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 23RD MARCH 2015

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors M. Newman and C. Elsbury.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk). Sgt Sarah Greening and PCSO John McDonnell.

89. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2015

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2015 were received, confirmed and signed.

90. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Parking on match day for Caerphilly RFC. Councillor Pritchard has tried to contact the club to resolve the problem but with no success to date.

91. COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

- a. There is one rough sleeper in town causing concern and various organisations are trying to help him. He has moved from Connect Life Church and is currently behind Tescos, Cardiff Road. Last year there were 6 rough sleepers in the town but through multi agency approach most of these have found accommodation.
- b. Cardiff Kicks and Fab Fridays initiatives has helped reduce anti social behaviour by giving youths sporting activities to keep them occupied.

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m

- c. PACT has now been replaced by Your Voice but where PACT was working it will remain much the same. There will be an open meeting in St. Martin's Ward to be held around the end of April. It was believed good publicity is the key to a successful change over.
- d. Increase to car damage in Morgan Jones Ward with vehicles being sprayed.

Member Issues:

- i. Quad biker causing problems around town.
- ii. Park Watch will restart for the Summer Period.
- iii. Boy racers around B & M on Bedwas Road.
- iv. Garages in Park Avenue have been broken into although this was not reported.
- v. Barrier to be put between Dol y felin Street and Celyn Avenue.
 - A request was made for a police presence when barrier is established.
- vi. Parking on Crescent Road on Disabled drop kerb and on bus stop.
- vii. A quad was seen being pushed up Watford Road and freewheeling down.
- viii Parking outside Twyn School on yellow lines.

92. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

- a. Y Galeri Art Showing.
- b. Fund raiser for Urdd in Caerphilly Castle.

93. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a. Floodlights being left on at Y Castell School.
 A new caretaker has been employed and these have now been switched off.
- b. Gully in White Street full of rubbish.
- c. Hand over of pitch at Castle Maen.
- d. Local Development Plan Concern over use of green field site for development. The L.D.P. has gone out for consultation.

94. PROJECTS AND TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

a. Caerphilly County Borough Events 2015

Members considered the report and agreed to make the following contribution to 2015 Events run by the Caerphilly County Borough Council.

| Event | Funding £ |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Caerphilly Food Festival | 1000 |
| Big Cheese | 750 |
| Caerphilly Christmas Market | 1500 |

b. Cast Iron Ornate Litter Bin - Morgan Jones Park

Members agreed to pay the £60 plus VAT to site the cast iron litter bin in Morgan Jones Park.

c. Concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle - Shining Stars

The clerk tabled a report requesting a concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle and for the Town Council to meet the hire charge.

Members were reminded that the Town Council has 6 concessionary uses in a calendar year and so for 4 have been granted.

Members agreed to the request to the concession and to pay the hire charge.

d. Bands in the Park 2015

The Caerphilly County Borough Council has requested funding from the Town Council to enable it to put in a Bands in the Park concert in the Summer of 2015. The cost of the concert is £346 which members agreed to pay.

e. Megaday 2015

Members agreed to sponsor the Marquee for this year's Megaday Event.

95. PLANNING MATTERS

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

The Town Clerk took members through the applications.

Members objected to 14/0855 due to overdevelopment and lack of residential amenities.

96. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

List of Payments - Noted and Approved.

Bank Account Balances - Noted.

Walk For Life - Agreed to a donation of £200 to be given to the Mayor to present at the walk.

97. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

Play for Wales Magazine - Noted.

98. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Talbot asked if there was any information regarding the use of the site on Park Lane following the demolition of the buildings there.

Members believe the income received from the sale of the land will be used as a capital receipt to fund any future developments in the Borough.

Next meeting 20th April 2015.

Meeting closed 7.15 p.m.