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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 9th July, 2019 at 6.30pm

368. Members' Present

Councillors –Dafydd Humphries, Cathryn Harrison, Geoff Moore, Leander Bell, Sue Jordan, Len Preece, Dave Jones, and David Davies.

Also In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

Andrea Prescott – Assistant to Clerk to the Council.

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)

Michelle Emerson, Mike Harrison, Nia Mcneil

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

370. Minutes – (Agenda Item No 3.)

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

371. Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. (Agenda Item No 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.

372. To Consider the enclosed draft Grant Awarding Policy. (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.

373. The new Caretaker at the Cwmgors Community Centre – Completion of the 3 month probationary period (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.

374. Accounts for payment (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 20th May 2019 from Frank James regarding the Brynmanan Lido Committee. The Council was invited to send a representative to a meeting on the 4th 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 11th 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**