

CAERPHELLY

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TOWN CLERK:
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Phil Davy

TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor
Mike Prew

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF CAERPHELLY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2019

Present:

Councillors P J Bevan, C Elsbury, J Hibbert, J Grenfell, M Prew, H Jackson, S Morgan, J Fussell, R Bidgood.

Apologies:

Councillors S Kent, S Hodder, J Pritchard.

In Attendance:

P G Davy, Town Clerk.

105 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH MARCH

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

106 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 100.1.5 Town Clerk to suggest consistent format for 7 Town Councillors to set up free dedicated email address for Town Council business.

107 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

There are continuing concerns about the congregation of youths adjacent to the NatWest Bank and drug use. The police are monitoring the situation but Members were advised to report any issues they observe via 101.

108 TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

1 The Mayor had attended the Caerphilly RFC under 12s game at Hafodrynys which was

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drawn but the team go through to the final at Rodney Parade. The Mayor will send letter of support.

- 2 The Mayor had met 26 Dutch cyclists at Visitor Centre. They were undertaking a 400 mile tour to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Welsh soldiers liberating s'Hertogenbosch in the Netherlands.
- 3 The Mayor congratulated Roger Bidgood on being inducted into the Hall of Fame at Newport RFC.
- 4 The Mayor offered best wishes to Geoff Grenfell who would be undertaking a charity cycle ride to Paris to raise funds for Velindre Hospital.
- 5 The Mayor reminded Members that the formal presentation to his charities would take place on 18th April at Caerphilly Rugby Club.

109 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It had been observed that rubbish had been dumped in the town particularly at Pentrebane Street and Stockland Street. It was thought this was due to bins being deliberately tipped over to search for personal information.

110 TOWN CLERK'S REPORTS

1 Budget Outturn 2018/19

The outturn expenditure for 2018/19 was lower than the estimate and the income was higher than the estimate resulting in a surplus of income over expenditure of £646. The balances carried forward into the 2019/20 financial year will be £53,931. The latter includes unrestricted reserves of £20,000.

It was resolved:

- 1 To note the financial outturn position for 2018/19.
- 2 To defer any decision about the utilisation of the unrestricted reserves until the outcome of the discussion on the Caerphilly bus station public convenience is determined.

2 Caerphilly Bus Station Public Convenience

Information had been received that CCBC was in an advanced stage of discussion with the Taxi Association about entering a tenancy agreement with the Association to manage, operate, clean, and maintain the toilets.

In view of this information it was agreed to defer consideration of the report. It would only be necessary to put the report back on the agenda for a future meeting if the tenancy agreement does not proceed.

3 Paperless Town Council Meetings

The report examined the practicality of moving to paperless meetings. However a number of Members expressed a preference for a hard copy of the agenda papers. It was agreed that it would be for each individual Member to decide whether to have an electronic or paper copy. The Town Clerk will email Members for confirmation of their requirements.

4 Q4 Budget Monitoring (2018/19 Financial Year)

The report compared actual expenditure to the annual estimate for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. The total expenditure for the financial year was 94% of the original budget.

Members noted the report which was for information.

111 PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning applications were considered and comments made as follows:

19/0091/FULL – no objections
19/0092/ADV – no objections
19/0222/FULL – no objections
19/0171/RET – no objections
19/0203/FULL – no objections
19/0230/CLPU – no objections
19/0210/ADV – no objections
19/0228/FULL – no objections
19/0235/FULL – no objections
19/0189/FULL – no objections
19/0252/NOTA – no objections

Cllr J Fussell declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making on any of the applications.

112 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1 List of payments were noted and approved.
- 2 Bank account balances were noted.
- 3 Applications for Financial Assistance

Caerffili in Bloom Group.

A grant of £1000 was approved. Expenditure authorised under Local Government Act 1972, section 137.

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

113 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

114 MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS

The following item to be included on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting:

Cadw events and late night transport.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm