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TOWN MAYOR:
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Councillor
Steve Kent

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Mr. R. Williams, Mr. C. Elsbury and Mr. S. Cook.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).
Andrew Taylor – Gwent Police.

39. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH JULY 2016 AND THE EVENTS WORKING GROUP MEETING ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 18th July 2016 and the Events Working Group Meeting held on 5th September 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

40. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Police shop in Caerphilly Town which it is hoped will be in operation before December 2016.
- b) C.I.L. Payment – Notification from Caerphilly C.B.C. informing council of a further £356 payment which was credited to the Town Council's bank account in September 2016.

41. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. John MacDonald has now taken a post in the Custody Suite.
- b. A statistical report was presented to members.

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- c. Stabbing incident – Armed response within 2 minutes.
Victim is recovering in hospital and assailant has been charged.
- d. Gallagher Retail Park – Police and Fire Service are carrying out initiatives to educate boy racers. MacDonald's are setting up Alligator Teeth to allow vehicles in but not out.

Issues raised by Member:

- e. Speeding cars along St. Martin's Road.
- f. Accident at traffic lights junction of Nantgarw Road and St. Cenydd Ward.
- g. Request for covert speed monitoring on Pontygwindy Road.
Police said permission would not be granted for such operations.
- h. Nantgarw Road shed breakins.
- i. Assault on Bedwas Road (in rear lane).
- j. Speeding on Mill Road.
- k. Taxis waiting outside Green Lady causing an obstruction.

42. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

Caerphilly Male Voice Choir – 110th Birthday.
Cake Bake Off.

43. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Weed seem out of control – C.C.B.C. have cut back on visits.
- b. Chris Howell's Wood Burning establishment behind Nantgarw Road. Planning and Environmental Agency have been involved because of the smell that comes from the unit.
- c. Land by Piccadilly is being cleared by Brinsons.

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

i) Planters at Churchill Park

Members agreed to fund the maintenance at a cost of £322.74.

ii) Bollards adjacent to Nat. West Bank

Members agreed to a contribution of £200 towards the cost of the bollards.

iii) Concessionary Hire of Caerphilly Castle

Members agreed to grant a concessionary hire of Caerphilly Castle to Osia Rowlands for a

Gala Dinner on 22nd December 2016 and to pay the hire fee.

45. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Councillor J. Pritchard declared an interest in the Planning Application for Plas y felin and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections were raised by members.

46. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a. List of Payments - Noted and Approved.

b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.

c) List of income – Noted.

d. Application for Financial Assistance

i) Caerphilly County Borough Access Group – Deferred.

ii) Friends of Morgan Jones Community Allotments.
Members agreed to a grant of £450.

iii) Caerphilly Arts Society - £250.

e. External Audit Report 2015/2016

Members approved and accepted the Annual Return.

The issues raised by the external auditor were also considered and the actions taken by the Clerk namely.

i. To send a Letter of Appointment to the Internal Auditor, Mr. R.B. Williams.

ii. To produce a report showing expenditure to date.

iii. Letter to the External Auditor disputing the illegality of the Council's Gratuity Scheme.

Were approved.

47. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Boundary Commissioner for Wales - Noted

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Next meeting 17th October 2016.