

Ken Williams

Councillor
Mr. Colin Elsbury

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 29TH JULY 2013**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillor Gareth Pratt, Inspector G. Jones and Sgt. A. Down.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

29. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH
JUNE 2013**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24th June 2013 were received, confirmed and signed.

30. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute 21. - Councillor J. Pritchard met with Maria Godfrey of Environmental Health at the polluted stream and samples were taken. Results are expected in 4 to 6 weeks.

Minute 22d. - St Martins Youth Club is closed for the Summer but will reopen on 6th September 2013.

31. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a) Big Cheese - only 2 incidents within the Big Cheese grounds and 1 shoplifter in Town who was caught.

- b) Fight on Cardiff Road on Saturday night involving youths.
- c) Parking enforcement in Town Centre is being escalated in August.
- d) Speed gun on Pontygwindy Road; Watford Road Caerphilly Road and White Street.
- e) Lane from Celyn Avenue to Dol y felin Street should be access only but cars are using this as a short cut.
- f) Scaffolding truck came down Mountain Road and turned right down Bartlett Street the wrong way.

32. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

29th June - Van Road Church.
30th June - Shining Stars Summer Fayre.
5th July - Flower Festival Tour.
11th July - Wales in Bloom Judging.
17th July - Save the Children Concert.

33. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Heol Browen into Elm Grove needs clearing.
- b. Footpath that runs from Golf Course onto Mountain Road is overgrown.
- c. Algae on moat.
- d. Frequency change on railway line causing increased noise.
- e. Kings Arms - Required to change extract system last year this has not been done, however, it has been referred to enforcement.
- f. Oil spill in Pentrebane Street (been reported).

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

a) Festive Lighting - Clive Street

Members agreed to make a contribution of £2,500 to the County Borough Council to install a street lighting column suitable for a festive lighting figurine at Clive Street.

b) Purchase of I. T. Equipment

The Town Clerk reported problems experienced by the Town Council with the network service covering the office. It was recommended that a laptop be purchased by the Town Council to supplement the p.c. currently owned.

Members agreed to purchase a laptop up to £500 maximum.

c) Community Cinema for Caerphilly Town

Members discussed the possibility of holding an open-air cinema in the Caerphilly Town area similar to that held in Bargoed.

It was agreed to invite Paul Hudson to the next meeting to explain the work involved. The Workman's Hall was also put forward as a possible venue for holding films.

d) Salary Award

Members approved the new pay scales with effect from 1st April 2013.

35. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Councillor Bevan declared an interest in 13/0519/FULL and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Planning 13/0455/FULL - Copy of Plans requested for Cllr Bevan.

36. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) List of Payments - Noted and Approved.

b) Bank Account Balances - Noted.

c) Application for Financial Assistance

The following donations were approved:

Councillor Pritchard declared an interest in 10 ii and iii and Councillor Bevan in 10 ii and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

	£
i) Real Opportunities Project - Trinity Fields	200
ii) Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust	200
iii) Club707	200

d) Corporate to Fixed Rate Deposit Account

Members agreed to reinvest the £30,000 for a period of 12 months.

e) Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2013

The Clerk informed Members that the External Auditors had substantially completed their work and there was no issues that they intended to qualify their audit opinion on the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2013.

Members approved the Annual Return and authorised the Town Mayor and Responsible Financial Officer to sign it.

37. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Ombudsman Annual Report 2012/2013 - Noted.
- b) Cymru Wledig/Rural Wales - Taken by Councillor Bevan.
- c) 5 Man Cleansing Team

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

38. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Public Conveniences

The attendants who used to work at the public conveniences in Caerphilly have now been redeployed as litter pickers.

Members instructed the Clerk to write to the Borough and ask to put the attendants back in the public toilets and to get an estimate of the cost of such a move.

He was also asked to find out how much was spent on repairing damage at the toilets.

- b) Caerphilly Parking Review 2012

Councillor Pritchard asked if the Town Council were notified of the changes in parking in Caerphilly, and if it was, were members consulted.

The Clerk said to the best of his knowledge he did not receive the notification at the time although he had now received a copy of an email sent on the 31st October 2012. The Town Council were not on the list of people who received the email.

The borough have been asked to check their records to ensure all consultees were properly notified.

Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Next Meeting 16th September.