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Councillor
Mr. James Fussell

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2014**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillor Olwen Rees.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

50. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER 2014**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15th September 2014 were received, confirmed and signed subject to the address in 44e being removed.

51. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arising from the minutes.

52. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

Lisa James gave a presentation on the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L.) (extensions over 100 sqm). C.I.L. is a tax on new development to be paid by the developer, which came into effect from 1st July 2014. It is a levy based on square metre. The rate for Caerphilly (residential) is £40 a square metre. Social housing and self build is exempt from C.I.L.

The Borough must pass 15% subject to £100 maximum per property to the Town Council. C.I.L. payments will meet the infrastructure costs but not the maintenance. It is hoped payments will be made annually at the end of June.

The Borough are looking for a list from the Town Council of any projects it would like to see developed e.g. grit bins, speed bumps, bus shelters etc.

Anything not spent within 5 years must be returned to the borough. The borough can part fund any project by putting some of its 85% towards the cost of the project.

Two copies of the Local Development Plans up to 2021 was left for members.

53. COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

Inspector Jones attended the meeting.

Burglary, car crime and garage breakings are ongoing. Operation Resolute will hopefully result in culprits being apprehended.

Anti Social Behaviour in town centre have been brought to the attention of police. There are predominantly 3 offenders who have been previously charged with offences. The process of issuing ASBO's is ongoing with these individuals.

Thursday evening 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. at the Fire Station, Caerphilly, each ward will present on the work officers are doing in the town. Paul Jackson from the Fire Arms Unit based in Rumney, will be speaking at the meeting together with an officer from Operation Resolute.

The Following Issues Were Raised By Members:

Crossroads White Street/Bartlett Street, vehicles seen going the wrong way down Bartlett Street.

Land behind Tescos and Co-op Bank with cars parking blocking off access. It was agreed to write to shops asking if they will keep area clear.

Gangs of youths using the side streets causing problems.

Rough sleeper at junction of Park Lane/Crescent Road by Elim Pentacostal Church.

Gentleman suffering from Parkinson's disease seen around the town asking for money.

Blackberry number to be forwarded to Clerk.

54. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

Urdd proclamation dinner and walk.

Aber Valley Undercurrents Presentation.

Universal Colliery Disaster and unveiling of tree carving of a young girl and baby.

Shining Stars fundraiser.

St. Helen's Church.

Beeches fundraiser.

St. Martin's Presentation Evening.

55. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) Lane at back of Van Road (north side) is covered in litter and overgrown brambles and bushes.
- b) Lane rear Pentrebane Street is full of food waste.
- c) Southern side of Van Road, a car appears to be abandoned (red BMW) on private land.
- d) Junction of Bartlett Street and Broomfield Street. Rubbish sacks are being left on the corner.

56. PROJECTS AND TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

a. Partnership Proposals from Urdd Eisteddfod

Members considered the partnership proposals submitted by the Urdd Eisteddfod. After debating the proposals it was duly proposed and seconded to make a donation of £2,500 this financial year and £2,500 next financial year.

An amendment to make a donation of £5,000 this financial year and £5,000 for next financial year was proposed and seconded with options 4 and 5, i.e. Sponsor the Primary School Musical Show and Sponsor a Main Ceremony of the day was put forward.

Members voted on the two motions and there was 4 votes for and 4 votes against both the proposal and amendment. The Town Mayor, Councillor J. Fussell used his casting vote in favour of the amendment i.e., a donation of £5,000 for the current financial year and £5,000 for the next financial year.

b. Concessionary Use of Caerphilly Castle

An application for a concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle by the Stroke Association was considered by members who agreed to the concessionary use.

c. Caerphilly Open Art Competition 2014/15

Members considered the request to sponsor this year's event and agreed to make a donation of £1,050 to support the competition.

d. Public Engagement on Town Council Budget

Following a request at the previous Council Meeting a report on involving the public in determining how the Town Council spent its budget was discussed by members.

The clerk reported that all council papers are displayed on the website at the same time they are sent to members a week before the meeting takes place.

When the revenue estimates are placed before Council for consideration they will also be on the website which members of the public can access.

Members debated at length the best way to involve the public and agreed to the following.

- 1) A Public consultation exercise will be considered for items of expenditure in excess of £15,000.
- 2) It was agreed to request the County Borough to change the website to include a suggestion/comment page where peoples views can be collected and brought back to members.
- 3) The clerk was asked to find out the cost of a press release detailing next year's revenue estimates in the Campaign and Caerphilly Observer.
- 4) A suggestion to vary meeting venues was made but no decision made.

e. Location of Grit Bins

The report was accepted by members although they expressed their displeasure with the information supplied by officers of the Borough Council.

Borough Councillors can ring the Highways Department and request a supply of grit be deposited at designated locations.

57. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Councillor Talbot declared an interest in 14/0639/RET and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections raised.

58. PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) List of Payments - Noted and Approved.
- b) Bank Account Balances - Noted.
- c) Application for Financial Assistance

	£
Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust	400

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

59. **RESIGNATION OF OFFICE**

The clerk informed members Councillor Michael Thomas had resigned as a Town Councillor. As he was the Deputy Town Mayor members now had to elect a new deputy.

Councillor P. Bevan was duly proposed and seconded for the post of Deputy Town Mayor and was elected with 5 votes for and 2 abstentions.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to send a letter thanking Councillor Thomas for all his work.

60. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting finished at 8.45 p.m.

Next meeting 17th November 2014.