

CAERPHILLY

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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 16TH JUNE 2014**

Present:

Councillors Mr. M. Newman, Mrs. Olwen Rees, Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. G. Pratt, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. P. J. Bevan, Mr. James Fussell (Town Mayor), Mr. J. Pritchard and Mr. Colin Elsbury.

Apologies:

Councillors Mr. E. Talbot and Mr. Mike Thomas.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk) and Inspector Gareth Jones.

20. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH
MAY 2014**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2014 were received, confirmed and signed.

21. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk informed members that the Blackwood Town Council had no involvement with the Cinema Project in Blackwood which was funded entirely by a private company. Local Blackwood councillors supported the initiative.

22. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a) NATO Summit at Celtic Manor on 4th and 5th September. 28 NATO countries represented with Heads of State and leading delegates.

Police will try to minimise disruption to local communities although there will be traffic issues. The local police service will be maintained when the summit is taking place.

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Inspector Jones asked for members to provide him with any information on graffiti, campsites etc that they become aware of.

- b) 10 K Road Race on Sunday 22nd June when road closures will be in place.
- c) Bedwas Road - Above average crimes with thefts from shops, garages and cars.
- d) Anti social behaviour in town appears to have declined but a residents meeting is being planned to discuss issues.
- e) Illegal parking by Spar on Mill Road. It's been a PACT priority for a long time but it is hoped parking bays on Mill Road with limited waiting times will improve the situation.
- f) Speed records at Heol Cae Barrau have been taken but these do not justify a permanent speed camera.
- g) Park Safe has started with alcohol being confiscated but no other problems have been experienced to date.
- h) A person has been seen trying car doors in area of King Edward Avenue.

23. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

Noah's Ark Fundraiser - at St. Cenydd School 10th June.
Flower Festival - Friday 13th June.
St. Martin's Church Fete - Saturday 14th June.

24. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Request to clean up bus station area.
Problem with people smoking at bus station.

25. **PROJECTS**

Councillor Fussell declared an interest in the application for concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle and left the room when discussions and decisions took place.

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

a. **Concessionary Use of Caerphilly Castle**

A request has been received from Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, Caerffili for a concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle. The school intend holding a fundraising event for the Urdd Eisteddfod which is coming to Caerphilly in 2015.

Members agreed to grant a concessionary use.

b. Provision of Grit Bin at Caerbragdy

A request has been received for the Town Council to provide a grit bin at Caerbragdy. The Borough Council would provide a grit bin and salt for £400 (2012 prices).

Members debated the provision of a grit bin and agreed to obtain the criteria used by the Borough Council and to include an amount in the 2015/2016 revenue estimates for the provision of grit bins. Members would then be able to bring forward a list of locations and determine an order of priority.

A decision on Caerbragdy was deferred pending this information.

26. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors J. Fussell and Colin Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making. Councillor S. Kent declared an interest in 14/0341/FULL and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Application 14/0278 - McDonalds Restaurants Unit C Crossways Park - Members asked for clarification on the removal of the bund from the original plans.

27. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL

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

Councillors J. Hibbert and Olwen Rees declared an interest in the Urdd application and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

- i. Urdd Eisteddfod - Deferred for accounts and amount requested.
- ii. Mayor's Charity Appeal - £500.
- iii. Cardiac Fitness Solutions - £200 was agreed in principal subject to further information.

28. CORRESPONDENCE

Members were informed of the Armed Forces Day on 21st June 2014 at Ystrad Mynach.

Twinning Association

Request from Twinning Association for a member to host a delegate. No member was able to volunteer to host a guest but agreed to come back to the clerk if their circumstances changed.

Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Next Meeting 21st July 2014.