

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of  
Glynneath Town Council  
In the Council Chamber, Bethania Community Centre  
High Street, Glynneath at 7.00pm on  
Tuesday 8 May 2018**

**Councillors Present**

Cllr. Edward Jones  
Cllr. Dr. Del Morgan (presiding)  
Cllr. Simon Knoyle  
Cllr. Carolyn Edwards  
Cllr. Marion Morgan  
Cllr. Haulwen Morgan  
Cllr. John Evans  
Cllr. Jennifer Roberts  
Cllr. Richard Knoyle  
Cllr. Janet Gregory  
Cllr. Lowri Francis  
Cllr. Tony Pritchard  
Cllr. Helen Williams  
Cllr. Gerry Reynolds

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**1. Presiding: Resolved** that the Mayor Councillor Dr. Del Morgan take the chair.

**2. Mayor's Announcement:** Councillor Del Morgan accepted a letter of resignation from Councillor Edward Jones effective on 9 May 2018. Councillor Jones stated that he was now no longer able to carry out his duties due to ill health. The Mayor thanked him for all his good service.

**3. Apologies:** There were no apologies for absence.

**4. Declaration of Interest:**

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

Councillor Simon Knoyle declared his interest as 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 Vice President 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:**

Sergeant John McCumesky, a new officer to the area, attended the meeting, he was welcomed by Council. He stated that the area would now be benefiting from an extra PCSO, taking the number up to five. Council stated that they were very grateful for the extra staff being deployed in the area and hoped that it would help combat some of the problems that had been experienced e.g. anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence. Councillors enquired when the next PACT meeting would take place and were told 9 May 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, Cwmgwrach. Concern was also expressed about the small numbers going to the Pact meetings and they felt that as the Town Council meetings were well attended by the public it might be more beneficial for PACT meetings to be held earlier in the evening on the day of the Ordinary Meeting. Sergeant McCumesky said he would take the suggestion back. Councillors expressed concern regarding the dangerous parking by both the schools and the Post Office. They were told that the Police were looking into the problem with their partners and that there would be an enforcement day soon. **Resolved** to thank the officer for attending and to note other items.

**6. Amendments to the Minutes of the Meeting 10 April 2018, : Resolved** to accept the minutes, no amendments.

**7. Confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 10 April 2018 and Special Meetings 4 April and 23 April 2018 as true records: Resolved** to accept the minutes.

**8. Matters arising from the Minutes** of Meeting dated 10 April 2018: a. Parking in New Street causing danger to school children – this is in the hands of the Police (see agenda item 5)

b. Item 9f. Parking in Addoldy Road – no updates

c Item 9g. Speeding vehicles on Pontneathvaughan Road, Aberdare Road and Merthyr Road also pedestrian crossing and road on Rhigos Bank – need to await feasibility study promised by the County Borough in Financial year 2018/2019.

d. Item 9h. Valley Initiative report due in June/July 2018.

e. Item 9i. No updates regarding Langy Bridge also nothing about the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund.

f. Item 9j. Flags at the Town Hall – Health and Safety assessment being undertaken before the Royal Wedding.

g. Item 9k. Dog Bin in Ynys y Nos, Pontwalby - no dog bin to date. County Borough Councillor Del Morgan stated that he would look into the problem with the County Borough.

h. Item 9o. Drains at the Cemetery – Clerk to follow up on the report.

i. Item 9q. Request from Groundsman for dog mess bags to be available. This has now been done.

j. Item 9t. 18 May 2018 Health and Safety Audit will be carried out on the parks.

k. Item 9u. Use of slitting machine in Abernant Park by the Glynneath RFC – this was agreed.

**9. Other Reports:** It was reported that the **charity abseil** at the Dinas Rock was a great success and the money used to purchase a case for the donated defibrillator. Presentation will be taking place on the 21 May 2018. Thanks to all involved.

**Trem y Glyn Action Group:** The Swansea University projects relating to the Care Service should be completed in June/July 2018 with the report coming out soon afterwards. Prof. Verity from the University stated that she would be meeting with Neath Port Talbot Care Services to discuss the findings. Council hoped that the outcome would be good for Trem y Glyn. Thanks to all who have worked hard in the campaign.

**10. Planning Applications:** The Clerk stated that she had only one planning application for 43 High Street, Glynneath.

Change of Use from former Barclays Bank to Barber, beauticians, piercing and tattoo studio.

**Resolved** No objection

**11. Correspondence:**

Grant Requested from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales – bespoke therapy service based in Cardiff but covering all Wales. **Resolved** to discuss this request in the July grants meeting.

Macmillan Cancer Support: Request to put up a poster outlining the need to keep healthy and fit. Resolved to put up in the Cafe.

Wider Waterfall Initiative more information soon to hand, discussion pending information.

**12. Report from Cemetery Committee:** A meeting to be held Thursday 31 May 6.00pm on site.

**13. Report from HR Committee:** No report.

**14. Report from Parks Committee:** No report.

**15. Report from Town Hall/Community Hall Committee:** It was reported that the cafe was now doing very well and extra staff was needed. **Resolved** to advertise for relief staff to cover busy times, sickness and leave of absence. Notices to be put in the cafe and on Face Book closing date Friday 18 May at 12 noon.

**16. Report from Project Action Group:** No report

**17. Report from Finance and Audit Committee:** next committee due on 12 June 2018 at 6.00pm.

**18. Reports from Town Councillors:** Councillors requested information about GDPR, **Resolved** Councillor Del Morgan stated that he would obtain more information and report back.

**19. Reports from County Councillors:** No reports.

**20. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 12 June 2018 at 7.00pm, Council Chamber, Bethania Community Centre. Items for the Agenda to be in 7 working days before the meeting (Sundays and Bank Holidays do not constitute working days). Please put items in writing to the Clerk as we are experiencing difficulties with the web site.

The public were thanked for attending the meeting and for their kind interest in the proceedings of Council. Any requests to speak in future meetings must be put in writing and given to the Clerk at least 7 days before the next meeting on Tuesday 12 June 2018.

Meeting with the public closed at 9.30pm and Council resolved to enter into a closed session to discuss Personnel issues and other closed session items.

Signed:.....Dated:.....