

CAERPHILLY

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TOWN CLERK:
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Phil Davy

TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor
Mike Prew

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY
TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 18TH JUNE 2018**

Present:

Councillors P J Bevan, C Elsbury, S Kent, J Grenfell, M Prew, (Town Mayor), S Hodder, H Jackson, S Morgan, J Fussell, J Pritchard, R Bidgood

Apologies:

Councillor J Hibbert, Gwent Police

In Attendance:

P G Davy, Town Clerk

Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a presentation from One Voice Wales setting out the role, services and benefits of membership of the organisation.

24 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2018

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018 were received, confirmed, and signed.

25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 15 - No suggestions had been received in respect of locating additional dog waste bins. CCBC to be requested to provide a plan showing the location of the current waste bins.

26 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

Members expressed disappointment that there was no representative from Gwent Police in attendance.

- 1 The Police had requested the views of the Town Council on the Your Voice priority for the St Martins Ward. The Police had suggested that the focus should be on vehicle crime particularly thefts from vehicles and there would be a number of demonstration events to highlight ways

owners can protect their vehicles. While Members agreed to support this, it should not be to the exclusion of addressing other concerns raised by residents about parking and anti social behaviour.

- 2 Reference was made to correspondence circulated on behalf of a number of residents to all Members of the Town Council which listed various incidents of anti social behaviour affecting Bartlett St, Windsor St, Ludlow St; youths climbing on roofs at Elim Church, Peacocks and the Twyn School, and the constant disregard for traffic regulations with vehicles ignoring one way restrictions. The Police response to 101 calls had been slow and ineffective in addressing the issues raised.
- 3 A number of traffic management issues were raised:
 - Speeding on St Martins Road
 - Contractor parking on Watford Road opposite The Beeches and Watford Park Estate
 - Drivers ignoring turning restrictions at Dol y Felin St / Pontywindy Road
- 4 Boy racers were congregating in the Aldi car park (there is no barrier) and the Dreams car park (which does have a barrier but is not used)
- 5 There had been anti social behaviour around the Cenotaph which had been reported via 101. The Town Clerk will advise the Police of the matters raised and request representation at the July meeting of the Town Council.

27 TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

The Mayor is arranging a launch event for his charities. He had attended a ladies rugby match, a dance at St Cenydd School, and a presentation evening on Velindre Hospital.

28 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- 1 Overhanging trees were affecting the visibility splay at the junction of Heol Cae Barra / Ffordd Traws Cwm.
- 2 Flyposting was prevalent in the town and is not always removed following the event.
- 3 Park Lane requires concerted action to address litter / weed growth on the vacant development site, rubbish accumulating at the rear of Peacocks and Diamonds, and graffiti.
- 4 There were general concerns that dog waste bins are not being emptied sufficiently frequently, resulting in overflowing bins and waste being left on the ground around the bins.
- 5 The rubbish left in the rear lane at Bronrhiw Avenue has not been removed despite having been raised in the last two Town Council meetings.

29 TOWN CLERK'S REPORTS

1 Revised Budget 2018/19

The budget had been revised as a result of a number of changes since the original budget was approved in November 2017. In particular the need to accommodate £10,655 of unbudgeted expenditure to meet two years cost for Caerphilly in Bloom within the 2018/19 financial year.

It was resolved:

- 1 To approve the revised budget
- 2 To proceed with the grant applications previously deferred and that all grant applications should be considered in line with the policy and the overall allocation for grants in 2018/19.

2 Lease of Store adjacent to Visitor Centre

The Town Council held a 5 year lease at a peppercorn from CCBC which from the documentation held on file appears to have expired in 2014. Limited use is made of the store (heavy duty electric cable, metal pins, rope). Greater use is made of the store by the Visitor Centre. The lease includes maintenance and cleaning liabilities.

It was resolved:

- 1 To formally relinquish the lease
- 2 To make a separate agreement to continue with the limited storage of the cable, pins and rope.

30 PLANNING MATTERS

The following applications were considered and comments made as follows:

18/0339/FULL – There were concerns about the adequacy of the parking arrangements with vehicles having to reverse onto a road used by buses, and the suitability of the design of the office building given the domestic character of the buildings in the area.

18/0401/FULL – No objections

18/0412/FULL – No objections

18/0414/FULL – No objections

18/0418/FULL – No objections

18/0419/FULL – No objections

18/0404/FULL – No objections

18/0420/FULL – It was queried whether this proposal affected the floodplain and in which case whether any development was appropriate.

18/0454/RET – No objections

18/0455/ADV – No objections

18/0458/FULL – No objections

18/0502/FULL – No objections

Cllr C Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making on any of the applications.

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

Cllr J Grenfell declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making on application 18/0418/FULL

31 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 List of payments were noted and approved

2 Bank account balances were noted

3 Applications for financial assistance

1 2nd Caerphilly Guides - £150 approved

Cllr C Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

2 Caerphilly Miners Centre for the Community – application deferred for clarification of the number of members who are resident in the Town Council area.

Cllr C Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

Cllr H Jackson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

3 St David's Hospice Care - £100 approved

4 Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust - £150 approved

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

5 3rd Caerphilly Guides – application deferred for clarification of the number of members who are resident in the Town Council area.

Cllr H Jackson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

6 The Vanguard Centre - £150 approved

Cllr J Pritchard declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

It was agreed that future reports on applications for financial assistance would be provided with a recommended sum in accordance with Town Council policy, and the cumulative amount already awarded against the approved budget. It was also agreed that the application form would be amended in respect of the number of residents within the Town Council Area who would benefit from the grant award as this information is often missing.

32 CONCESSIONARY HIRE OF CAERPHILLY CASTLE

The concessionary hire of Caerphilly Castle for a charity event to raise awareness of autism and raise funds for The Autism Directory and Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru was approved and the Town Council will meet the cost of the hire fee.

Cllr C Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

33 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 A supportive letter had been received advocating that the town should enter RHS in Bloom in 2019. There was a recognition that this should be community led and not seen as a Town Council led process. However the Town Council could provide a facilitation role and in the first instance arrange a community meeting to engage support and commitment from local groups and organisations. Members to e-mail contact details of groups that should be invited to a meeting.
- 2 Network Rail had closed the service request relating to litter along the railway line in Trecenydd but had given no information about the action taken.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm