



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Glynneath Town Council
In the Council Chambers, Bethania Community Centre
7pm on Tuesday, 12th March 2019.**

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 Shane McMEnamin
Councillor Haulwen Morgan
Councillor Marion Morgan
Councillor Tony Pritchard
Councillor Gerry Reynolds
Councillor Jennifer 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 noted the success of the St David's Day events that had taken place and thanked those involved.
3. Apologies for absence.
None
4. Declarations of interest.
Councillor Del Morgan - County Borough Member and potential work with One Voice Wales.
Councillor Simon Knoyle - County Borough Member, Secretary to Glynneath RFC and Friends of Glynneath Library.
Councillor Carolyn Edwards - County Borough Member.
Councillor Haulwen Morgan – Friends of Glynneath Library
Councillor John Evans – Trustee of Glynneath Silver Band
5. Clerk's report on public questions.
 - a. Question submitted and spoken to at Council by Mr Alun Morris:
When is the parking situation in relation to the welfare park going to be resolved?
On Saturday 23rd of February Addoldy road was full of cars. Both sides of the road, on pavements and the turning into Maes y Pergwm. You could not even see the welfare gates entrance and I had to pull my wing mirrors in so that I could get through. If there was a child trying to cross the road or a mother with a pram or a disabled person

in a wheelchair trying to cross the road they would have had to step/manoeuvre into the road to look for traffic. If God forbid an ambulance or fire tender was needed they would not be able to drive through Addoldy road.

I am dreading the news that someone has been seriously injured due to this issue.

I have been fobbed off enough over this issue and want results

Response: The Clerk has reported this important matter to the County Borough Councillors who are looking further into it as it relates to a Borough matter. The Council will write to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to outline the urgency and importance of the matter.

b. Question submitted by Mrs R D Jones:

The Harry Samuel Memorial Group has submitted a request to the Pen y Cymoedd Fund for a sum of money to purchase 4 memorial benches 2 to commemorate the service men and women that served in bygone wars, and 2 benches to commemorate all the miners that worked in the mines in our village. The benches are to be donated to the Council to be placed in the revamped memorial garden, will the Council accept the benches if our bid is successful. Secondly will Council allow the group to place 2 planters with flowers at the War Memorial to be looked after by the group at no cost to the Council.

Response: The Clerk thanked Mrs Jones and the Harry Samuel Memorial Group for their offer of the benches and planters. It was noted that the Group would be consulted as a part of the redevelopment plans for the Park as they develop. The Clerk would formally write to Mrs Jones to confirm this.

6. Amendments to minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2019.

There was one amendment to minute 18) which is to read Marie Curie rather Macmillan.

7. Confirm minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 as a true record.

Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of 12th February 2019 as a true record of that meeting.

8. Matters arising from minutes held on Tuesday 12th February 2019.

Minute 8 (12 b). The Clerk reported that Western Power's contractor had visited the site and the works were due to take place within the next two weeks.

Minute 10 (a). The Clerk is to draft an application to the Aberpergwm Fund to cover the costs of the initial set up of the proposed market.

Minute 10 (g). The Director of Social Services is likely to visit later in the spring.

Minute 12 (a). The Clerk noted that this matter will be progressed and reported back to members.

Minute 12 (b). The Clerk noted that he would investigate the background of the letter and the matters involved.

Minute 19 Council noted that the events organised for St David's Day had been well attended both in the Community Centre and the Town Hall.

9. Budget 2019/20

Council noted the financial performance for the last quarter and resolve authorise all the payments that had been made and presented to Council (between 12/2/2019 and 12/3/2019).

The Clerk as Responsible Financial officer presented the draft Budget, covering the Revenue Budget, Reserves Policy, Medium Term Financial Plan, Financial Risk Assessment and Capital Programme (which also consider requesting borrowing approval from the Welsh Government). Following in depth discussion about each element of the Budget and related reports it was proposed and resolved that the decision be deferred to an Extraordinary meeting of Council before the end of the month. The Clerk reminded the Council of their responsibility to set a budget in advance of the new financial year. Council resolved that the Clerk would conduct a usage survey of facilities (including the Pavilion) for consideration at the April meeting of Council.

