

CAERPHILLY

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MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor
Mike Prew

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2020**

Present:

Councillors C Elsbury, S Kent, J Hibbert, J Grenfell, M Prew, H Jackson, J Fussell, J Pritchard, R Bidgood

Apologies:

Councillors P J Bevan, S Hodder, S Morgan

In Attendance:

C Eyles, J Spokes Gwent Police and P G Davy, Town Clerk

78 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER 2019

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 18th November 2019 were received, confirmed and signed.

79 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 73.3.1. - A presentation evening for the Mayor's charities would be arranged for early March 2020.

80 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

The police representatives reported on the following:

- Vehicle dumped on Kingsmead estate
- Drugs search of property Churchill park
- Anti social behaviour of youths at Castle Court shopping centre
- Public engagement events at Halfords and Castle Court shopping centre focused on vehicle crime
- Public consultation on Your Voice priorities

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Members raised the following:

- Spate of vehicle break ins at Station Terrace, Northview Terrace and Watford Farm. Police acknowledged there had been increase in vehicle crime. There was a discussion about police response and frustration from residents about the 101 service. Police advised importance of logging incidents with contact centre as the neighbourhood officers reviewed all logs to identify patterns of crime and where to focus resources.
- Concerns were raised about the proposals from CCBC to shut down CCTV cameras to save money, which included the cameras in the Crescent Road car park. It was resolved to inform CCBC that the Town Council is opposed to the shutting down of the cameras in Crescent Road.

Councillor J Pritchard left the meeting at 7.00pm

81 TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the following:

- Christmas Lights switch on and Christmas Market
- River of Light Lantern Parade
- Caerffili Lions visit to Care Homes in the run up to Christmas
- The opening of the Christmas Ice Rink at Caerphilly Castle
- Church View Christmas Party
- Opening of a new recruitment business

82 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Concerns were raised about the phasing of the traffic lights adjacent to the Cenotaph which were giving pedestrians little opportunity to cross. It was agreed to refer to CCBC.

83 TOWN CLERK'S REPORTS

1 Representative on Governing Body of Twyn Primary School

It was agreed to appoint Shelly Hodder as the representative.

2 Risk Management

Members reviewed the Risk Assessment for 2020. It was noted that two new risks have been added:

C5 New duty under Section 6 Environment (Wales) Act 2016

O12 Website Accessibility – to meet the requirements of “The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) No 2 Accessibility Regulations 2018”

The highest risks continue to be around event management, and cyber security underlining the importance of the mitigating controls.

It was resolved to approve the risk assessment for 2020.

3 Q3 Budget Monitoring (2019/20 Financial Year)

The budget monitoring report was noted. Attention was drawn to the office costs being in excess of the estimate. This was due to the in-year decision to purchase a new MFP.

4 Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2020-21

It was noted the maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2020-21 will be £8.32 per elector.

5 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

The Welsh Government has published a new Bill relating to local government in Wales. The report outlined the main provisions of the Bill and drew attention to specific proposals relating to community councils - the General Power of Competence, Promoting Access to Local Government and Community Council Annual Reports. The Bill may be amended during the Committee stages and is expected to become law in the summer of 2020.

The report was for information.

Arising from discussion it was agreed to invite the Caerphilly Constituency representative of the Welsh Government Youth Parliament to attend a future Town Council meeting to speak about their role.

84 PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 19/0926/TPO – no objections
- 19/0937/FULL – no objections
- 19/0940/COU – no objections
- 19/0941/ADV – no objections
- 19/0945/FULL – no objections
- 19/0950/FULL – no objections
- 19/0952/FULL – no objections
- 19/0955/FULL – no objections
- 19/0966/TPO – no objections
- 19/0978/RM – no comments
- 19/0982/ADV – no objections
- 19/1002/FULL – no objections
- 19/0958/FULL – no objections
- 19/1006/FULL – no objections
- 19/1022/FULL – no objections
- 19/1025/RM – no comments
- 20/0002/FULL – no objections
- 20/0007/FULL – no objections
- 20/0023/FULL – no objections

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

Councillor J Grenfell declared an interest in application 19/1006/FULL and took no part in the discussion or decision making on this application.

85 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1 List of payments were noted and approved. Attention was drawn to the sponsorship of the Christmas Ice Rink being subject to VAT.
- 2 Bank account balances were noted.
- 3 No applications for financial assistance had been received.

86 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

87 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS

There were no requests.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm