

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 21ST OCTOBER 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. S. Kent, Mr. P. J. Bevan, Mr. James Fussell, Mr. J. Pritchard and Mr. C. Elsbury (Town Mayor).

Apologies:

Councillor M. Thomas.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

A minutes silence was held in memory of the Aberfan Disaster, Universal Collery Disaster and the 7th Anniversary of the passing of Mr. Malcolm Evans the former Town Clerk.

48. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH
SEPTEMBER 2013**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16th September 2013 were received, confirmed and signed.

49. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Community Cinema

The clerk informed members that a reply had been received from the Chair of Caerphilly Workmen's Hall informing that their committee has plans to re-establish the hall as a community cinema but do not have funds to proceed.

They have also offered to meet representatives of the Town Council.

It was agreed to invite representatives of the Caerphilly Workmen's Hall to a Town Council Meeting to discuss the project.

50. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Inspector Gareth Jones passed out the latest crime statistics. There is an increase in crimes the main 2 being shoplifting and vehicle crimes.

Speeding vehicles is a priority for St. Martin's Ward. Seven speed checks have been carried out throughout the ward with the average speed being below 30 mph. These checks will continue to January 14th. A reconditioned or new speed camera is available to purchase and the cost of cameras were detailed in the Town Clerks report. PACT priorities were discussed by the police. Graffiti is one of the priorities brought forward, these are being investigated and information sought to enable the culprits to be apprehended. In terms of prevention the police are working with St. Martin's School and hope to have a graffiti wall, which they believe will educate people in the affect graffiti has on the general population. A training course costing £650 is being set up and 25 pupils from year 11 will be included in the training sessions. A funding request has been made to Peter's Pies who have agreed to part fund the course. If there is any short fall the police may come back to the Council with a funding request. It is believed involving local children gives them ownership of the issue.

Councillor Fussell thanked the police for attending at the Twyn Centre when the fire alarm went off recently.

51. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

28th September	-	Caerphilly Branch of Save The Children.
3rd October	-	Presentation Evening for Caerphilly in Bloom.
12th October	-	Undercurrents.
14th October	-	Service for Universal Colliery Disaster.
18th October	-	Shining Stars Charity Dinner.

52. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- Rusted roadside pillars Caerbragdy.
- Lane from Celyn Avenue to Waunfach has now been tarmaced.
- Flagstones outside Twyn Community Centre - it was agreed to request they be jet washed.
- Drains by chip shop on Nantgarw Road are blocked.
- Street light not working in lane between Maes Glas and rear allotment on Van Road.
- Footpath by side of Plas Phillips to Nantgarw Road.
- Land for sale off Pontygwindy Road is overgrown and has been reported to Enforcement.

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

a) **Caerffili and District Twinning**

Members agreed to a donation of £300.

b) **Concessionary Use of Caerphilly Castle**

The clerk informed members that 4 concessions had been granted which left 2 to the end of the calendar year.

The Fire Service have requested a further concession for this year and the Urdd Executive Committee requested a concession and free use for a Gala Dinner Evening on 28th February 2014.

Olwen Rees, Jenny Hibbert and Councillor P. Bevan declared an interest in the application from the Urdd and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Members decided unanimously to grant a concession to the Fire Service and to grant a concession and to fund the hire by the Urdd Executive Committee.

c) Purchase of Speed Gun

Members debated the purchase of the speed gun and decided to defer a decision pending more information on recalibration costs.

d) Community Engagement - Twyn School

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

PCSO John MacDonald spoke about the OWL initiative.

Members agreed unanimously to a donation of £50 for the Falconry Class and demonstration as detailed in the report.

e) Key holders - Town Council Office

Members debated the report and it was agreed unanimously that Councillor J. Fussell and P. Bevan should be authorised key holders for the Town Council Offices.

f) Town Council Website

The clerk presented a report on the website and the offer by the Caerphilly County Borough Council to provide and maintain a website at a cost of £500 per annum with the first year covered by the Welsh Assembly grant.

Members decided to accept the County Borough Council's offer and authorise them to develop a website on behalf of the Town Council.

54. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Objection were raised to 13/0703/FULL - 3, Pentrebane Street.
Plans requested for 13/0735/FULL.

55. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Members agreed unanimously to the following donations:

	£
i) Undercurrents	150
ii) Windsor School of Dance	200
d) <u>Draft Annual Report 2014/15</u>	

Members were presented with the draft report on payment of expenses to Town Councils and decided not to accept the payment of up to £100. The clerk informed them they were entitled to a mileage payment of 45p a mile for duties outside the Town Council's area.

56. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Caerphilly County Borough Council Local Development Plan - Noted.

Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Next Meeting 18th November 2013.

