



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Glynneath Town Council
In the Council Chambers Bethania Community Centre
7pm on Tuesday 13th November 2018.**

Councillors present

The Mayor, Councillor Dr Del Morgan
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Janet Gregory
Councillor Carolyn Edwards
Councillor John Evans (left the meeting at 7.54pm)
Councillor Lowri Francis
Councillor Richard Knoyle
Councillor Simon Knoyle (left the meeting at 8.42pm)
Councillor Shane McMEnamin
Councillor Marion Morgan
Councillor Tony Pritchard
Councillor Gerry Reynolds
Councillor Jenifer Roberts
Councillor Helen Williams

Council employees present

Clerk to the Council Michael Pugh

1. Presiding.
The Mayor Councillor Del Morgan.
2. Mayor's announcements.
 - a. Thanks to all who had contributed to the Remembrance Ceremony, particularly Councillors Janet Gregory and Marion Morgan.
 - b. The Christmas lights will be switched on at 6pm on 26 November 2018. All are invited to the Town Hall afterwards, with Father Christmas for children.
 - c. The Mayor welcomed back Councillor John Evans after his authorised absence.
3. Apologies for absence.
Councillor Haulwen Morgan.
4. Declarations of interest.
Councillor Del Morgan - County Borough Member and potential work with One Voice Wales.
Councillor Simon Knoyle - County Borough Member and Secretary to Glynneath RFC.
Councillor Carolyn Edwards - County Borough Member.
Councillor Shane McMEnamin - Glynneath Mini Football.
5. Clerk's report on public questions.
 - a. Could Council give an update on the Parish Road now Celtic Energy have pulled out, is there going to be a road reinstated?
Submitted by local resident Cheryl Collins.
The Mayor confirmed there will be a road reinstated but did not know timeframes.

- b. The Mayor has repeatedly assured the public that the conversion of the vestry of the Chapel "didn't cost a penny", that the total cost was covered by grant funding. It has now emerged that there was a shortfall of at least £50,000, which was covered by a loan. The repayments and interest of this loan have been paid for out of GTC funds for about 8 years. So this original assertion was incorrect and I would now like details of exactly how the building work was funded. The name of each funding body; the sums granted for what purpose; the total received from these grants compared with the total cost of the conversion work and additional furnishing; and how much has so far been paid directly out of council funds for servicing the loan.

Submitted by local resident Mrs Heather Byrd who wishes to read the question herself.

The Mayor stated he hadn't said the Chapel conversion didn't cost a penny to his recollection. There were a number of grants, the old Selar Trust fund gave approximately £20,000 to £25,000, the County Borough Council Community Fund gave approximately £10,000 and there was a loan which has 2 to 3 years remaining. The Clerk will investigate the total amount of the loan, how much will be repaid in total and respond to the resident.

- c. What are Councillors thoughts on the flag for remembrance and would the Mayor like to see more?

Submitted by local resident Mr William Shulver wishes to read the question himself.

The Mayor stated he was comfortable with the current flag policy.

6. Report on crime/policing.

- a. Glynneath Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics

Police Sector	Neath
Population Density	3454
Number of Households	1516
Apr 2018	3
May 2018	1
Jun 2018	3
July 2018	1
Aug 2018	6
Sep 2018	3
Oct 2018	4

- b. Next PACT meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 21 Nov 2018 at the Community Centre.

7. Amendments to minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2018.

There are no amendments to the minutes of 9th October 2018.

8. Confirm minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 as a true record.

Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of 9th October as a true record of that meeting.

9. Matters arising from minutes held on Tuesday 9th October 2018.

Minute 2 b. Councillor Gerry Reynolds asked whether Councillors Janet Gregory and Marion Morgan had travelled to Romania for their charity trip on behalf of the Council. Councillor Marion Morgan stated it was not on behalf of the Council.

Minute 18. Councillor Simon Knoyle stated he was looking into funding options for the Welfare Park.

Minute 20 a. Trem Y Glyn.

