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Councillor  
Mr. Colin Elsbury

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**Present:**

Councillor Mark Newman, Mrs. Olwen Rees, Mr. E. Talbot, Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. G. Pratt, Mr. M. Thomas, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. P. J. Bevan, Mr. James Fussell and Mr. J. Pritchard.

**Apologies:**

Councillor C. Elsbury (Town Mayor).

**In attendance:**

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

In the absence of the Town Mayor Councillor J. Fussell, Deputy Mayor, took the chair.

39. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH JULY 2013  
AND THE EVENTS WORKING GROUP HELD ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2013**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29th July 2013 and the Events Working Group held on 19th August 2013 were received, confirmed and signed with the following amendments, Minute 34c Community Cinema. All members were invited to form a Sub Committee to consider and participate in the Community Cinema Project.

40. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered by the Agenda)**

**Caerphilly Parking Review**

The clerk informed members that a reply had been received from the County Borough who confirmed the consultation document was sent by post to the Town Council's address. The order was sealed in May 2013, however parking restrictions can be revisited and new orders made. Any suggestions members have can be put forward as part of the next review later this financial year.

The clerk informed members that they needed to attend a course on road closures before being allowed to close off roads. It was agreed Councillors J. Fussell and S. Kent attend this course.

Councillor Pritchard said the meeting with CCBC to discuss the polluted stream had not yet taken place and he would report back as soon as he had further information.

Members were informed that the P.A. System recommended in the Events Working Group was needed because the one owned by the Town Council was not big enough for the event, particularly when up to 60 school children would be taking part.

41. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Inspector Gareth Jones attended the meeting and updated members on staff transfers. He introduced Sgt Wayne Alexander to the meeting as the new sergeant for the Town.

Performance figures were handed out to members. The inspector explained a lot of the incidents were due to bin thefts, shoplifting accounted for 70% of crimes and vehicle crimes 18%.

The new parking regime whilst not satisfying everyone has simplified parking enforcement and over 200 parking tickets have been issued in the past 3 months.

Police have been issued with body worn cameras that are used to record suspects. These have proved very successful in obtaining prosecutions.

Members raised the following issues.

- a. Vehicles are still using Dol y felin Street/Mill Lane as a short cut.
- b. Councillor Pritchard asked if the police had been consulted on the parking reviews. It was confirmed they were one of the statutory consultees.
- c. Parking on pavements in Brynccenydd and speeding down Nantgarw Road.
- d. Parking problems behind Mill Road/Nantgarw Road by Social Services Building.
- e. Youths lighting fires behind Heol Berllan and stealing wheelie bins.
- f. Residents in Broomfield Street have had the earth wire pulled from their houses and cut off.
- g. Motorists are experiencing problems on Mill Road (by the traffic calming measures) caused by the low sun. There has been a number of near misses at this location together with a traffic accident.
- h. Sgt Alexander offered to meet up with local councillors to discuss any problems they have.

42. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

7th September - Proms in the Park.

43. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Problems behind Mill Road/Nantgarw Road - Sweepers unable to get down lane due to vehicles parking.
- b. Wooden benches outside Plas Phillips, Brynccenydd need refurbishing or replacing.
- c. Large privet ledge outside no 9 Broomfield Street has been cut but left on pavement.
- d. Complaints made about the bus station where litter and cigarette butts are thrown on the ground.

44. **PROJECTS AND TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

a. Community Cinema

Paul Hudson from CCBC attended the meeting to talk on this proposal. He outlined to members the work required before the event could take place.

1. Identify a suitable location.
2. If more than 499 people attended the Town Council would need to apply for a Premises Licence. It will take a minimum of 2 months to carry out the work.
3. Select the film you want to show. There is a 6 week lead in time for new releases.
4. Town Council would have to promote the event but CCBC could help with this.
5. One steward for every 250 people would have to be employed.
6. Road closures and crowd control barriers would have to be in place.

One of the biggest problems experienced in Bargoed is the antisocial behaviour and police approval will be required.

Members discussed the proposal and come up with 2 possibilities should the event proceed.

- 1) Caerphilly Rugby Club.
- 2) Workmen's Hall.

If it is decided to use the Workmen's Hall as a venue the Town Centre Management Group will need to be consulted about the use of the £2,500 allocated for this event.

Councillor Fussell declared an interest on the discussions relating to the Workmen's Hall.

b. Acquisition of Speed Cameras

A report was presented to members on the acquisition of a Speed Camera for use by the police in the Town Centre and surrounding area.

Members expressed concern over police resources to use these cameras and the areas they would be used in.

It was decided to seek assurances from the police that they would only be used in the Town Council area and that adequate resources would be available to make use of the equipment before making a decision.

c. Public Toilets - Caerphilly Town

Members discussed the report and were surprised at the cost of manning the toilets estimated to be £38,000 per annum.

The clerk informed members that the County Borough would not be reinstating attendants at this facility and that the Town Council did not have the resources to take over the running of these toilets.

It was agreed that the Caerphilly Town Council formally request the Caerphilly County Borough Council reinstate attendants at both toilets at Station Terrace and under Visit Caerphilly. Councillor Pritchard undertook to take this up with the Borough.

d. Use of Town Council Resources

Councillors J. Fussell, P. Bevan, O. Rees, J. Hibbert and Mark Newman declared an interest and took no part in the decision making.

The Town Clerk put forward a report on the use of the Town Council's photocopier by the Twyn Centre and asked for a decision in principal on providing a photocopying service in return for free use of meeting rooms.

Those members allowed to contribute debated the issue and the motion put forward was to scrap the report and not to offset the cost of photocopying against the hire charge of the meeting room. Vote was by a show of hands and the motion was carried by 4 votes to 2.

Councillor Richard Williams voted for the motion and requested his name be recorded.

45. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillors James Fussell declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

13/0622/FULL - Councillor Pritchard will take this up with the County Borough and find out what is involved.

46. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. List of Payments - Noted and Approved.
- b. Bank Account Balances - Noted.
- c. Application for Financial Assistance

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i.	Hafan Cymru	Deferred
ii.	Caerphilly & District Arts Society	250
iii.	Shelter Cymru	200

47. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Friends of Caerphilly - Noted.
- ii) Network Rail - Noted.
- iii) Letter from Assistant Chief Constable - Noted.
- iv) Future of Former Library

The clerk enclosed a letter from Councillor G. Pratt and J. Pritchard and asked for members views.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Next meeting Monday 21st October 2013