

**CAERPHILLY**

**TOWN**

**COUNCIL**



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**CAERFFILI**

**TOWN CLERK:**  
**CLERC-Y-DREF:**

**Ken Williams**

**TOWN MAYOR:**  
**MEIR Y DREF:**

**Councillor**  
**P. J. Bevan**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN**  
**COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

**Present:**

Councillor P.J. Bevan (Town Mayor), Mr. C. Elsbury, Mr. E. Talbot, Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. S. Cook, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. S. Morgan, Mr. James Fussell and Mr. J. Pritchard.

**Apologies:**

Councillor Gareth Pratt.

**In attendance:**

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for Councillor Mark Newman who sadly passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

65. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were received, confirmed and signed.

66. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Mayor asked if Body Cams had now been rolled out to the police in Caerphilly.

67. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. Illegal Parking in Town Centre on double yellow lines.
- b. St Fagan's Street – Concerned resident reported damage to vehicle.
- c. Accident by Nantgarw Road/St Cenydd Lights junction particularly when cars are turning right.
- e. Parents parking illegally at Twyn School.

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68. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

Voice Meeting - Morgan Jones Ward - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

69. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a. Flooding at Celyn Avenue, Nantgarw Road and Morgan Jones Park caused by heavy rainfall in December.
- b. Surface water drain west end of King Edward Avenue

This has been reported with a Ref No 2005236.

70. PROJECTS AND TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

a. Cheque Signatory

The clerk informed members of the need to authorise a new cheque signatory following the passing of Councillor M. Newman.

Members resolved that Councillor Steve Kent be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Caerphilly Town Council in place of Councillor Mark Newman together with Councillor P.J. Bevan and the Town Clerk, Mr. Ken Williams.

b. Caerphilly Flower Festival

The clerk presented a report on this year's Flower Festival together with the cost of hiring an Open Top Bus.

Members considered the report and agreed that funding of £350.

The cost of the Open Top Bus has increased so significantly that members agreed to look at an alternative, possibly a vintage bus to visit the churches.

c. Caerffili & District Twinning Association

Members considered the request for a concessionary use and payment for Caerphilly Castle.

It was agreed to grant a free use and pay for the Castle Hire Charge.

d. Community Governor – Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Caerffili

Members confirmed that Councillor P.J. Bevan would continue as the Community Governor for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Caerffili.

e. SLCC Membership

The clerk informed members that membership renewal for the Society of Local Council Clerks was due.

Members agreed to pay the subscription fee of £149 on behalf of the clerk.

71. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Councillors S. Kent and S. Morgan declared an interest in 15/1190 FULL and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Councillor S. Morgan left the room when this item was being discussed as the planning application referred to his property.

No objections were raised.

72. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a. List of Payments – Noted and Approved.

b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.

c. Application for Financial Assistance

		£
i	1223 Caerphilly Air Training Corps	875
ii	Dance Unity Formation Teams	400
iii	Wales Air Ambulance	500
iv	Llamau	150
v	Y Galeri	1000

d. Revenue Estimates 2016/2017

The clerk presented members with revised Revenue Estimates for 2016/17 to reflect the additional costs of Caerphilly in Bloom and the impending Bi Election at Parc y felin Ward.

Members approved the estimates.

73. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Letter from Wayne David MP

A letter has been received from Wayne David MP asking the Town Council to consider replacing a buoy at the lake on Castle View Estate.

Members debated the request and decided to defer it pending a reply from the Boroughs Legal Section.

b. Letter from Caerphilly Community Chorus – Received.

74. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Councillor Pritchard said he had come across a Twitter Account Caerphilly Town and asked if anyone had any knowledge of this account.

It showed pictures of a Councillor with their Council Hi Viz jacket on. Members were unable to shed light on who set the account up.

It was agreed to contact Dean Williams of Van Cam to see if he had set it up as it included photographs he had taken at the Fireworks Display.

- b. Councillor Talbot highlighted a letter he had received that would lead to him having to pay for services he had not requested or did not need.

He stated the matter will be reported to Trading Standards.

- c. Presentation by Neill Woollard – Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd

Mr. Woollard attended the meeting and made a presentation on Tidal Lagoons as a method of generating energy.

It is envisaged 6 lagoons around the UK will generate 8% of total UK energy. This new form of energy will go to the national grid and be redistributed throughout Britain.

The first lagoon will be at Swansea, is due to start Spring 2017 and will take 4 years to construct. There will be 6500 construction jobs at Swansea with 141 operation and maintenance jobs once it is constructed.

An additional £3.4 billion will be added to the Welsh GDP. It is hoped a second tidal lagoon will be established in Cardiff running from the Taff estuary to the Usk estuary.

Members thanked Mr. Woollard for his presentation.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm