

Ken Williams

Councillor  
Mr. Colin Elsbury

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2013 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**Present:**

Councillors Mrs. Olwen Rees, Mr. E Talbot, Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. G. Pratt, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. P. J. Bevan, Mr. James Fussell, Mr. J. Pritchard, Mr. M. Thomas and Mr. C. Elsbury (Town Mayor).

**Apologies:**

Councillor M. Newman.

**In attendance:**

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

57. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST  
OCTOBER 2013**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21st October 2013 were received, confirmed and signed.

The word unanimously was withdrawn from the minutes of the meeting of 21st October 2013 as no vote was taken although all members were asked if they were in agreement and no one objected..

58. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The clerk informed members that no other Community Council within the Caerphilly basin had agreed to share in the cost of the purchase of a speed gun for use by the police.

A decision on who would be responsible for the recalibration costs is still awaited.

59. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- i. **Traffic Issues** - Speed checks are ongoing and the police will be carrying out traffic checks at the end of November.
- ii. Funding for the graffiti project has been secured.
- iii. The caretaker at the Twyn Community Centre reported incidents of Anti Social Behaviour after being assaulted outside the centre. The culprits have been identified on CCTV.
- iv. The police asked about a community petition connected to Pulsars. Councillor Fussell reported it is well supported by residents. Inspector Jones said most problems at this location seems to happen at closing time around 3 a.m.
- v. Caerphilly After Dark Launch will take place on 2nd December at 6.15 p.m. at Caerphilly Castle.
- vi. Where PACT is not working the Police and Crime Commissioner intends to replace it. Members believe if this happens any new initiative should be police driven.
- vii. The police have obtained 5 body cameras.
- viii. The crime prevention officer will contact Councillor Fussell and advise him on the best way to secure the Community Centre.
- ix. The inspector gave out statistics about crimes in the Caerphilly Town area.
- x. Illegal parking outside the Welsh School on Crescent Road and by the Spar on Mill Road. It was suggested cars parked illegally be given parking tickets.
- xi. Junction of Van Road/Market Street. Cars seen turning right off Van Road down Market Street.
- x. Anti Social Behaviour and bullying from pupils of St. Martin's School. Pupils seen littering, swearing and vandalism in town, bullying of younger pupils also taking place. A resident in Bedwas Road has had her window smashed by school children throwing missiles.  
  
A list of pupil names was handed to Inspector Jones who said school protocols had to be followed.
- xi. Two offenders have been arrested in Morgan Jones Ward for thefts from gardens and garages.

60. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

- 6th November - AGM Twinning Association.  
8th November - School Remembrance Service.  
10th November - British Legion Remembrance Service.

61. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- i. Flooding on Nantgarw Road by garage which is believed to be caused by poor drainage. It was agreed to write to CCBC Highways and request a camera survey.
- ii. Steps from the Twyn Car Park to Market Street need to be lit to prevent possible falls. It was agreed to take this up at the Town Centre Management Meeting.
- iii. Residents on Heol y Nant complained about a blocked stream that could cause flooding. Councillor Bevan has emailed the problem through.
- iv. Hoardings erected at the Housing Development, Waunfach Street were an eyesore and are to be taken down and replaced with something more appropriate.
- v. Former police station site on Mountain Road is overgrown with weeds.
- vi. Lane rear Van Road up to the TV repair shop has rubbish littered about.
- vii. Lane from Windsor Street to Cardiff Road has standing water due to uneven surface.
- viii. Illegal fishing on Caerphilly Castle Moat in a restricted area.

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

A request has been made from Y Galeri asking if the Town Council would make a contribution towards the cost of an Open Arts Competition. It is estimated £900 was needed to ensure the successful running of the event.

Members agreed to make a financial contribution of £900.

63. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillors J. Fussell, and C. Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections were raised.

64. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. List of Payments - Noted and Approved.
- b. Bank Account Balances - Noted.
- c. Application for Financial Assistance
  - i) **Urdd Gobarth Cymru**

Councillors Olwen Rees, Phil Bevan and Jenny Hibbert declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussions or decision making.  
Members noted the request and deferred the application to the next financial year.

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ii)	Caerphilly & District Horticultural Society	250
iii)	Twyn Community Play Group	100

d. Revenue Estimates 2014/15

The clerk went through the estimates which were unanimously approved by members.

e. Council Tax 2014/15

The clerk went through the report with members. Members unanimously approved a Council Tax of £13.00 for band D properties for 2014/2015, which will raise a precept of £77,725.57 for 2014/2015.

f. Fireworks Financial Statement - Approved

Councillor Elsbury and S. Kent declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Councillor Elsbury thanked those councillors who turned up on the day and helped ensure the display was successful given the atrocious weather conditions.

It was agreed to increase the share to the nominated charities to £1,500 each.

65. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cymru Wledig/Rural Wales - Taken by Councillor Bevan.

The clerk informed members of the following events.

- a. Network Rail - Opening of Energlyn Station - 16th December.
- b. River of Light Parade - 19th December.
- c. Medieval Market - 7th & 8th December.
- d. **Exhibition on proposed Nant Llesg Surface Mine**
  - Abertysswg Community Centre - 19th November
  - Rhymney Community Centre - 20th November
  - Fochriw Community Centre - 26th November
  - Elm Church Hall Pontllottyn - 28th November
- e. St. Martin's Church Christmas Tree Celebration - 7th December.

66. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting closed 7.30 p.m.  
Next meeting 20th January 2014

