

CAERPHILLY

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

Ken Williams

**TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:**

**Councillor
Steve Kent**

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

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillor J. Pritchard.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

29. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 13th June 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

30. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- i) Morgan Jones Gatekeeper – The County Borough has confirmed they have no funds available to employ a gatekeeper for Morgan Jones Park.

The gates will therefore be left open.

- ii) Environmental Matters – Culling of Birds is ongoing.

Councillor Williams will be writing to Assembly Members on the matter.

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31. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. Members raised the matter of the Police Station and asked if there was any news on a Police Station being located in Caerphilly Town.

- b. Speeding cars along St. Martin's Road and Pontygwindy Road, especially taxis.

It was agreed to write to Licensing asking if a letter could be sent to all taxi firms.

- c. Accident on corner of Tafys Walk and Mill Road.

- d. Gwent Now – Request for police to send a copy to the Town Council.

32. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

24th June - Flower Festival.

June – Caerphilly Ladies Choir.

27th June – County Borough Mayor's Charity Launch.

1st July - Memorial Service to Commemorate Battle of Somme.

5th July – Caerphilly Lions/Children's Wheelchair.

33. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Pavilion in Owain Glyndwr Field Repainted.

- b. Fault in Spire Light opposite Coop Bank has been reported to C.C.B.C.

- c. Heol Trecastell has been resurfaced but it is of a poor quality. It was agreed to write to Terry Shaw of the Highways Department.

- d. Weeds around the town especially the back lanes.

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

- i) Caerffili and District Twinning Association

Members considered the request and agreed to a donation of £300.

- ii) Motion of Support against Racism and Xenophobia

The motion in the report was debated and two amendments were put up.

The amendment by Councillor Williams was:

We, in Caerffili, are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism and xenophobia are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Caerffili Town Council condemns racist or xenophobic speech including that directed at our English neighbours.

Caerffili Town Council also condemns attacks, whether verbal or physical, on grounds of gender or sexual orientation, even under the pretext of religious or cultural beliefs.

We reassure all people living in the council area, of whatever race, gender, sexual orientation or religion that they are valued members of our community and will be treated equally in accordance with the laws of the land.

Following a vote by a show of hands it was defeated by 6 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions.

An amendment was put forward by Councillor Elsbury which was:

We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. We Caerphilly Town Council condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We reassure all people living in the Caerphilly Town area that they are valued members of our community.

The Caerphilly Town Council condemn any such attacks and will report all such attacks to the police.

Following a vote by a show of hands the motion was passed by 9 votes to 2.

iii) CIL Income 2015/2016

Members noted the report regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy for 2015/2016.

iv) Letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.

Members agreed that the 3 representatives will be:

Councillor Steve Kent	-	Town Mayor
Councillor Simon Morgan	-	Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Shayne Cook		

v) Family Fun Day – 14th August

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

Members agreed to a donation of £100 towards the cost of putting on this event.

35. PLANNING

Councillor J. Fussell and C. Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making and Councillor S. Kent declared an interest in Planning Application 16/0525 as he knows the applicant.

Objections were raised to the following applications:

16/0391/COU	-	Reduction of number of family homes in town centre.
16/0158/FULL	-	Out of character with town.

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36. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. List of Payments - Noted and Approved.

b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.

Councillors J. Hibbert and C. Elsbury declared an interest in the Caerphilly Miners Centre and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

c. Application for Financial Assistance

	£
i) Kidney Wales Foundation	100
ii) Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust	200
iii) Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community	423
iv) HomeStart	200

d. Reinvestment of Fixed Rate Account

Members agreed to reinvest for a 12 month period at an interest rate of 1.12%.

e. Comparison of Expenditure to Budget

Members noted the report.

37. CORRESPONDENCE

Ombudsman annual Report 2015/2016

Members noted the report from the Ombudsman.

38. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk informed Members he would be arranging a meeting for the Events Working Group.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Next meeting 19th September 2016.