

CAERPHILLY
TOWN
COUNCIL



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TOWN CLERK:
CLERC-Y-DREF:
Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:
Councillor
Mr. James Fussell

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2015**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillor G. Pratt and Councillor Olwen Rees.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

The Town Mayor, Councillor James Fussell welcomed Councillor Shayne Cook to the Town Council following his election for the vacant seat in the Ton-y-felin ward in December 2014.

70. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER 2014**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2014 were received, confirmed and signed.

71. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arising.

72. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Small increase in anti social behaviour particularly around the town. Dispersal notices came into force in December and these seem to have moved youths from the town.

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Two initiatives to help reduce anti social behaviour have been introduced with the help of funding from the Borough. An initiative with Cardiff City F.C. takes place on a Thursday at Virginia Park. The second initiative called Fab Fridays has started and the two seem to be helping reduce anti social behaviour.

Inspector Gareth Jones updated members on changes to police work from April. A new operating module will be introduced and Gwent police will be divided into East and Western areas. Caerphilly and Bedwas will be grouped together under Inspector Jones. There will be a team of neighbourhood police officers working out of Bedwas, starting 2nd February.

PACT brand is going and a new initiative called Your Voice will replace it.

Issues raised by members

- a. Graffiti on Broomfield Street and Windsor Street.
- b. Incident rear Bartlett Street.
- c. Parking at school times outside Ysgol Gynradd Cymraeg y Castell on junction of Heol Trecastell/Crescent Road causing serious problems (times 8 am to 9 am, 12 pm to 1 pm and 3 pm to 4 pm) despite there being a free car park for a 20 minute period. Police were asked to attend and either issue tickets or warnings to people who park illegally.

73. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

Christmas Tree Celebrations St. Martin's Church.
St. Helen's Church 50 year anniversary.
River of Light Parade.
Christmas Switch On.
Fireworks Presentation at Caerphilly Golf Club.
Fundraising for Ty Hafan.
Concert at Van Road Congregational.
YGC Christmas Concert
Cwrt Rawlin School Christmas Party.
St. John Ambulance Annual Presentation Event.
Launch Y Galeri Art Competition.
Night out with Street Pastors.
Beeches 2nd Phase Launch.

74. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Park Lane Council offices are due for demolition on week commencing 19th January.
Parking problems at the rear of Tesco. Members agreed to write to Police.
Pot hole on Lon y Llyn - reported.
Lane by school on Van Road has been cleared up but some work still outstanding.
Litter bins on lamppost by King Edward's Avenue weren't being emptied but following a telephone call they were cleared.
Market entrance on Clive Street covered with cigarette ends. It was suggested an approach be made to the borough to provide a bin for cigarette butts at this location.
Rough sleeper by Elim Pentecostal Church. Members agreed to write to the police on this issue.

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

a. **Public Consultation**

Members agreed to contact the Borough Council and ask for an On Line Survey requesting views of its charge payers on the discretionary services it presently provides and other services it should provide.

Once this is up and running a press release will be placed in the Caerphilly Observer.

b. **Caerffili & District Twinning Association**

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

Members discussed the application and decided to make a donation of £500 to the Twinning Association.

c. **Membership Renewal - Society of Local Council Clerks**

Members agreed to renew the membership of the Clerk to the SLCC at a cost of £149. They also asked for further information on Membership of One Voice Wales.

d. **No Cold Caller Signs**

Members debated the request for funding to provide 'No Cold Caller' signs for St. Martin's Estate and agreed to a grant of £250.

76. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

14/0845/NOTT Vodafone Communication Mast Railway Terrace.
This planning application has been referred to Planning Committee.

77. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a.	List of Payments and Income	Noted and Approved.
b.	Bank Account balances	Noted.
c.	<u>Application for Financial Assistance</u>	£
	i. Aber Valley YMCA	600.00
	ii. Twyn Community Playgroup	Deferred
	iii. Disability Can Do	Deferred
	iv. St. David's Children Society	Deferred
	v. Goldies Oldies	200.00
	vi. St. Martin's Ward Old Age Pensioners	400.00

78. **CORRESPONDENCE - MEMBERS REQUEST**

Filling of Casual Vacancy

The Notice of Motion was withdrawn by Councillor Pritchard and replaced with a Statement of Intent agreed by all members stating that where possible any future vacancy would be filled by way of a by-election as opposed to co-option.

79. **a. 2015 Pay Award**

The Clerk informed members that the Employers and Employees had agreed the National Pay Award. An increase of 2.2% effective from 1st January 2015 together with a consolidated payment of £100 in December 2014 and £33 in April 2015 was agreed and noted by members.

b. Working Conditions of Town Clerk

The Town Clerk declared an interest and left the room while members discussed the report. Members agreed to the clerk changing his working conditions to work 2 days at the office (Monday and Tuesday) and 1 day from home (Wednesday).

The Clerk agreed to carry on with 3 days at the office when circumstances demanded.

The door to the office will be kept locked when only 1 member of staff is present.

Meeting closed at 8 pm.

Next meeting 16th February 2015