campervans/caravans plus associated works.

**No objection**

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

None received

**358. To consider motions received (Agenda item No: 12)** None received.

**359. Any Other Urgent Business – (Agenda item No 13)**

- **Food bank GCG Community Centre**

Suggested that members attend the next distribution of food on Friday and report back.

- **Health Board**

Resolved that a letter of support regarding life expectancy in the area be sent to the Health Board and the Chief Executive be invited to come and meet with the Council.

- **Recycling and Garden Waste**

No response received from Neath Port Talbot CBC with regard to this matter.

**The meeting was closed at 8.50pm**

Signed.....

Dated 10/09/2019