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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 21ST NOVEMBER 2016**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Mrs. J. Hibbert and Mr. E. Talbot.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk), Inspector O'Keefe and PCSO John MacDonnell.
Councillor S. Kent apologised for missing the last meeting but he was unavoidably detained on a family matter.

57. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH
OCTOBER 2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 17th October 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

58. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arising.

59. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Vehicle crimes show a 35% increase.
Decrease of 12% in other crime figures.
ASB figures only showed an increase of 3 calls to 31.
Fireworks Display – Police confirmed 6 officers were at the display.
Four offenders have been arrested and car crimes have now reduced.
Two offenders are currently on curfew but it is not believed they are tagged.

Matters raised by councillors:

Youths causing disruption at the bus station on Friday 18th November.

Vehicle crime around Mill Road Area.

Your Voice St Martin's Ward:

Last meeting highlighted Free Running as the number 1 issue. A course was run at the Leisure Centre highlighting the dangers.

Sports Direct have anti climb around their building and Free Running has now reduced in the area. The latest meeting highlighted vehicle crime as the top priority followed by ASB in the Castle View area.

Members agreed to:

Invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a future Town Council Meeting to discuss future policing in Caerphilly Town.

60. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

7th October - Caerphilly Ladies Choir.
2nd November - Caerphilly Male Voice Choir.
11th November - Remembrance March.
13th November - Remembrance Service at Cenotaph.
16th November - Twinning AGM.

61. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Litter has been thrown at the end of Railway Terrace by the gates to the old Tar Plant. It appears this has now been cleared up, possibly by residents, but it will be reported to the 5 Man Cleansing Team when they are next in the area.

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

a. **Band D properties and Council Tax Precept 2017/2018**

Members approved the Town Clerk's report and resolved to set a Council Tax of £13.00 for Band D properties thereby raising a Precept of £80,077.01 for 2017/2018.

b. **Fireworks Collection 2016**

The clerk informed members that this year's charity collection amounted to £6,835.18 to be Divided equally between the Town Mayor's nominated charities, Wales Air Ambulance and Caerffili Lions. In addition a further £120.08 was raised by the Wales Air Ambulance and Lions.

Members unanimously agreed to make up the collection to £7,000 and to give £3,500 to both charities.

63. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Councillor R. Bidgood declared an interest in 16/0860/FULL and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

Councillor Bevan declared an interest in land north of 260 Pontygwindy Road and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Councillor S. Kent and Councillor J. Pritchard declared an interest in 16/0907/FULL and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Copy of plans for 16/0950/RET requested.

The clerk informed members these could be obtained from the Council's Planning Website.

64. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. List of Payments - Noted and Approved.
- b. Bank Account Balances - Noted.

65. **CORRESPONDANCE**

Letter from Morgan Jones Community Allotments – Noted.

66. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Timetable for Switch On - Noted.

Meeting closed 7.15 p.m.

Next meeting 16th January 2017.