10. Other reports.

a) Section 137 Grant requests (Councillors Haulwen Morgan and Simon Knoyle were absent for this item) Council resolved to grant £240 from the 18/19 budget and £300 from the 19/20 budget to the Friends of Glynneath Library.

b) Welfare Park Funding Application

The Clerk and Councillor Simon Knoyle updated Council on the outcomes of meeting that they had with the Pen Y Cymoedd Fund. Council noted that the advice was for one application to be made to the fund in relation to the Park and that an application would benefit from a Community Plan being developed first. Council also noted that the Fund would favour an application in relation to the Park that saw it as a destination to enhance the local tourism/leisure offer. Council resolved that the Clerk and Councillor Simon Knoyle would investigate this and report back to Council.

c) Venues Funding Application

Council resolved that the Clerk would draft an application that would be submitted to the Maesgwyn fund and that the inclusion of the new kitchen would be discussed at the deferred meeting of Council.

- d) Response to Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report
The Clerk reported that following the guidance from the Panel that he had incorporated the payments to members into the draft budget as required by the Panel. Council resolved the policy with regards to the special responsibility payment of (£500) as required by the panel would be set at the Annual General Meeting.
- e) Welfare Park CCTV and related issues
Council noted that the current CCTV provision was obsolete and that a quote had been obtained from the supplier (Red Hand) of the High Street provision. The Clerk will circulate the quote to members for their consideration with its provisional inclusion in any future funding application for the Welfare Park.
- f) Waterfall Country Futures
Council reconfirmed support for the Waterfall Country Futures application and resolved that the Clerk would write a letter of support to that affect.

11. Clerk's report on planning applications.

a. Application Number: P2019/0225 (Councillor Dr Del Morgan declared an interest and did not take part in discussion)

Applicant Name/Address:

MR Ian Watkins, 9 HEOL Y GLYN, GLYNNEATH, NEATH SA11 5AU

Site Location:

9 HEOL Y GLYN, GLYNNEATH, NEATH SA11 5AU

Proposed Development:

Demolition of existing barn and garage and replacement extension to provide ancillary accommodation and replacement garage.

Easting: 288368 Northing: 206886

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

No observations.

b. Application Number: P2019/0175

Applicant Name/Address:

MR Craig Dickinson, 27 YNYS Y NOS PONTWALBY, GLYNNEATH, NEATH

Site Location:

27 YNYS Y NOS PONTWALBY, GLYNNEATH, NEATH

Proposed Development:

Certificate of lawful development (proposed) or a single storey rear extension

Easting: 289275 Northing: 206666

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

No observations.

12. Clerk's report on correspondence received.

The Clerk reported that he had received the annual membership renewal notice from One Voice Wales. The Council resolved to pay the membership fee (£643).

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.

Councillor Gerry Reynolds reported that he had visited the Chapel with the Clerk as was impressed with the state of the Chapel. Councillor Reynolds noted his concerns about the items currently stored in the Chapel. Councillor Jennifer Roberts requested that the Clerk seek to confirm what correspondence had been sent in relation to the items stored.

17. Report from Projects Action Group Committee.

No report.

18. Report from Finance and Audit Committee.

No Report

19. Reports from Town Councillors.

Councillor Haulwen Morgan reported her concerns about dog fouling and commented on how CCTV may be used in the future. Councillor Marion Morgan reported that she had reported problems with rubbish collection. Councillor Richard

Knogle reported his concerns in relation to use the use of white picket fencing around a grave in Waungron Cemetery. The Clerk confirmed that he would investigate the matter with the Cemetery Sexton.

20. Reports from County Councillors.

There were no reports

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

At 7pm on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at the Council Chambers, Bethania Community Centre. Council noted that the Clerk would be in contact about the arrangements for the extraordinary meeting to consider the deferred budget item.

22. Personnel issues and closed session items. Cllr John Evans left 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 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).

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