



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Glynneath Town Council
In the Council Chambers, Bethania Community Centre
7pm on Tuesday, 8th January 2019.**

Councillors present

The Mayor, Councillor Dr Del Morgan
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Janet Gregory
Councillor Carolyn Edwards
Councillor Lowri Francis
Councillor Simon Knogle
Councillor Shane McMenamin
Councillor Marion Morgan
Councillor Gerry Reynolds
Councillor Jenifer Roberts
Councillor Helen Williams

Council employees present

Clerk to the Council Stuart Hemsley-Rice

1. Presiding.
The Mayor Councillor Del Morgan.
2. Mayor's announcements.
 - a. The Mayor wished all present a happy new year.
 - b. The Mayor welcomed Stuart Hemsley-Rice who had been appointed as the new Clerk to the Council.
3. Apologies for absence.
Councillor Haulwen Morgan, Councillor John Evans, Councillor Richard Knogle and Councillor Tony Pritchard.
4. Declarations of interest.
Councillor Del Morgan - County Borough Member and potential work with One Voice Wales.
Councillor Simon Knogle - County Borough Member and Secretary to Glynneath RFC.
Councillor Carolyn Edwards - County Borough Member.
5. Clerk's report on public questions.
The Clerk reported that none had been received within the allotted timeframe.
6. Amendments to minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2018.
It was agreed that there was one amendment to the minutes of 13th November 2018 and Minute 9 d. be added.
Minute 9 d. The Council resolved that The Clerk write to the Welsh Audit Office with reference to any outstanding matters.
7. Confirm minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November as a true record.
Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of 13th November as a true record of that meeting with the one amendment as outlined in 6).

8. Matters arising from minutes held on Tuesday 13th November 2018.
- Minute 5 b. It was noted that this matter was ongoing and that now the new Clerk was in place the matter would be addressed and the residents responded to accordingly.
- Minute 9 (20 a). The Mayor reported that the Trem Y Glyn Action Group was due to meet on Wednesday 9 January at 4.30pm where Prof. Fiona Verity of Swansea University would address the Group on the latest research. The Mayor asked that if anyone wished to attend please contact him.
- Minute 12 b. The Clerk will arrange for the relevant quotes to take place and for Western Power to be contacted where relevant.
- Minute 12 c. The Mayor reported that he had provided a donation to the group towards the activities from the Mayor's Charity Fund.
- Minute 16 It was noted that works had been undertaken and that improvements to provide better extraction were being investigated.
- Minute 19 a. The Mayor reported that a campaign was ongoing about the Library and he urged Councillors and residents to provide comments to Neath Port Talbot Council as he believed the proposal to close or transfer the Library was unacceptable.
- Minute 19 c. It was noted that the Clerk would ensure that this took place.
- Minute 19 d. The Clerk will arrange for quotations for filling the large pothole on Cemetery Drive
- Minute 19 e. The Mayor thanked Councillor Lowri Francis, the Council of Churches and all those involved for what had been a very successful project and hoped that the Nativity scene would be an annual feature.

9. Other reports.

a. Council Precept 2019/20

The Council resolved to increase the precept by 2.3% for 2019/20 (provisional figure being £148,223.29). It was noted that Councillor Simon Knoyle had abstained.

b. Report on Crime/Policing

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

Councillor Simon Knoyle reported that there had been a number of thefts of Ford vehicles in the area.

c. The Clerk reported the dates for the Upper Neath PACT Meetings for 2019 which are to be held at 6.30pm:

Wednesday 16 th January	St Marys Church Hall
Wednesday 6 th March	Bethania
Wednesday 8 th May	St Marys Church Hall
Wednesday 3 rd July	Bethania Church Hall
Wednesday 25 th September	St Marys Church Hall
Wednesday 20 th November	Bethania

10. Clerk's report on planning applications.

a. **Application Number: P2018/1021**

Applicant Name/Address:

MRS Ruth Harris, 31 ABERDARE ROAD, GLYNNEATH, NEATH, SA11 5HY

Site Location:

31 ABERDARE ROAD, GLYNNEATH, NEATH, SA11 5HY

Proposed Development:

Part single and part first floor rear extensions and 3 velux roof lights

Easting: 288923 Northing: 206809

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

No observations.

b. **Application No P2018/1037**

Applicant Name/Address:

MR Martyn Bevan, M.T Bevan and sons, TON-Y-GILFACH FARM, GLYNNEATH, NEATH SA11 5UD

Site location:

TON-Y-GILFACH FARM, GLYNNEATH NEATH

Proposed Development:

Prior notification for agricultural development of a single storey front and side extension to an existing agricultural building.

Easting: 289528 Northing: 208620

No observations.

11. Clerk's report on correspondence received.
Community and Town Council Update December 2018 and associated Action Plan will be circulated to councillors for information.
12. Report from Cemetery Committee.
No report.
13. Report from Human Resources Committee.
No report.
14. Report from Parks and Open Spaces Committee.
No report.
15. Report from Town Hall/Community Centre Committee.
No report.
16. Report from Projects Action Group Committee.
No report.
17. Report from Finance and Audit Committee.
No report. It was noted that a meeting would be scheduled, hopefully in February.
18. Reports from Town Councillors.
No reports.
19. Reports from County Councillors.
 - a. The Mayor Councillor Del Morgan reported on the ongoing campaigns relating to the Library and Trem Y Glyn.
20. Date, time, venue and agenda for next meeting.
At 7pm on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at the Council Chambers, Bethania Community Centre.
21. Personnel issues and closed session items.

Councillors resolved to enter closed session to discuss strategic review and personnel matters in accordance with Town Council Standing Order number 1c and Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. (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 8.15pm.

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