

Ken Williams

Councillor  
Mr. James Fussell

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 19TH MAY 2014**

**Present:**

Councillor M. Newman, Mrs. Olwen Rees, Mr. C. Elsbury, 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 (Town Mayor).

**Apologies:**

Councillor J. Pritchard and Inspector Gareth Jones.

**In attendance:**

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk) and PCSO Matthew Pearce.

11. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH  
APRIL 2014**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2014 were received, confirmed and signed.

12. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The clerk informed members a letter had been received from the County Borough Council stating a crash barrier at Heol Cae Barrau does not meet with the Council's prioritisation criteria for VRS. They will however undertake the work if a 100% up front contribution is made. The cost of the work is a minimum of £35,000 plus VAT.

Councillor Kent tried to raise the matter at a meeting of the Caerphilly County Borough Council but was refused. He was disappointed with the attitude of members of the Borough Council.

13. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

a) Number of youths congregating by station and Tesco's. Police in partnership with

British Transport police carried out an operation and youths were moved on. 7 anti social behaviour orders were issued.

- b) It is hoped street based youth workers will be on the Town and liaise with youths to identify issues with them.
- c) Homeless people about the Town  
A database is being drawn up to identify these homeless people. Age Cymru have complained about homeless people sleeping in their doorway.
- d) Truancy operation along with British Transport police. 24 pupils in December and 8 pupils in March were approached by police for truancy and details obtained.
- e) Bike thefts are on the increase and a number of expensive bikes have been stolen in Watford area.
- f) Duke of Edinburgh Award - 112 children enrolled in scheme.
- g) Abandoned bike by railway station.
- h) Old Police Station on Park Lane - Gate at rear was open.
- i) DNA marking system for bikes (Smart Water) - available at a cost through internet or from OWL.
- j) Ruperra Woodland Trust - Bags of cannabis roots found.

14. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

29th April - Invite from Megaday to attend Velindre.  
12th May - Police Seminar in Ty Penallta.  
16th May - Mount Carmel Church at Ton y felin.  
17th May - Caerphilly Community Chorus & Pisek Choir.

15. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a) People camping on right hand side up Watford Hill by chapel and left litter.
- b) Trehir Amenities Centre - Grass not being cut and this is causing a visual hazard because vehicles can't see other approaching vehicles.
- c) Pot hole on entrance to St. Martin's Road, now done.
- d) Cefn Carnau road closed.
- e) Canadian Pond Weed being cleared from balancing lake.

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

a) **Caerphilly Flower Festival**

The clerk presented a report on the Flower Festival which detailed cost incurred to date. Members approved the report.

b) **Future Use of Former Library**

Members were emailed on the future use of the former library. The clerk informed them that he had replied to the Borough with a preference for option 2 and 3 and recommended local consultation take place before any final decision was taken.

c) **Caerphilly Workmen's Hall**

Kathy Lye, Chair of Caerphilly Workmen's Hall spoke to the meeting. Mrs Lye confirmed the Workmen's Hall is keen to put on films and they have made enquiries into the costs.

Members said the £2,500 made available by the Town Centre Management Group could only be used for the provision of an outdoor cinema and could not be transferred to the Workman's Hall.

CADW will be running an Open Door project again this year and the Workmen's Hall are hoping to use this to get people into the hall and possibly hold a film in September.

Mrs Lye explained the license costs associated with putting on a film. A public video screening license costs £180. This allows you to show a film but not to charge for admission. A single title license, which allows you to charge entry and advertise films costs £243.

A company called Pro Screen provide a projector and operator for £950.

The Mayor agreed to contact the Borough Council to put them in touch with representatives of the Workmen's Hall to try to identify funds.

It was also agreed to contact Blackwood Town Council and find out if they helped provide a cinema in Blackwood.

17. **PLANNING**

Councillor J. Fussell and Colin Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections were raised.

18. **PAYMENT 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)	Mount Carmel Baptist Church	1000
ii)	Parish of Caerphilly	250
iii)	Caerffili Lions Peace Poster Competition	250
iv)	Cancercareline	Deferred

d) Insurance Renewal 2014/15

Members agreed to renew its insurance with AON with the premium being £2,531.47 for 2014/2015 year.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) 5 Man Cleansing Team

The clerk asked members to identify any areas that would benefit from a visit by the 5 Man Cleansing Team.

b) Caerphilly Post Office - Members noted the correspondence.

c) Caerphilly Local Development Plan Reviews

The letter was noted by members.

Next Meeting Monday 16th June 2014

