



**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
on Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 6.30pm**

Councillors Present: Cllr G Reynolds (Mayor)

Cllr J Collins
Cllr H Morgan
Cllr C Edwards
Cllr D Morgan
Cllr S Knoyle
Cllr R Simons

Cllr J Roberts
Cllr S McMenamin
Cllr M Powell
Cllr R Knoyle
Cllr J Gregory

Clerk: Mrs A Thomas

1. Presiding

The Mayor, Cllr G Reynolds.

2. To receive item apologies for absence

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

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

Cllr D Morgan Personal, NPTCBC Member
 Personal, One Voice Wales – Potential Work

Cllr C Edwards Personal, NPTCBC Member

Cllr H Morgan Personal, Treasurer Friends of Glynneath Library

Cllr J Roberts Personal, Trustee Glynneath Silver Band

Cllr S Knoyle Personal, NPTCBC Member
 Personal, Secretary Glynneath RFC

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

The Clerk confirmed that one question had been received and the resident would like to read the question himself.

Members were asked to support in principle the installation of an E.V. charging point within Glynneath. The exact details of the location etc. were yet to be determined. Members were advised that Welsh Government had made an emergency declaration on climate change. Members were asked to take this information into consideration when discussing item 11.

The Mayor thanked the resident for the information and advised that the item would be discussed under item 11.

5. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held remotely on 22nd September 2020

a. Consider amendments to the Minutes

Item 5 – Cllr C Edwards declared an interest, NPTCBC Member, Personal.

b. Confirm as a true and accurate record

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 22nd September 2020 as a true and accurate record with above amendment

c. Consider matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

6. Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on 27th October 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 of Council held on 27th October 2020 as a true and accurate record with above amendment

c. Consider matters arising from the minutes

Item 4 – The Clerk confirmed that this item had been discussed at the recent Town Hall & Community Centre Committee Meeting. No further progress had been made on this item.

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 October 2020

Resolved: To approve item Monthly Accounts October 2020

c) To note for information A.Hinder, NPTCBC – Precept 2021/2022

Members were advised that the base rate for 2021-2022 is 1,381.99. The deadline for the receipt of the precept is 18th January 2021.

Resolved: To note for information

d) To consider item Local Community Fund – Glynneath Floral & Landscape Enhancements

Cllr S Knoyle advised that this grant money had been applied for to support floral and landscape enhancements within Glynneath. Members were informed that a local group had now been set up to support this item going forward. Members were asked to transfer the recently received sum of £1,234.09 from the Co-Op to the local group.

Members were advised that this would need to be confirmed as acceptable by the grant provider.

Following discussion

Resolved: To transfer the sum of £1,234.09 to the Glynneath Floral & Landscape Enhancements Group to maintain the floral and landscape enhancements in Glynneath, subject to receiving confirmation from the grant provider that this is acceptable

e) To review Emergency Delegated Powers arrangements

Resolved: To confirm the emergency delegated power arrangements: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Cllr J Collins, in consultation with the Town Clerk. Where items relate to Staffing/HR Issues – delegation is granted to: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the Chair of the HR Committee and Cllr J Collins in consultation with the Clerk (where the decision does not relate to the Clerk). Where the vote is tied with regards to a decision, standing orders would apply and the Mayor would have the casting vote.

f) To note for information decision made under Emergency Delegated Powers Arrangements

Resolved: To note for information

8. To consider item Minutes of the Town Hall & Community Centre Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th November 2020

Cllr J Collins gave an update with regards to the items listed.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Town Hall & Community Centre Committee Meeting as a true and accurate record

9. To consider item complaint received - review of handling of Freedom of Information request

This item refers to a request that was received on 20th October 2020. A response had been sent to the requestor. The requestor has since advised that they wish to complain about the response and request that it is reviewed.

It was suggested, in order to ensure transparency in the decision-making process, that a panel of different members was set up from the last panel.

Resolved: To set up a Review Panel to consider the handling of the Freedom of Information request. To grant plenary powers to the panel.

**Resolved: The members of the Review Panel are agreed as:
Cllrs J Roberts, H Morgan, R Simons, D Morgan and M Powell.**

10. To consider item email correspondence Rhondda Cynon Taf – Revised Local Development Plan

Resolved: To note for information

(Cllr J Gregory left the meeting)

11. To consider item email correspondence – E.V.Charging Park Glynneath

Members were keen to support the E.V. Charging park in Glynneath in principle. Members acknowledged the importance of investing for the future and that E.V. charging points will be invaluable long term.

Following discussion

Resolved: To support, in principle, an E.V. Charging Park in Glynneath

12. To consider item ‘Community Skip’ (Cllr S Knoyle)

Cllr Knoyle asked Members to support a community skip initiative in Glynneath. It is understood that it previously took place several years ago and that it was successful. Members were advised that further detail would need to be presented to Council in terms of costs and management of the initiative.

(Cllr C Edwards declared an interest in this item as the Chair of Blaengwrach Community Council).

Following discussion

Resolved: To agree in principle, subject to obtaining further detail re: costs and management of the initiative

13. To consider item planning applications:

a) App. No P2020/0916

Resolved: No Objection

b) App No. P2020/0983

Resolved: No Objection

c) App No. P2020/0903

Resolved: No Objection

14. To consider item Report:

a) Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

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

Tuesday 8th December at 6.30pm, to be held remotely.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.