



**Minutes of the Meeting of Glynneath Town Council
held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of
The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020
Following the Annual Meeting of Council on Tuesday 22nd September 2020**

Councillors Present: Cllr G Reynolds (Mayor)

Cllr J Collins	Cllr J Roberts
Cllr H Morgan	Cllr S McMenamin
Cllr C Edwards	Cllr M Powell
Cllr R Simons	Cllr D Morgan
Cllr S Knoyle	Cllr J Gregory
Cllr R Knoyle	

Clerk: Mrs A Thomas

1. Presiding

The Mayor, Cllr G Reynolds.

2. To receive item apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Evans (Personal) and Cllr J Evans (Personal).

3. To receive members declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted

Cllr S Knoyle	Personal, NPTCBC Member
	Personal, Secretary Glynneath RFC
Cllr D Morgan	Personal, NPTCBC Member
	Personal, One Voice Wales – Potential Work
Cllr J Roberts	Personal, Trustee Glynneath Silver Valley Brass Band
Cllr C Edwards	Personal, NPTCBC Member

4. To receive item Clerk's Report on Public Questions

The Clerk confirmed that one question had been received.

The Clerk confirmed the question had come from a resident in Maes Y Pergwm.

“There are trees outside the house and I have had terrible trouble with the leaves. I have had a couple of accidents because of the leaves and would like them cut back.”

The Mayor confirmed that this item would be passed to the local County Borough representatives to take forward and progress.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on 28th July 2020**

a. **Consider amendments to the Minutes**

No amendments.

b. **Confirm as a true and accurate record**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the meeting held remotely on 28th July 2020 as a true and accurate record.

c. **Consider matters arising from the minutes**

No matters arising.

6. **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held remotely on 25th August 2020**

a. **Consider amendments to the Minutes**

No amendments.

b. **Confirm as a true and accurate record**

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held remotely on 25th August 2020 as a true and accurate record

c. **Consider matters arising from the minutes**

No matters arising.

7. **To consider item Finance & Administration:**

a) **To approve item payment schedule as presented**

Resolved: To approve payment schedule as presented

b) **To consider and approve item Monthly Accounts July, August 2020**

Resolved: To approve item Monthly Accounts July, August 2020

c) **To consider item Town Hall Hire Fees**

Members considered the Town Hall Hire Fees in light of the current limited access to provisions within the hall i.e. no access to kitchen. Members considered if it would be appropriate to reduce the hire fees to reflect the limited services, whilst also being aware of the need to balance the potential loss of income against the Town Council budget.

Members discussed the Town Council grant scheme and how this could perhaps assist organisations who were perhaps struggling with the financial effects of COVID-19.

Following discussion

Resolved: To maintain the current hire fees of Glynneath Town Hall at their current rates

d) To consider item reinstatement of meetings held under Standing Order 2(d)

Members were provided with an outline of a protocol to allow confidential meetings to proceed. This will allow resuming all business of Council at a virtual level.

Resolved: To reinstate meetings held under Standing Order 2(d)

e) To determine item Selar Extension Fund Applications 2020

Members were provided with a background paper outlining the applications received and if they met the criteria of the fund

Resolved: To approve application as outlined for the Selar Extension Fund 2020

Members were also asked to consider two further issues concerning the funding panel.

Issue 1

Members were in agreement that an applicant should not miss out on funding due to the administrative error.

Resolved: To award Candidate P a retrospective grant of £100 from 2019

Issue 2

Members discussed parttime study and the threshold for what is considered part time.

Following discussion

Resolved: Enquiries to be made with regards to part-time study and report back to the next Full Council meeting

f) Proposal to cease hire fees of the Town Hall for the ‘Den Boys (Cllr J Gregory)

In Cllr Gregory’s absence to defer this item to the next Full Council meeting.

8. To consider item Annual/Items Events:

a) Remembrance Service 2020 – to consider in light of COVID-19 restrictions

Members were disappointed that in light of current restrictions, this years service at the memorial would not be able to take place. Members acknowledged that other Town and Community Council’s within the Borough had also cancelled their events.

Resolved: In light of the current COVID-19 restrictions, the Town Council will not be able to assist with this year’s Remembrance Service

b) Christmas Event 2020 – to consider in light of COVID-19 restrictions

Members were in agreement that the same restrictions applied with regards to COVID-19 restrictions and a big Christmas Event could not be organised. However, Members wished to discuss this further to determine if anything could be done locally for Christmas.

**Resolved: To set up a small working group to discuss the Christmas Event 2020 further
Members of the groups are: Cllrs M Powell, J Roberts, G Reynolds**

c) Request for poppies at Bethania Community Centre

Some Members expressed their concern about the placing of the poppies at the community centre. Members noted that they would have limited view from the road and would perhaps be better suited to the war memorial area.

Resolved: To grant permission to place the poppies at the war memorial site

d) Request to place Nativity display at Bethania Community Centre

The Clerk confirmed that if the nativity were placed at the site, then the gates to the building would be locked where possible.

Members acknowledged that the nativity had been placed at the site for the past couple of years. Members noted that there was no alternative position for the nativity on Town Council land.

Following discussion

Resolved: To grant permission for the nativity scene to be placed at the Community Centre for Christmas 2020

9. To consider item Parks & Open Spaces:

a) approval of materials for bowling green maintenance at a cost of £1686.45

Members were advised that the groundsman had requested the materials to begin the maintenance of the bowling green.

Some Members expressed their concern at the cost of the maintenance and queried if the cost outweighed the benefit to the community. Further, members were reminded of previous discussion about the bowling green.

Following discussion

Resolved: To not approve the maintenance materials at a cost of £1686.45.

b) approval of draft signage for Welfare Park

Members considered the draft signage that was presented. Members discussed the 'no alcohol' part of the sign. Members also noted that the 'no motor vehicles' could also be problematic in terms of the maintenance of the area.

Members agreed that the tennis court opening hours should be on a separate sign.

Resolved: To approve signage with amendments.

c) Retrospective approval of submission of Grant Application to Aberpergwm Community Benefit Fund for match funding of £3,000

Resolved: To retrospectively approve submission of the Grant Application to the Aberpergwm Community Benefit Fund for match funding of £3,000

d) Email correspondence received – upgrade of war memorial site

Members considered the correspondence. It was recognised that this information would need to be considered as part of the feasibility study which is due to be undertaken as part of the welfare transformation project.

Resolved: To pass the correspondence to the Feasibility Study consultant

10. To consider item planning applications:

a) App. No P2020/0761

Resolved: No observation

b) App No. P2020/0747

Resolved: No observations

c) App. No P2020/0772

Resolved: No observations

d) App No P2020/0765

Resolved: No observations

11. To consider item Report:

a) Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised that the work to the cemetery drive was scheduled to start on Monday 5th October.

12. To confirm date, time, venue for next meeting

Tuesday 27th October at 6.30pm, to be held remotely.

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.