



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council**  
**Held at the Tairgwaith Community Centre**  
**On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 6.00pm**

**Meeting started at 6.00pm**

**476. Members' Present**

Dafydd Humphreys, Presiding

Councillors – Geoff Moore, Adrian Herdman, Helen Baker, Len Preece, David Jones, Sue Jordan, Mike Harrison.

**Also In Attendance**

County Councillor Sonia Reynolds

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

Ffion Lewis, Assistant Clerk

**Apologies for absence** (*Agenda item No 1*)

Cathryn Harrison, Nia Treharne, Stephen Roach, Leander Prescott

**477. Welcome Ffion Lewis as Assistant Clerk** (*Agenda item No 3*)

The Chairperson, Cllr Dafydd Humphreys, welcomed Ffion to her first meeting of the Council and she was introduced to the members.

**478. Declarations of personal interest** (*Agenda item No 2*) There were no Declarations of personal interest.

**479. Workways Presentation** (*Agenda item No 4*)

Apologies sent from Workways, unable to attend due to ill-health. Waiting for confirmation of new date for presentation.

**480. Application from Mr. Stephen Roach (Agenda item No 5)**

The Clerk read Stephen Roach's application to the members of the council. Proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that Stephen Roach is co-opted as a member of the council.

**481. Minutes (Agenda item No 6)**

Amendments to the Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 as follows:  
Minute No 453 – It was proposed, seconded and agreed to officially raise concern over the extension. Reports needed from NRW and public health Wales.

Minute No 457 – 6 members in favour of the motion.

Minute No 470 – Amendment to the address. The Launchpad, Bronantfer, Leyshon Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, Ammanford, SA18 1EN.

Proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that, subject to amendments, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

**482. Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise on the Agenda**

*(Agenda item No 7)*

Minute No 458: Bryn Rovers AFC.

Grant application forms for the Celtic Energy Community Benefit Fund have been sent out to Bryn Rovers, nothing back as of date.

Minute No 463: Meeting with Jeremy Miles AM.

Still no response from Jeremy Miles, need to request another meeting. Feed In Tariff: The Clerk has been in contact with the energy supplier. Awaiting supplier readings before proceeding further.

**483. County Councillor Report**

Cllr Reynolds was invited to address the Council and provided the following updates:

1. *Pwllfawatkin*: Cllr Reynolds intends to speak at the planning meeting against the application. Emphasis on the smell that affects the A474 traffic. The site is intended to close within the next year and Cllr Reynolds will ask what are they intending to do with the site? Cllr Reynolds also informed the Council that the Landfill requirement is out of date and that she intends to look into this matter further. The main issue at the moment is that there are a number of authorities involved. Cllr Reynolds informed the Council that the Liaison Committee meeting was on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020, and she will request a more detailed report. The Environmental Health have also shown concern regarding the smell and we are awaiting evidence gathered by themselves. Cllr Reynolds suggested that the Council make requests to the public to send in complaints, as many named objections as possible.
2. *Ysgol Gwaun Cae Gurwen*: Cllr Reynolds addressed the Council on how pleased she was with the good school report they received.
3. *Consultation of Houses on Water Road*: Nothing has been approved as of date.
4. *Bid for Hubs*: Cllr Reynolds informed the Council of possible places for the hubs, one site mentioned was the rear of Ysgol GCG. Concerns were brought to attention regarding entry via the school. Cllr Reynolds assured the Council that this matter has been looked into and that entry would be made through the playground area.

*Councillor Reynolds left the meeting at 19.05*

**484. To consider a request for financial assistance from Park Howard Pony Club** (*Agenda item No 8*)

It was reported by the Chairperson, Cllr Dafydd Humphreys that he met with members of Park Howard Pony Club regarding the damage made from a recent break in.

Following a full discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that a donation of £500 be made to the Pony Club.

**485. Update on the following matters:** (*Agenda item 9*)

GCG Community Centre

Reported that a grant application towards the renovations have been made to Neath Port Talbot CBC.

