



**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 27th October 2020 at 6.30pm**

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 D Morgan	Cllr R Knoyle
Cllr S Knoyle	Cllr J Evans
Cllr S Evans	

Clerk: Mrs A Thomas

1. Presiding

The Mayor, Cllr G Reynolds.

2. To receive item apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Gregory (Personal). Cllr R Simons (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 Items 17 + 19(c+d) – Personal, Prejudicial (<i>will leave the room when items are discussed</i>)
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Cllr C Edwards	Personal, NPTCBC Member
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Cllr S Evans	Personal, Treasurer Glynneath RFC
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Cllr H Morgan	Personal, Treasurer Friends of Glynneath Library
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Cllr M Powell	Personal, Secretary Friends of the Town Hall
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Cllr J Roberts	Personal, Trustee Glynneath Silver Band
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c) Proposal to cease hire fees of the Town Hall for the ‘Den Boys (Cllr J Gregory)

In light of the fact that the Town Hall is currently closed and that certain activities are unlikely to take place at the Town Hall for comes time due to COVID-19 restrictions, members agreed to defer this to a future appropriate meeting.

Cllr J Collins offered to make contact with the Den Boys to discuss possibility of grant funding in the future.

d) To consider item Selar Extension Fund – part time study

The Clerk advised that she was waiting for further information and members agreed to defer this item to the next Full Council meeting.

7. To consider item Minutes of the Finance & Audit Committee held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

The Chair, Cllr R Knogle, went through the minutes.

Resolved: To approve the minutes and recommendation of the meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

8. To consider item Minutes of the Project Action Group held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

The Chair, Cllr S Knogle, went through the minutes.

Resolved: To approve the minutes and recommendation of the meeting of the Project Action Group held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

9. To consider item Minutes of the Town Hall & Community Centre Committee held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

The Chair, Cllr J Collins, went through the minutes.

Resolved: To approve the minutes and recommendation of the meeting of the Town Hall & Community Centre Committee held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

10. To consider item Minutes of the Human Resources Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

The Chair, Cllr R Knogle, went through the minutes.

Amendment: To delete ‘Cllr S Knogle’ and insert ‘Cllr R Knogle’ as the Chair

Resolved: To approve the minutes and recommendation of the Human Resources Committee Meeting held on 29th September 2020 with above amendment

11. To consider item Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

The Chair, Cllr S Evans, went through the minutes.

Resolved: To approve the minutes and recommendation of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on 29th September 2020

12. To consider item Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2020

Cllr S Evans went through the minutes. Cllr S Evans provided an update on the progress of items that had been discussed.

Resolved: To approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 8th October 2020

13. To consider item Minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2020

The Chair, Cllr S McMenamin, went through the minutes.

Resolved: To approve the minutes and recommendation of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 29th September 2020

14. To consider item Minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2020

Cllr S McMenamin went through the minutes of the meeting.

CCTV

Members raised the concern about applying for funding for an item which had not been identified in the community plan as a priority. Members acknowledged that the community plan would need regular review. Members were happy to agree to explore the item provided that this did not commit the Town Council to anything ongoing.

Resolved: To approve the minutes and all the recommendations of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2020

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

The Clerk outlined the reason for the agenda item.

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 S Knole, G Reynolds, R Knole, J Collins and C Edwards**

16. To consider item report from the Christmas Event Working Group

The members of the group outlined the rationale for the plans that had been considered.

Members queried the COVID-19 regulations and how these affected plans. The Clerk outlined the previous regulations, the current lockdown restrictions and also highlighted that no one could predict what the restrictions would likely look like following the current lockdown. To make plans for an event which relied on the relaxation of restrictions would not be practical.

Members were reminded to consider all children within Glynneath and not just those who were of school age.

17. To consider item email correspondence East Glynneath Residents Against Contamination and associated report

(Cllr S Knole and Cllr D Morgan left the virtual meeting room.)

Members were reminded of the response that the Town Council submitted in relation to the planning application on the land. Members had received a response from NPTCBC in relation to the items raised. Members generally agreed that NPTCBC should now ensure that any conditions in relation to the application should be enforced by them.

The Clerk advised that should members wish to discuss this item in more detail members would need to consider agreeing Standing Order 2(d) due to the potential legal implications of any discussion that takes place.

Resolved: To note this item for information

(Cllr S Knole and Cllr D Morgan returned to the virtual meeting room.)

18. To consider item email correspondence Draft Licensing Policy Act 2021

There were no comments from the Town Council.

Members were advised that they could comment as individual councillors if they wished to do so.

19. To consider item planning applications:

a) **App. No P2020/0822**

Resolved: No Objection
Observation – ensure boundary lines are maintained

b) **App No. P2020/0841**

Resolved: No Objection

c) **App. No P2020/0861**

(Cllr S Knoyle and Cllr D Morgan left the virtual meeting room.)

Resolved: Observation – request testing of the spoil heap before it is removed, during any site movements and when the final level is agreed

d) **App. No P2020/0863**

Resolved: Observation – request testing of the spoil heap before it is removed, during any site movements and when the final level is agreed

(Cllr S Knoyle and Cllr D Morgan returned to the virtual meeting room.)

e) **20/0986/10**

Resolved: Objection – concerns about the worsening air quality as a result of the development. Glynneath is in close proximity to the boundary between the two counties and there is potential impact for the wind conditions to channel downwards along the valley resulting in worsening air quality for the residents of Glynneath. Concerns about the adverse effect on the health of residents of Glynneath.

20. **To consider item Report:**

a) **Clerk's Report**

Nothing to report.

21. **To confirm date, time, venue for next meeting**

Tuesday 24th November at 6.30pm to be held remotely.

Introduction of Standing Order 2(d)

By reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted members of the public shall be excluded from the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.