



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Glynneath Town Council  
In the Council Chambers Bethania Community Centre  
6pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

**Councillors present**

The Mayor, Councillor Dr Del Morgan  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Janet Gregory  
Councillor Carolyn Edwards  
Councillor John Evans (left after item 4)  
Councillor Lowri Francis  
Councillor Richard Knoyle (left after item 4)  
Councillor Simon Knoyle  
Councillor Shane McMEnamin  
Councillor Marion Morgan  
Councillor Tony Pritchard  
Councillor Gerry Reynolds  
Councillor Jenifer Roberts (left after item 4)

**Council employees present**

Clerk to the Council Stuart Hemsley-Rice

1. Presiding.  
The Mayor Councillor Del Morgan.
2. Apologies for absence.  
Councillor Haulwen Morgan and Councillor Helen Williams.
3. 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.
4. Budget 2019/20  
The Clerk reported to the Council the current bank balance of £24,500 and forecast a reserves position of c£50,000 (including the cash contingency held within the current account). The Clerk further reported and provided details from a provisional review of the Town Hall and Community Centre detailing; financial performance, usage, occupancy levels and the finding of a recent survey of users of the Community Centre Café.

Councillor Simon Knoyle proposed an amendment to the draft budget, which made the following amendments:

- Removal of the grit bins from the budget (£2500) leading to a surplus of £5,806
- That the proposed loan from the PWLB for the capital works on the Cemetery Drive to be further investigated and members provided with the options available
- That the Community Café continue under its current operation (Councillor Richard Knoyle requested that it be noted that he did not have sufficient information at this time to make any other decision).

A named vote was taken in relation to the Community Café (New Kitchen) element of the proposals:

Those in favour of a new kitchen: Councillor Del Morgan, Councillor Janet Gregory, Councillor Tony Pritchard, Councillor Carolyn Edwards and Councillor Marion Morgan

Those in favour of the current operation: Councillor Simon Knoyle, Councillor Richard Knoyle, Councillor Gerry Reynolds, Councillor John Evans, Councillor Jennifer Roberts, Councillor Lowri Francis and Councillor Shane McMenamin

The amendment was passed and the Council resolved to adopt the amended Budget including:

- Revenue Budget
- Reserves Policy
- Capital Programme
- Medium Term Financial Plan
- Financial Risk Assessment
- Agreement in principle given to pursuing borrowing approval from the Welsh Government in relation to Cemetery Drive, with further options to be investigated.

#### 5. 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).

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