



Minutes of the Meeting of Glynneath Town Council
held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of
The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021
following the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 11th May 2021

Present: Cllr S Knoyle (Chair)

Cllr J Collins	Cllr H Morgan
Cllr C Edwards	Cllr M Powell
Cllr S Evans	Cllr G Reynolds
Cllr R Knoyle	Cllr J Roberts
Cllr S McMenamin	Cllr R Simons
Cllr D Morgan	
8 x Residents	

Clerk / RFO: Ms J van Tonder

1. Presiding: Cllr Simon Knoyle

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Gregory.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Edwards	Personal, NPTCBC Member
Cllr S Evans	Personal, Treasurer to Glynneath RFC
Cllr S Knoyle	Personal, NPTCBC Member; Secretary to Glynneath RFC; Friends of Glynneath Library
Cllr D Morgan	Personal, NPTCBC Member; Potential work with One Voice Wales
Cllr H Morgan	Personal, Treasurer to Friends of Glynneath Library
Cllr J Roberts	Personal, Trustee of Glynneath Silver Band
Cllr R Knoyle	Pecuniary, agenda item 10(b): Planning Application P2021/0385

4. Public Questions

The Clerk advised there had been one question raised by a member of the public that she had been asked to read out.

Q: "Does the Council have written evidence of the land owner near the tennis courts asking for permission to drill holes in the tennis posts for brackets which are 8 on the majority of posts and has the council got a copy of their response granting permission."

The Clerk advised this matter had been covered under current Freedom of Information Requests. It was noted that the Council would be responding to those FOIs in due course.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th April 2021

a) Amendments to the Minutes

No amendments.

b) Confirm as a true and accurate record

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 20th April 2021 as a true and accurate record.

c) Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

6. Resignation of John Evans / Central Ward vacancy

Members noted the resignation of John Evans with effect from 24th April 2021 thus creating a vacancy in the Central Ward. It was noted the agenda had incorrectly stated that John Evans had represented *West Central Ward*.

The Clerk advised the Electoral Officer had been notified. It was noted the Notice of Vacancy would be published and, should a poll be called by ten or more electors, a bye-election would be held.

7. Upper Neath Valley Community Development Cluster

a) Status update

Cllr Simon Knoyle updated members on the progress that had been made in aligning the four councils of Glynneath, Resolven, Blaengwrach and Melincourt & Clyne for the purpose of seeking grant funding to recruit a Community Development Project Officer.

Simon suggested early indications from funders were favourable and confirmed the Cluster Committee would be seeking funds first from the LEADER Fund followed by applications to Pen-y-Cymoedd.

b) Memorandum of Understanding

Members noted the document that had been circulated and presented with the agenda, wherein Glynneath Town Council was nominated as **lead council** for the cluster agreement.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To adopt the Memorandum of Understanding as presented and to enter into a clustering agreement with the councils stated, and on the terms outlined in the document.

c) Representation on the Committee

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To appoint Cllrs Simon Knoyle and Del Morgan to represent the Council on the Cluster Committee.

8. Finance and Administration

a) Insurance Policy renewal

Members noted the insurance policy renewal of £2,496.24 for the year 1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022 amounted to a 1.1% increase on the previous year.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the renewal of the policy at the renewal fee stated.

b) One Voice Wales membership

As Cllr Del Morgan had declared a personal interest, he left the virtual meeting room.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To renew the Council's membership with OVW at an annual cost of £695.

Cllr Del Morgan returned to the meeting.

c) Freedom of Information Requests received

The Clerk advised the following Freedom of Information Requests had been received since the last meeting:

Date received	Information requested	Deadline for reply
22/04/2021	"... who gave X permission to put [hanging baskets] on tennis court posts ... I would like to see written permission who gave the occupants the right for these ..."	21/05/2021
23/04/2021	"...if there are any documents regarding the fence and the baskets/the brackets which relate to the this matter I'd like to put in another foI any letters /from council granting permission."	24/05/2021
29/04/2021	"...Please provide under the Freedom of Information Act the email of letter communication between the resident of this property and the Glynneath Town Council that has allowed them to [drill and place brackets on the posts of the tennis court]"	28/05/2021
04/05/2021 (letter dated 23/04/2021)	"...I would like to know who put [hanging basket brackets] up."	24/05/2021

d) Payment Schedule

Resolved: To approve the following payments:

PHS	CHQ 000402	Sanitary waste disposal	£121.78
Welsh Water	CHQ 000403	Water provision at all sites	£758.33
S.L.C.C.	CHQ 000404	Training – M Chaplin	£42.00
BHIB	CHQ 000405	Insurance premium 01/06/21 – 31/05/22	£2,496.24
One Voice Wales	CHQ 000406	Annual membership subscription	£695.00
Neath Port Talbot CBC	CHQ 000407	Welfare Park trade refuse charge	£370.86
Beebombs	CHQ 000408	Wildflower seed bombs (Cemetery verges)	£100.00

Neath Vale Building	CHQ 000409	Sundry consumables	£42.81
			£4,627.02

9. Committee Chair reports

a) Town Hall & Community Centre committee

Cllr Janet Collins reported there had been no meeting of the committee since the previous Council meeting. Janet confirmed an inventory of the equipment belonging to the Silver Band had been completed with assistance from, and in the presence of (then Cllr) John Evans.

Once a full audit of all the remaining items in the Chapel had been completed, a notice would be published and members of the public would have the opportunity to lay claim to property. Following verification of ownership, the items would be released.

b) Cemetery committee

Cllr Stephen Evans confirmed the long-awaited mower and blower were to be delivered later that week. The Council had received an upgrade on the mower as compensation for the delay in fulfilling the order.

Stephen thanked Cllr Carolyn Edwards for the vanity units that would be installed in the toilets as soon as possible.

c) Parks and Open Spaces committee

Cllr Shane McMenamin advised that the POS committee had not met since the previous Council meeting either but, following the recent appointment of the Facilities & Maintenance Supervisor, was hopeful of being in a position to have more to report at the next meeting.

d) Projects – Welfare Transformation Project

Cllr Simon Knoyle advised that potential Transformation Project funders Pen-Y-Cymoedd had indicated a desire to see a costed wish-list from the Council as well as evidence of community engagement and further consultation.

Members were advised that the Projects committee would be meeting in the near future to begin putting together some preliminary plans based on the findings that had come out of the Urban Foundry study.

10. Planning Applications

a) P2021/0334 – 10 Craig Nedd, Glynneath

No objection.

b) P2021/0385 – 9 Rock Street, Glynneath

As Cllr Richard Knoyle had declared a pecuniary interest in that he was the applicant, he left the virtual meeting room.

No objection.

Cllr Richard Knoyle returned to the meeting.

c) P2021/0442 – 48 Park Avenue, Glynneath

No objection.

11. Planning Consents & Refusals since the last meeting

P2021/0246	1x internally-illuminated fascia sign plus 1x internally-illuminated projecting sign at 96 High Street, Glynneath	Permission granted 21/04/2021
P2021/0245	Installation of new shop front at 96 High Street, Glynneath	Permission granted 21/04/2021
P2021/0249	Conversion of garage to studio, first floor rear extension and extension of existing annex to provide ancillary accommodation at 57 Heathfield Avenue, Glynneath	Permission granted 21/04/2021
P2021/0186	Two storey side extension and side entrance porch at 51 Park Avenue, Glynneath	Permission granted 23/04/2021

12. **Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday, 8th June 2021

The Meeting concluded at 8:00pm.