



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Glynneath Town Council to consider the Wales Audit Office  
Report in the Public Interest (June 2019)  
In the Town Hall, Heathfield Avenue, Glynneath  
7pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

**Councillors present**

The Mayor, Councillor Simon Knoyle  
Councillor Carolyn Edwards  
Councillor John Evans  
Councillor Janet Gregory  
Councillor Richard Knoyle  
Councillor Simon Knoyle  
Councillor Shane McMenamin  
Councillor Dr Del Morgan  
Councillor Haulwen Morgan  
Councillor Marion Morgan  
Councillor Gerry Reynolds  
Councillor Jenifer Roberts

**Council employees present**

Clerk to the Council Stuart Hemsley-Rice

1. Presiding.  
The Mayor Councillor Simon Knoyle.

The Mayor announced that Council had received a notice of resignation from Councillor Tony Pritchard. The Mayor paid tribute to Cllr Pritchard's contribution and long service to the Council and the community of Glynneath.

2. Apologies for absence.  
Councillor Helen Williams and Councillor Lowri Francis
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. **Report in the Public Interest – Wales Audit Office – Audit of Accounts 2015-16 and 2016-17 – failures in financial management and governance – Glynneath Town Council (June 2019)**

The Mayor outlined to those gathered how the meeting would be conducted, including that there would be an opportunity for the public attending to ask questions in relation to the report and the Council's intended response.

The Clerk outlined the process involved in advertising the meeting, the meeting's purpose and the background to the Report in the Public Interest being published. The Clerk further outlined the main details of the Wales Audit Office Report and gave a statement from the Wales Audit Office reporting the following:

*Our Report sets out a number of failures in financial management and internal control at Glynneath Town Council and makes recommendations to address those failures. We are not reporting that anyone acted dishonestly and abused*

*their position (misfeasance). If we had found any evidence to give us a belief that a criminal act had occurred we would have reported the matter to the police and in this case we did not.*

The Clerk then outlined the recommended response to the Report and action plan to meet the recommendations.

Council resolved to accept and acknowledge the contents of the Report in the Public Interest and to adopt the action plan as proposed by the Clerk in response to the recommendations.

There were a large number of questions posed to the Council and Clerk by members of the public present, which were answered by the Clerk, Mayor and Councillors. The Mayor and Clerk outlined that the Council would be content to provide answers to any further questions by means of a report at the Council scheduled for Tuesday 16 July 2019.

Councillor Dr Del Morgan made a personal statement in relation to the report and the background of the related audits.