

CAERPHILLY

TOWN

COUNCIL



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TOWN CLERK:
CLERC-Y-DREF:

Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor

Mr. James Fussell

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2015**

Present:

Councillors Mr. M. Newman, Mr. C. Elsbury, Mr. E. Talbot, Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. S. Cook, Mr. G. Pratt, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. James Fussell (Town Mayor) and Mr. J. Pritchard.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

A minute's silence was held for Councillor Olwen Rees who sadly passed away in January.

80. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH
JANUARY 2015**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2015 were received, confirmed and signed subject to the minutes being amended to say no decision on the purchase of a speed gun has been taken by the Town Council.

81. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arose.

82. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

There's been a dramatic reduction in anti social behaviour about the town with 3 youths being arrested.

Fab Friday initiative is working well with youths who previously were causing problems now attending the schemes set up.

As a result of giving them something to do there's a lot less problems around the town. Funding for the Youth Service was requested specifically for the purchase of board games. A sum of between £50 and £100 is required. It was suggested an application be made to the Town Council.

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Parking at the rear of Tesco's - Police can only enforce parking if the road is adopted by the Borough Council.

Members raised the following issues:

- a. Vandalism to cars on Brynccenydd Estate.
- b. Empty unit on Pontygwindy Estate may cause problems in future.
- c. Parking behind Pontygwindy Road rear Rugby Club causing problems at home matches. The Head Teacher at the Welsh School has agreed to open the school for parking but stewards will be needed and the club must come on board.
- d. Body worn cameras are still being tested and are thought to be useful in the prevention of crime.
- e. Off road motorcycles and quad bikes causing a problem around town.

83. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

- a. Mount Carmel Rededication Service.
- b. Y Galeri - Award Night.
- c. Reverend Mark Greenway Robbins - Induction to Caerphilly and Eglwysilan Parish.

84. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Salop Street, Cardiff Road and corner of Park Lane increase in dog mess around the Town. It was agreed to inform the CCTV camera staff in Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- b. Supermarket trolleys being dumped from Asda's supermarket at Churchill Park. It was agreed to write to Environmental Services and Trading Standards on this problem.
- c. Ysgol Gynradd y Castell - flood lights being left on through the night.

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

a. **Town Council Events 2015**

The Town Clerk presented the report informing members of the dates of the Town Council Events in 2015.

He explained the problems of booking venues for the dates required although this had now been resolved with the help of Tony Payne at Caerphilly Castle.

Members accepted the report and agreed to the quotations provided by the clerk from the contractors who provide the PA System and Fireworks in previous years. The Fireworks Company, Pendragon, will be paid in two instalments as usual.

b. **One Voice Wales**

The clerk informed members that subscription to One Voice Wales for 2015 would be £943.50 and would then increase to £1,887 for subsequent years.

- Members decided not to take up the offer to join One Voice Wales this year.
- c. Concessionary Use of Caerphilly Castle

The clerk tabled a letter from the District Commissioner of the Caerphilly, Rhymney and Islwyn Scout District requesting a concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle and for the Town Council to meet the hire charge.

Members debated the request and decided to grant the concession and pay the hire fee.

86. PLANNING MATTERS

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

The Town Clerk took members through the planning applications:

- 15/0023/COU - Concern over parking.
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Members agreed to write to the Planning Department expressing their concerns over the lack of parking provisions on these two applications and the problems this will cause to local residents.

87. PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. List of Payments - Noted an approved.
b. Bank Account Balances - Noted.
c. Application for Financial Assistance

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i. Disability Can Do	250
ii. Menter Iaith Sir Caerffili	500

88. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk informed members that 10 signatures had been received calling a by-election in the Watford Ward and this had been passed to the relevant officer in the Borough Council.

Meeting closed 7.30 pm.

Next meeting Monday 23rd March 2015.