



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Glynneath Town Council
In the Council Chamber Bethania Community Centre
At 7pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018**

Councillors Present

The Mayor, Councillor Dr Del Morgan
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Janet Gregory
Councillor Carolyn Edwards
Councillor John Evans
Councillor Lowri Francis
Councillor Richard Knoyle
Councillor Simon Knoyle
Councillor Haulwen Morgan
Councillor Marion Morgan
Councillor Tony Pritchard
Councillor Gerry Reynolds
Councillor Helen Williams

Council Employees Present

Clerk to Council: Michael Pugh

Absent/Apologies

Councillor Jennifer Roberts

1. Presiding

The Mayor, Councillor Dr Del Morgan

2. Mayor`s Announcements

Mayor Councillor Dr Del Morgan announced that his inauguration service will be at the Bethal Chapel on Sunday the 8th July 2018 at 2.30pm. Councillor Morgan also stated that the Mayors charity this year will be Wales Air Ambulance.

3. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Jennifer Roberts.

Chairperson:

Date:

4. Declarations of Interest

Mayor Councillor Dr Del Morgan declared his interest as a County Borough Member and potential work with One Voice Wales.

Councillor Simon Knoyle declared his interest as a County Borough Member and Secretary of Glynneath RFC.

Councillor Carolyn Edwards declared her interest as a County Borough Member.

Councillor Lowri Francis declared her interest as the Vice President of Glynneath RFC and Chair of Glynneath Community Events Panel.

Councillor John Evans declared his interest as Trustee of Glynneath Silver Band.

5. Report on Crime/Policing

PC Isabelle van de Wouw and PCSO Andrew Jones attended and addressed the meeting. PC van de Wouw introduced herself as the new PC for the area and was welcomed by the Council. PCSO Jones stated the Police had started a campaign called Bike Watch, this was to tackle the problem with off road motorcycles. He also discussed the parking issues, particularly around the two schools in New Street; he said a number of parking fines had been issued, but the problem is ongoing and there will be a continued presence, especially around peak times. There is also a safety concern of people, predominantly youths, jumping off bridges into the river, which due to the dry weather has caused the river level to be low. The next PACT meeting was confirmed at the Council Chambers in the Bethania Community Centre, on 25 July 2018, at 6.30pm.

6. Amendments to the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 8th May 2018

Resolved to accept the Minutes with the following amendments. Councillor Gerry Reynolds pointed out that the Minutes of 8th May 2018, item 2. Mayors announcement were incorrect, when stated ex Councillor Edward Jones resigned due to ill health. Ex Councillor Jones actually stated his resignation was due to him being fed up with negative Facebook comments and accusations, as well as deteriorating health. Also, there was an omission, in so much that ex Councillor Jones stated that it is usual practice for the Deputy Mayor to become Mayor. There is no protocol for the Deputy Mayor to become the new Mayor, the positions of Mayor and Deputy are decided purely on votes.

7. Confirmation that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 8th May 2018 are a true & correct Record. Resolved to accept the Minutes

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 8th May 2018.

- a. Item b. Parking in Addoldy Road: No updates.
- b. Item c. Speeding vehicles on Pontneathvaughan Road, Aberdare Road and Merthyr Road, also pedestrian crossing on the Rhigos Bank Road: Need to await a feasibility study promised by the County Borough in the financial year 2018/19.
- c. Item d. Valley Initiative Report due in June/July 2018: Awaiting Welsh Government Reports, no financial support.
- d. Item H Drains on cemetery: The Clerk has emailed Steve Owen with regard to having a mass root clearance in the drains and then a remote camera inspection. Currently awaiting a response.

9. Other reports

Trem y Glyn Action Group: The Swansea University projects relating to the Care Service should be completed in June/July 2018, with the report following soon after. Professor Verity from the University stated that she would be meeting with NPT Care Services to discuss the findings. Councillor Del Morgan stated there was support from Gaynor Richards, NPT CVS.

A litter pick has been organised for 18th June 2018.

A Glow Disco has been organised for Friday 22nd June 2018 in the Town Hall.

A UV Disco has been organised for Saturday 7th July 2018 in Glynneath RFC.

10. Clerk`s Report on Planning Applications

The Clerk had no planning applications available/submitted.

11. Clerk`s Report on Written Correspondence

Correspondence from the Wider Waterfall Initiative, GTC will support the Initiative in principal, but no financially.

Public questions:

Unfortunately, there were no public questions to hand. Mayor and Clerk to investigate options to allow for further questions at next meeting.

12. Reports from the Cemetery Committee:

Councillor Del Morgan read out the report.

13. Reports from the Parks & Open Spaces Committee:

No report.

14. Reports from the Human Resources Committee:

No report.

15. Reports from the Town Hall/Community Centre Committee:

It was noted that the Community Café was doing very well, properly qualified relief staff, are now in place in cases of absences.

Councillor Marion Morgan praised the Arts Academy for their enthusiasm and planning of the events.

16. Reports from the Project Action Group Committee:

No report.

17. Reports from the Finance & Audit Committee:

GDPR and training discussed.

Councillor Richard Knogle questioned the 2015/16 accounts.

18. Reports from Town Councillors

- a. Councillor Del Morgan informed the Council that GDPR was still ongoing.
- b. Councillor Richard Knoyle commented on the poor condition of the cemetery, the Clerk informed the Council that he recognises the cemetery needed attention and had plans to address the situation with utmost urgency.
- c. Councillor Richard Knoyle stated he had received a complaint from a resident that during a recent football tournament, two players had urinated publicly. There are toilets available for use during such tournaments, but some obviously choose to not use them.
- d. Councillor Gerry Reynolds informed the Council that Sgwd Gwladys in Pontneathvaughan had recently won a Wales tourism award and were employing many local people. With that in mind, he felt a letter of congratulations should be sent to them from the Council.
- e. Councillor Haulwen Morgan stated the Town Hall shutters seemed to be open a lot of the time. The Clerk informed the Council that the shutters were intermittently failing and that he would investigate the matter further.
- f. Councillor Haulwen Morgan went on to comment on the parking issue's in Earlsfield Close, often blocking a public right of way through the park.
- g. Councillor Haulwen Morgan suggested having dog mess bins at the west end of the Langy, between the overpass bridge and toward Pentre Street. The Council were unsure of the land owners, further investigation needed.
- h. Councillor Simon Knoyle requested extra time be given for the public questions at the next meeting, considering they didn't have the opportunity to pose questions during the meeting.

19. Reports from County Councillors

Councillor Carolyn Edwards stated there is limited transport links from Pontneathvaughan: ABMU are investigating further in relation to health visits.

20. Date, time, venue & proposed agenda items for the next meeting:

At 7.00pm on 10 July 2018 at Council Chamber, Bethania Community Centre.

Members of the public are entitled to attend this meeting but can only address the meeting (subject to Standing Orders 1d, 1e & 1f of the Town Councils Standing Orders, which can be viewed on the Council's Official Website) if they have confirmed the specific topic, in writing, to the Clerk (Note: all requests of this nature must be received at least seven days before the date of the meeting).

Councillors resolved to enter closed session to discuss strategic review and personnel matters in accordance with Town Council Standing Order number 1c and Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972. (The Act states that the public may be excluded from the meeting for the following business because it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information and the public interest not to disclose the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it).

The public were thanked for attending the meeting and for their interest in the proceedings of Council.

The meeting with the public closed at 9.15 and Council resolved to enter closed session to discuss personal issues and other closed session items.

Chairperson:

Date: