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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre

On Tuesday 8th October, 2019 at 6.30pm

406. Members' Present

Councillors – Dafydd Humphries (Presiding), Leander Prescott, Helen Baker, Sue Jordan, Cathryn Harrison, Len Preece, Dave Jones, Adrian Herdman, Geoff Moore, Dai Davies, Mike Harrison and Nia Treharne

Also In Attendance

County Cllr Arwyn Woolcock and Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

Apologies – (Agenda item No 1)

None

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

There were no declarations of personal interest

408. County Cllr Arwyn Woolcock

The Chairperson welcomed Arwyn to the meeting and invited him to address members. The financial situation facing Neath Port Talbot CBC was outlined by Arwyn and it appeared unlikely that county councils would see much of the additional funding awarded to the Welsh Government. In response to questions about the opencast, Arwyn said that he would ask the county Planning Officer to provide a copy of the report. The County Councillor left the meeting.

409. Election of Chairperson (Agenda item No 1)

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that Cllr Dafydd Humphries is elected Chairperson of the Council. **410.**

Election of Vice Chairperson (Agenda item No 2)

There were two nominations for the post of Vice Chairperson – Cllr Len Preece and Cllr Leander Prescott. Both candidates left the room whilst a secret ballot was conducted. Cllr Len Preece was duly elected Vice Chairperson.

411. Co-option of Helen Baker

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that Helen Baker is co-opted as a member of the Council.

412. Minutes (Agenda item No 5)

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting, held on the 10th September 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairperson. In addition, the minutes of the Finance Committee and also the Personnel Committee held on the 24th September 2019, including the recommendations made by both Committees, be accepted and approved and be duly signed by the Chairperson.

413. Annual Audit Return for 2018/19 (Agenda item No 7)

Proposed and seconded and agreed by all members present that the Annual Return is approved and accepted including the issues arising report prepared by BDO the external auditor.

414. Update on the following matters – (Agenda item No 8)

- Lower Brynaman Community Centre – contractors are being contacted to provide quotations for the installation of central heating.
- Meeting with Health Board representatives to discuss community health issues – the meeting is scheduled to take place on the 14th of October, 2019 in the Neath Hospital.
- Meeting with Jeremy Miles AM concerning the opencast site – Still no response received. Agreed that he be given until the end of December to respond otherwise the Council will involve the press and media. In addition, it was suggested that Dai Lloyd AM, should be contacted. It was reported that Environment legal

advice may be available from Cardiff Law School and help could be provided free of charge.

415. Accounts for Payment for October 2019 (Agenda item No 9)

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the Accounts totalling £10,538.80 (Cheque No 103982 to 104000) be approved for payment.

See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes

416. Correspondence (Agenda item No 10) There was no correspondence to report.

417. Planning Applications (Agenda item No 11) There were no planning applications received.

418. Reports and representations of committees, sub committees and external bodies – (Agenda item No: 12)
There were no reports received.

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

420. Any Other Urgent Business – (Agenda item No 14) There was none.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

Signed.......... Dated **12/11/2019**