- a. The Mayor reported that he had received an e-mail message from Prof. Fiona Verity of Swansea University confirming that one research paper had already been completed, a second paper is in the process of being finalised and a third research project has recently commenced. She asked that a meeting be arranged to provide further details on these updates and for the purpose of giving the post-graduate research student an opportunity to meet with people involved with the Trem-y-Glyn Action Group.
- b. Councillor Marion Morgan stated community involvement would be welcomed and that Council should investigate other options including third sector.
- c. Councillor Simon Knoyle has met with Andrew Jarrett, Director of Social Services, and spoken with Rhian Stone, MD of POBL, in an attempt to start the dialogue regarding the potential closure of the facility and what can be done to either stop the closure or look at alternative routes for management of the faculty. Furthermore, Councillor Knoyle has written to them both requesting a meeting with the Trem y Glyn Action group in order to start the process.

10. Other reports.

- a. This Council to consider and, if thought fit, agree to the new Model Standing Orders (published by One Voice Wales).
Motion carried.
- b. This Council to consider and, if thought fit, agree to the protocol for working between members and officers (provided by One Voice Wales).
Motion carried.
- c. Discuss procedures for Council areas and buildings in the event of extreme weather or emergencies.
Council staff are able to make a decision but must inform the Clerk who, in turn, must inform Council.
- d. Confirm the committees list.

Cemetery

Cllr. Del Morgan
Cllr. Janet Gregory
Cllr. Tony Pritchard
Cllr. Jennifer Roberts
Cllr. Gerry Reynolds
Cllr. Simon Knoyle

Finance and Audit

Cllr. Del Morgan
Cllr. Janet Gregory
Cllr. Carolyn Edwards
Cllr. Richard Knoyle
Cllr. Haulwen Morgan
Cllr. Shane McMenamin

Human Resources

Cllr. Helen Williams
Cllr. Shane McMenamin
Cllr. Haulwen Morgan
Cllr. Richard Knoyle
Cllr. Gerry Reynolds

Parks and Open Spaces

Cllr. Del Morgan
Cllr. Janet Gregory
Cllr. Lowri Francis
Cllr. John Evans
Cllr. Simon Knoyle
Cllr. Helen Williams

Project Action Group

Cllr. Del Morgan
Cllr. Lowri Francis
Cllr. Marion Morgan
Cllr. Simon Knoyle
Cllr. Janet Gregory
Cllr. Jennifer Roberts

Town Hall/Community Centre

Cllr. Del Morgan
Cllr. Janet Gregory
Cllr. Carolyn Edwards
Cllr. Richard Knoyle
Cllr. Marion Morgan
Cllr. Gerry Reynolds

Council confirmed the committees list.

- e. Council to set dates for all Sub-Committee meetings.
No dates set

11. Clerk's report on planning applications.

a. Application Number: P2018/0859

Applicants Name /Address:

MR G RICHARDS, TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE, PONTNEATHVAUGHAN ROAD, GLYNNEATH, , NEATH,SA11 5NR

Site Location:

FORMER TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE, PONTNEATHVAUGHAN ROAD, GLYNNEATH, NEATH, SA11 5NR

Proposed Development:

Retention of 1 x externally illuminated fascia sign; 6 x non-illuminated signs and 1 x non-illuminated totem sign

Easting: 290058 Northing: 207589

Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992

No observations.

b. Application No P2018/0860

Officer Russell Borthwick Type Full Plans Ward Glynneath Date Valid 06/11/2018 Parish Glynneath Town Council Proposal Retention of premises as restaurant/bar (Use Class A3) with ancillary accommodation at first-floor; retention of detached storage building/servery with new pitched roof in lieu of seating area and stepped access, plus formation of detached parking area for 6 vehicles on land to the north-east of the Angel Hotel Location FORMER TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE PONTNEATHVAUGHAN ROAD GLYNNEATH NEATH.

