

CAERPHILLY

TOWN

COUNCIL



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TOWN CLERK:
CLERC-Y-DREF:

Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor
Mr. P. J. Bevan

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 11TH MAY 2015**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

Councillor Simon Morgan was congratulated on being elected as a Town Councillor for the Watford Ward.

Councillor Fussell made his farewell speech as Town Mayor and said it had been a privilege to serve the Council. He particularly enjoyed representing the Council at various functions including the Walk for Life in aid of Kidney Research, Undercurrents, Y Galeri, St. Helens Rededication Service, St. John and St. Cenydd School.

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2015 - 2016**

Councillor Philip James Bevan was elected as Town Mayor and duly read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The vote was 7 for with 2 abstentions.

2. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR 2015 - 2016**

Both Councillors E. Talbot and Steve Kent were proposed for the post of Deputy Town Mayor.

Following a vote by a show of hands Councillor S. Kent was elected by 6 votes to 4.

3. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 19TH MAY 2014**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Caerphilly Town Council held on 19th May 2014 were received, confirmed and signed.

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4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arising.

5. **TOWN MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE**

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

The Town Mayor's Allowance for 2015 -2016 was set at £900.

6. **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

A list of future meetings was presented and agreed by members.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

a. **Town and Community Council Liaison Committee**

The Town Clerk together with Councillor Jenny Hibbert and Councillor C. Elbury were appointed to this Sub Committee.

b. **Caerphilly County Borough Community/Town Liaison Sub Committee**

The Town Clerk together with Councillor Jenny Hibbert were appointed to this Sub Committee.

c. **Caerphilly County Borough Council Town Centre Management Committee**

Both Councillors S. Cook and J. Hibbert were proposed to serve with the Town Clerk on this committee.

Following a vote by a show of hands Councillor J. Hibbert was appointed by 7 votes to 4.

d. **Twyn Community Centre Management Committee**

Councillor P. J. Bevan was appointed to serve on this committee.

e. **Caerphilly and District Twinning Association Management Committee**

Councillor S. Cook and J. Fussell were nominated to serve with the Town Mayor, Councillor P. Bevan.

Following a vote by a show of hands Councillor Fussell was elected by 7 votes to 5.

f. **Events Working Group**

Councillor Bevan will carry on chairing this group.

The Clerk informed members that their group consisted of co-opted members and all Town Councillors were welcome to become involved.

8. Councils approved Bankers and Cheque Signatories

The Co-op Bank were confirmed as the Council's Bankers. Councillors P. Bevan, Mark Newman and the Town Clerk, Mr. K. Williams, were authorised to sign cheques (any two from three). The Clerk was authorised to give instructions, request information and obtain answers to queries on behalf of the Town Council.

9. The Town Clerk, Mr. K. Williams was confirmed as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. Mr. R. B. Williams was confirmed as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2015/2016 at a remuneration of £200.

List of Meetings 2016/2017

Caerphilly Town Council Ordinary Meetings are usually held monthly on a Monday with a recess in August and December.

The following dates are suggested for Town Council Meetings.

13TH JUNE 2016
18th JULY 2016
19TH SEPTEMBER 2016
17TH OCTOBER 2016
21ST NOVEMBER 2016
16TH JANUARY 2017
20TH FEBRUARY 2017
19TH MARCH 2017
16TH APRIL 2017

Members are asked to approve this report.

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2016**

Present:

Councillors P.J. Bevan (Town Mayor), Mr. R. Williams, Mr. S. Cook, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. S. Morgan, Mr. J. Fussell, Mr. J. Pritchard, Mr. G. Pratt, Mr. R. Bidgood and Mr. E. Talbot.

Apologies:

Councillors Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. C. Elsbury.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).
Inspector G. Jones and PC 1234 Watkins.

93. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH
2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

94. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The clerk informed members that CADW had refused to provide any financial assistance towards the cost of providing bollards alongside Nat West Bank but had requested a key should bollards be installed.

95. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Inspector Gareth Jones passed around crime statistics. In particular the Inspector pointed out there was a 66% reduction in Ant-Social Behaviour in St. Martin's Ward.

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Your Voice priorities for St. Martin's Ward. It is a four monthly cycle with residents being surveyed. The results of this survey together with police knowledge determines the priorities.

The areas police have looked at are:

- a. Non dwelling burglaries.
- b. Advice to residents on how to secure their properties.
- c. Speeding in the Castle View Estate.

The two areas highlighted from Your Voice are:

Youth Anti-Social Behaviour and thefts.

The bulk of anti-social behaviour calls was about youths free running around the town.

It was agreed the police would send a list of those shops that are being targeted by free runners to the clerk.

Issues raised by members:

- a) Drivers texting whilst driving.
- b) Members raised the question of a police station in Caerphilly.

The inspector confirmed the police are looking for a base back in town.

- c) Taxi speeding along Pontygwindy Road.
- d) Children throwing stones at cars on Cardiff Road together with damage to roof at Jones Fruiterers.

96. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

Eisteddfod Concert on 9th April 2016.

97. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a) Public Meeting on dog control consultation particularly moves to stop dogs on Council owned marked pitches.
- b) Wildfowl on the castle moat. There appears to be people culling the birds. Councillor Williams has put in a Freedom of Information request to CADW and is awaiting photographs proving birds have been killed at the castle.

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

- a. Caerphilly Armed Forces Day

Members discussed the request to help with funding for the Armed Forces Day on

Saturday 25th June 2016 and agreed to a donation of £100.

b. Walk of Life

Members were informed this year's Walk For Life in support of Kidney Wales Cymru will be held at Morgan Jones Park on Sunday 8th May.

Members agreed to support the event and to make a donation of £100.

c. Morgan Jones Gates

The clerk presented members with a report on the park gates at Morgan Jones Park.

Following a discussion members decided to support the report and to identify funds at a future meeting.

99. PLANNING MATTERS (see list attached)

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

16/0208/OUT Catnic Pontypandy Industrial Estate will be taken to the Planning Committee.

16/0225/FULL – This application is to go before the Planning Committee.

No objections were raised.

100. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) List of Payment – Noted and Approved.

b) Bank Account Balances – Noted.

c) Application for Financial Assistance

	£
i. Mentercaerffili.org	500
ii. Windsor Road Presbyterian Church	500
iii. Caerphilly and District Floral Society	150
iv. Family Fun Day – St. Catherine's Church	300
v. Girlguiding	250
vi. St. Martin's Ward Pensioners Association	250
vii. Benefice of Eglwysilan and Caerphilly	400
viii. Morgan Jones Litter Busters	Deferred to next Meeting

Councillors J. Pritchard, Gareth Pratt and Shayne Cook declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

d) Financial Accounts and Supporting Documents 2015/2016

The clerk presented members with the Financial Accounts for 2015/2016 together with the Sec 137 Expenditure, list of donations and Council Assets.

Members approved the accounts and supporting documents.

101. CORRESPONDENCE

Resource Efficient Wales – Members agreed to put the notice on the website and notice board.

102. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following questions were raised by Councillor G. Pratt on behalf of an elector.

Q. Why did the Town Council go ahead with the Fireworks Display and Flower Festival when the majority of the people who completed the survey were against it?

A. Because only 0.5% of the electors completed the survey members decided it was too small a percentage to change an event that had run successfully for 25 years.

Q. Why was £1000 given to Y Galeri, a local shop?

A. The money was not given to a shop but as sponsorship for an Arts Competition.

Q. What criteria is used for awarding grants?

A. The policy was agreed at the March 2016 meeting and is on the website.

Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Next meeting 23rd May 2016.