

# CWMAMAN TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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A **COUNCIL MEETING** of **CWMAMAN TOWN COUNCIL** was held at The Community Education Centre, High Street, Glanamau on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Hussain (Presiding)

## **Councillors**

K Madge  
K Davison  
S Hussain  
A Davies  
D Jenkins  
E Jenkins  
D Wyn  
P Barker  
D Campbell

### **192. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Williams, D Williams, N Jerrett and Y Evans.

### **193. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor K Madge declared an interest in the agenda item on planning applications as he is a member of the Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee. Cllr D Jenkins declared an interest as Deputy Leader of Carmarthenshire County Council.

### **194. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor was pleased to report that a defibrillator has been installed at the Amman United RFC on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. There were a number of members of the public present who received training on the equipment.

### **195. COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE**

The Clerk gave an update report on the new Courses which had been organised at the Community Centre. The Council **resolved** to approve the hosting of the

YMCA “Get up and Go” course at no cost to the group as it is providing a service to the community.

The Clerk reported that the solar panels have now been installed on the roof and are producing electricity for the centre.

It was reported that the Burco boiler at the centre appeared to be defective. **Resolved to** recommend that the Still steam generator located in the kitchen is reutilised subject to it being serviced or alternatively the purchase of a new Burco Boiler.

The Clerk informed the Council that there had been a problem with co-ordinating meetings between Matt Morden and the Technical Services department. This has caused a significant delay in attempting to agree final terms for the transfer of the centre to the Council. The Clerk requested whether there could be some assistance from the County Councillors in organising the meeting as soon as possible and whether Cllr D Jenkins could be present at the meeting.

The Clerk provided an update report on the process of recruiting a Community Development Officer and Caretaker/Cleaner. It was resolved to appoint an interview committee from the officers, past officers of the Council and the County Councillors with plenary powers granted for the appointment of the posts in question subject to there being suitable candidates identified.

## **196. VERIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – that the following minutes of the Town Council (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received and confirmed respectively, subject to the following amendment:

Minute No 179 shall be amended to read “The Mayor confirmed that subsequent to the meeting he was made aware that Cllr D Wyn was not a member of Glanam dram. **Resolved** that the minute be amended accordingly.”

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## 197. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

*Councillor D Jenkins entered the meeting and declared an interest as he is the Deputy Leader on Carmarthenshire County Council.*

The Council received a report on the following planning applications:

### Applications

- E/33332 Extension to dwelling house at 1 Waunhwyad Lane, Glanaman. Mr R Paterson.
- E/33232 Proposed pod camping site and communal facilities at land off Globe Land, Dynevor Road, Garnant. N Stone.
- E/33302 Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale (Reserved matters to outline E/27733 for one detached dwelling) at land adjoining 2 & 4 Bryncethin Road, Garnant. Mr A Archer.

### Consents

5 semi-permanent tents for tourism and change of use of barn to shower block at Cwmerach Uchaf, Llandeilo Rd, Glanaman.

### Refusals

None received.

### Appeals

None received.

b) Planning Applications dealt with under the Clerk's delegated powers – to note the council's response in respect of the following planning applications:

None received.

## 198. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

### Family Centre

*Councillor K Madge declared an interest in the Family Centre.*

Councillor P Barker reported on a meeting which was convened on the 1<sup>st</sup> February of the management committee of the centre. Funding has been obtained for the next 3 years for the staff at the centre from the Lottery. It was noted that Alan Maunder and Valerie Rogers have resigned from the Committee from April 2016.

**Resolved to** write a letter of thanks from the Council and also to send a letter to Eira thanking her for ongoing work and success in the Lottery bid.

Cllr D Wyn reported on an exhibition of the Carmarthenshire Tourist Association in relation to proposed railway developments. It was noted that Captain Mike Smith has offered to address the Council at a future meeting on recent developments.

## **199. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN**

The Clerk reported on the recent correspondence from the Ombudsman in relation to the new edition of the Principles of Good Administration and Good Records Management. **Resolved** to note this correspondence.

## **200. AMAN GROUP OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

The Council received correspondence from the above group requesting the Council to consider whether there would be an interest in relation to local councils working together as one unit to secure the future of parks, playgrounds and sport pitches.

**Resolved that** the Council would support the principle of pooling resources as suggested in the document both in the acquisition of land and the management of the resource into the future.

**Resolved that** Cllr S Hussain and Cllr E Jenkins will represent the Council at the forthcoming meeting.

## **201. FINANCE REPORTS**

The Council received a Finance Report consisting of the following elements:

- Bank Reconciliation
- Report on Income Received
- Report on proposed Expenditure
- Report on receipts and payments by budget heading
- Annual Budget by Centre

It was **resolved** to approve the contents of the reports.

## **202. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE**

The Mayor reported that he is planning a charity night as part of his term of office in order to supplement any benefits to the local community.

### **203. DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Council received correspondence from 2 groups currently organising the installation of defibrillators in local communities requesting some financial assistance from the Council. **Resolved to** proceed with a bid to the lottery in partnership with Amanwy Development Trust for a scheme as sponsored by the Cariad group. The suggested locations for the new defibrillators were as follows subject to the support of the owners of the establishment:

Community Education Centre, Glanamau  
Clwb Godre'r Mynydd Du, Glanamau  
Farmer's Arms, Glanamau  
Premier Store, Garnant

The Mayor reported that he will consider providing a donation of £300 towards the cost of existing defibrillators. This was noted.

### **204. LITTER BIN MUGA CWMAMAN PARK**

It was reported that there have been a number of complaints regarding the accumulation of litter at the above location. Cllr D Jenkins agreed to make enquiries with the County Council with a view to provide for a new litter bin to serve the MUGA. In the event that the County Councillor is not able to provide a bin, it was **resolved that** the Council proceed to purchase a bin.

### **205. DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE**

The Council received the following correspondence, the content of which was explained by the Clerk, in particular the fact that this guidance will in future have an impact on the Local Development Plan if approved. The guidance encompasses the following elements:

Archaeology and Development  
Leisure and Open Space requirements for New Developments  
Nature Conservation and Biodiversity  
Placemaking and Design  
Rural Development

**Resolved that** the Councillors review the planning guidance online and contact the Clerk should a member feel there is a need to convene a further meeting to pass comment on the documents.

**206. EASTER CRAFT FAIR**

The Council received correspondence from Amanwy Development Trust with regard to a proposed Craft Fair at the Community Centre. **Resolved** to note the information and to suggest that in future any advertisements should be bilingual.

**207. LICENSING APPLICATION PROPOSED STOP & SHOP GARNANT**

The Council received notification of a proposed application for a License to sell alcohol at the above location. It was noted that this license refers to an establishment which has not yet been constructed.

**Resolved** to note the application.

*Cllr S Hussein, D Campbell and E Jenkins declared an interest in the above application due to their link to establishments selling alcohol in the community and left the meeting.*

Meeting concluded at 9.40 pm

Signed ..... Date .....  
Mayor