Applicant's Name and Address Agent's Name and Address MR G RICHARDS Mr Robert Bowen C/O AGENT ROBERT BOWEN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT LTD 7 LLYS SANT TEILO LLANGYFELACH SWANSEA SA5 7HQ. Grid 290058 207589 Conservation Area N/A Listed Building N/

No observations.

c. Application Number: P2018/0924

Applicants Name /Address:

Mrs Antonina Norris, 20 GELLICEIBRYN, GLYNNEATH, , NEATH,SA11 5ED

Site Location: 16 HIGH STREET, GLYNNEATH, NEATH, SA11 5BU

Proposed Development:

Change of use of property at ground floor from a laundrette (class Sui Generis) to a dog grooming parlour (class Sui Generis) and at first floor from offices (class B1) to a tanning salon (class Sui Generis)

Easting: 288016 Northing: 20648

No observations.

12. Clerk's report on correspondence received.
- a. Email regarding the Armed Forces Covenant for employers or organisations who support the Armed Forces and Veterans. Clerk will explain.
The Clerk explained that the Armed Forces Covenant recognises those organisations that support HM Forces and veterans through employment or organised events. Council decided to support in principle and will consider holding tea/coffee afternoons in the Community Centre Café.
 - b. Letter regarding the trees on Cemetery Drive. A local resident living in Waungron has experienced poor satellite television reception. An engineer has advised that the poor signal is due to the trees along Cemetery Drive. The resident is asking for the trees to be cut.
Clerk to arrange three estimates from arborists to investigate costs. Councillor Simon Knoyle will forward a copy of the NPTCBC tree Policy to the Clerk.
 - c. Letter from the Ladies Section of Glynneath Social Club. It reads:
To whom it may concern,
We are the ladies section that are trying to organise social events for children in the village (town) ie Halloween, New Years Eve family night and would be grateful of any donation.
Clerk to investigate the organisation and its constitution.
 - d. ABMU Health Board Pharmaceutical List.
Application for inclusion on the ABMU Health Board Pharmaceutical List in Glynneath by DR Cecil Jones & Son Ltd. The deadline for representations is 24th November 2018.
No objections.
 - e. Email from One Voice Wales regarding Module 4 Understanding the Law training. 6.30-9pm Mon 12th November 2018. Cost of the course is £40.00 for members.
Councillor Gerry Reynolds wishes to attend. Councillor Gerry Reynolds did attend, the cost no more than £40.00. Members welcomed and ratified this action
 - f. Email from Councillor SK Hunt – personnel issues.
Will be discussed in closed session.
13. Report from Cemetery Committee.
No report.
14. Report from Human Resources Committee.
No report.
15. Report from Parks and Open Spaces Committee.
No report.
16. Report from Town Hall/Community Centre Committee.
No report.
Councillor Marion Morgan requested to purchase a new cooker hood and mugs for the Community Centre Café, all Council agreed to this expense.
17. Report from Projects Action Group Committee.
No report.
18. Report from Finance and Audit Committee.
No report.
19. Reports from Town Councillors.
- a. Council to discuss the potential closure of the Glynneath Library.
Submitted by Councillor Lowri Francis, seconded by Councillor Helen Williams.
Council will investigate options on keeping the library open.
 - b. Councillor Simon Knoyle wishes to address full Council and the public regarding the refurbishment of the Town Hall.
Councillor Knoyle explained that the works to provide free of charge design advice is ongoing. He is also exploring available funding options.
 - c. Discuss the refurbishment of the flag poles on the Town Hall at a cost of £72 for the parts. Moving forward the flags could then be fitted correctly with use of a ladder.
Submitted by Councillor Simon Knoyle, seconded by Councillor Richard Knoyle.
Motion carried.
 - d. Update on Cemetery Road by Councillor Simon Knoyle.
Councillor Simon Knoyle will share the information with all members via email.
 - e. Update on the Nativity scene for Bethania by Councillor Lowri Francis.
All nativity figures have arrived, the stable is currently being built. Once in place the Bethania gates will be padlocked overnight.

20. Reports from County Councillors.

No reports.

21. Date, time, venue and agenda for next meeting.

At 7pm on Tuesday 11 December 2018 at the Council Chambers Bethania Community Centre.

22. Personnel issues and closed session items.

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 open session finished at 8.43pm.

NOTE: "Closed Session Items" should not be discussed outside the Council's Closed Session for any reason.