

CAERPHILLY

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TOWN CLERK:
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Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:
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Councillor
Mr. James Fussell

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2014**

Present:

Councillors Mrs O. Rees, Mr. C. Elsbury, Mr. E. Talbot, Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. P. J. Bevan, Mr. J. Fussell (Town Mayor) and Mr. J. Pritchard.

Apologies:

Councillors Mr. G. Pratt and Mr. M. Newman.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).
Carl Watkins, Gwent Police.

61. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH
OCTOBER 2014**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20th October 2014 were received, confirmed and signed subject to the words 'and agreed to the following' being deleted in Minute 56 d.

62. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arising.

63. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. At least 2 gardens entered in Princes Avenue and Railway Terrace with damage to 1 garden gate. It appears nothing was stolen.
- b. Gangs of youths in town damaged roller shutter door on Conservative Club on weekend 15th November at approximately 12 midnight.
- c. Bus travelling down Cardiff Road was stopped by gangs of youths who pulled the emergency stop button.

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- d. Problems by B & M shop on Bedwas Road. The store manager is speaking with ward members about trouble in the car park.

The anti social behaviour in the town has been reported to division and there has been an increase in Community Support Officers in the town as a result.

- e. CSO's have also been liaising with the children to try and improve their behaviour. The police have new powers where anyone over 10 years of age can be moved from an area if they believe they will cause trouble.
- f. Two properties in St David's Way were broken into and three more targeted.
- g. A lady in a motorized wheelchair was attacked on Gypsy Lane and her bag stolen.

64. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

November - Lion's Peace Poster Competition.

15th Nov - Attended with Street Pastors in Town Centre.

9th Nov - Memorial Service at Cenotaph.

11th Nov - Memorial Service at Cenotaph.

65. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Steps by Visit Caerphilly are slippery due to flooding.
- b. Watford Rise - Leaves on floor.
- c. Blocks outside Twyn Community Centre working loose.
- d. Steps from Twyn Car Park to Castle Street need repainting and sweeping.

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

- a. Public Consultation

Members again debated consulting the public on its budget. It was agreed to wait until after the Ton y felin By Election and then to consider the best way of consulting with the public. A draft press release will be considered by members.

The Town Council's Income and Expenditure together with its annual accounts will be shown on the Website.

- b. Concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle

An application for concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle was received from Looked After Children.

Members agreed to the concession and to pay the hire charge.

67. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillors James Fussell, and Colin Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Councillor Bevan declared an interest on 14/0663/NMA and took no part in the discussions or decision making process.

No objections raised.

68. **PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a. List of Payments - Noted and Approved.

b. Bank Account Balances - Noted.

c. Application for Financial Assistance

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i	2nd Caerphilly Brownies	322.50
ii	Windsor Road Presbyterian Church	500.00

d. Revenue Estimates 2015/2016

The Revenue Estimates for 2015/2016 was agreed by members.

e. Band D Setting

The clerk informed members that the number of Band D properties for the Caerphilly Town Council area for 2015/2016 is 6050.1.

If members decide on a council tax of £13.00 for a Band D property a precept of £78,651.30 for 2015/2016 would be raised.

Members agreed to set a Band D Council Tax of £13.00 thereby raising a precept of £78,651.30 for 2015/2016 financial year.

f. Fireworks Display - Financial Statement

The clerk presented the financial statement of this year's fireworks display to members informing them that this year's charity collection was £4,129, which will be divided between the Mayor's two charities.

Members accepted the report and agreed to make up the amount to £4,500 divided equally between the Caerffili Lions and the Urdd Eisteddfod.

69. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Floral Basket Display in Town Centre

The clerk informed members that he had received a letter from the Borough Council stating the Floral Display in Caerphilly Town will now not be withdrawn in 2015.

b. Caerphilly Community Chorus Christmas Concert

The clerk informed members the Caerphilly Community Chorus will be holding their Christmas Concert on Friday, 12th December at 7.30 pm at St. Helen's Church and all members are invited.

c. Urdd Eisteddfod - Sponsorship Agreement

The clerk informed members that the Sponsorship Agreement had been received from the Urdd Eisteddfod.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Next meeting 19th January 2015.