

Ken Williams

Councillor
Mr. Colin Elsbury

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY
TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2014 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. P. J. Bevan, Mr. James Fussell and Mr. J. Pritchard.

Apologies:

M. Thomas, Colin Elsbury (Town Mayor) and Steve Kent.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

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

67. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH
NOVEMBER 2013**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 18th November 2013 were received, confirmed and signed.

68. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arose from the minutes.

69. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Police ran an enforcement day early December and will run another one on 27th January 2014. All staff came together and concentrated on ward priorities.

Over 100 vehicles were speed checked and 3 tickets issued in the town area.

No left turn on Dol y felin Street - 25 tickets issued.

Police have been enforcing illegal parking in loading bays in town centre.

Crime figures currently show a 10% increase on last year.

Two offenders have been arrested for the theft of paving slabs.

Theft of catalytic converters - two offenders arrested.

St. Martin's School has been involved with new graffiti wall and this has proved successful.

Gwent have received funding of £100,000 for body cameras.

Spar, Mill Road - Illegal parking on yellow lines, police were asked to include this in their Enforcement day.

A spate of robberies, vans and sheds in south of Twyn Ward. A request was made for a PCSO or police constable to patrol this area. A suspect has been identified.

Incident 9th January 2014 in Wheatsheaf when a fight took place. The pub has been visited by the Licensing Dept. CCBC.

Drivers found speeding at Heol Trecastell have been approached and warned.

Speeding by Aber Halt, Nantgarw Road - Police were asked to include this in their Enforcement Day.

Speeding checks on Heol Cae Barrau.

70. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

Y Galeri Competition.

71. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Bridge on Pontywindy Road over Nant y Aber.

Flooding by garage on Nantgarw Road.

Lamppost by Cash Generations half full with water.

Footpath linking Western Industrial Estate to Castle View site has been made good.

Footpath leading to entrance to Sunningdale is flooding.

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

Councillor Fussell declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

The clerk reported an application for a concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle had been received from Ysgol y Castell.

The Town Council has 6 concessions for every calendar year and two have already been given to the Urdd.

Members agreed to grant a concession to Ysgol y Castell.

73. Councillor Fussell declared an interest in all Planning and Councillor Bevan in 13/0837/LA and Councillor Pritchard in 14/0006/FULL and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections were raised.

74. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) List of Payments - NOTED and APPROVED.

b) Bank Account Balances - NOTED.

c) Application for Financial Assistance

i) Llamau - £50

d) Sec. 137 Expenditure - NOTED.

e) Banking Arrangements

Members agreed to stay with the Co-op Bank but to limit the amount of money with its bank to the safeguard limit of £85,000. Any surplus will be deposited in a Building Society to be determined when needed.

The clerk was asked to review interest rates and report back to a future meeting.

f) Membership SLCC

Members agreed to renew the clerks membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks for 2014.

75. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Consultation Document - Secondary Rationalisation
Phase 1 Islwyn West

NOTED

76. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no more business discussed.

Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 17th February 2014