Lower Brynamman Community Centre

Reported that the central heating has been installed but there is no meter at the site to be able to test the system. Enquiries have been made and contractors have said that connection to the meter can take up to four weeks.

Tairgwaith Community Centre

Reported that a price has been agreed for the removal of the solar panels. Roof has been repaired.

Proposed meeting with Jeremy Miles AM

Email has been sent to arrange a meeting. No response from Jeremy Miles as of yet.

Pwllfawatkin Landfill Site Discussed

in item number 483.

**486. Presentation of Council Plate (Agenda item 10)**

Council plate presented by the Chair, Cllr Dafydd Humphreys, to a Mr. Davies and a Mrs. Jones for their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**487. Security of Staff (Agenda item 11)**

Discussion was made regarding possible installation of CCTV at Cwmgors Community Centre. It was decided that we should receive more quotes, also look into purchasing a door bell camera.

**488. Accounts for payment (Agenda item 12)**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the Accounts totalling £7,167.82 (Cheque No 104070 to 104084) be approved for payment.

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

**489. Correspondence (Agenda Item 13)**

Reported that an email was received from Eloise Stanton from Neath Port Talbot CBC, informing the council that there are new funds available from the Perthgwynion Wind Turbine Community Benefit Fund.

It was also reported that an email was received from the Wales Audit Office regarding a press release on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 explaining the timescale for councils to publish their accounts.

**490. Planning Applications (Agenda Item 14)**

***Application No: P2020/0036***

*Applicant's Name/Address:* Mr Jan Kaufhold, Animal Doctors, Carpenters Arms Veterinary Clinic, Clydach, Swansea. SA6 5LN.

*Site Location:* 68 Heol Cae Gurwen, Gwaun Cae Gurwen. SA18 1PB.

*Proposal:* Change of use from residential to a veterinary branch clinic. No Objections.

***Application No: P2020/0091***

*Applicant's Name/Address:* Mr Luke Spurway, 22 Park Lane, Brynamman, Ammanford. SA18 1TE.

*Site Location:* Plot between 16 & 18 Park Lane, Lower Brynamman. *Proposal:* Non-material amendment to condition 2 of planning approval no P2014/0874 regarding external materials.

No objections.

***Application No: P2020/0111***

*Applicant's Name/Address:* Mr & Mrs Davies, 73 Glyn Road, Lower Brynamman, Ammanford. SA18 1SS.

*Site Location:* 73 Glyn Road, Lower Brynamman, Ammanford. SA18 1SS.

*Proposal:* Raising ridge height to create a dormer dwelling, alterations to fenestration and garage conversion.

No Objection.

**491. Reports and representations of committees, sub-committees and external bodies (Agenda Item 15)**

*Report for the meeting held with Swansea Bay University Health Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020*

It was reported that Cllr L Prescott was unwell on the day and was unable to take the minutes for the meeting. The minutes were taken by Sam Paige and Cllr D Humphreys is awaiting these. It was also reported that a Practice proposal form document does not exist.

There was a positive response from the Community Health Council and future complaints should be made to them instead of direct to the Doctors in question. The CHC has proposed that they arrange a drop-in session for the community to be able to address their concerns. It was asked in the meeting, since there is only one main GP for the area, what were the rules and regulations regarding this, and, in fact, how many GPs were needed per surgery.

It was discussed that other meetings need to be arranged with other health boards.

*Minutes for the meeting of the Youth Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020.*

It was noted how well the youth participated within the meeting.

It was reported that the next meeting will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

*Feedback on the meeting called to establish a Management Committee in the Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Centre.*

Cllr M Harrison reported that there were twelve people in attendance of the meeting. There has been an elected committee. It was also reported that the next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**492. Questions for the Chair (Agenda Item 17)**

It was discussed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and that future meetings will now be held on Tuesdays in Cwmgors Community Centre.

**The meeting was closed at 20.18pm**

Signed.......... Dated 11/03/2020