

CAERPHILLY

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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 21ST JULY 2014

Present:

Councillors Mr. C. Elsbury, Mr. E. Talbot, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. P. J. Bevan, Mr. James Fussell (Town Mayor) and Mr. J. Pritchard.

Apologies:

Councillor G. Pratt, M. Newman, M. Thomas, Olwen Rees and Jenny Hibbert.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

29. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2014**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2014 were received, confirmed and signed. Councillor Pritchard asked for his name to be included in the minutes as the person who requested the grit bin at Caerbragdy.

30. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arising from the minutes.

Aled Sion, David Phillips and Mair Gwynant of the Urdd Eisteddfod Committee attended the meeting.

Mr Aled Sion gave a presentation to members.

25% of all ten year olds in Wales are members of the Urdd which is supported by 10,000 volunteers.

Urdd Eisteddfod will be held at Llancaiach Fawr in 2015. It is a six day event with 90,000 visitors expected.

Competition based with 48,000 starting off and 15,000 reaching the National.

It is anticipated there will be a £6 million boost to local economy, 30% of visitors stay overnight, and 78% spend locally.

Urdd Eisteddfod costs approximately £2 million and money is raised through several fundraising activities. Target for local committee in Caerphilly Town is £30 K. The Urdd Eisteddfod is one of the largest outdoor TV events held in Britain.

The committee are looking for a total of £5,000 from the Caerphilly Town Council. This figure is based on the population of the area.

The Town Mayor announced his charities this year will be the Urdd Eisteddfod and Caerffili Lions.

Members agreed to sponsor events at next years Urdd Eisteddfod and to make a final decision as soon as the costs of individual events are known.

31. COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

PCSO Matthew Pearce attended.

- a. On the 9th and 10th June police with Transport Police carried out an exercise around the town and apprehended truants one of whom was carrying cannabis.

On the 12th July PCSO Pearce cycled around the town highlighting bike thefts to cycle users.

- b. Parking in Bartlett Street has been a problem but with the increase in police presence and ticketing this has now improved.
- c. Two people sleeping rough around the town. One is attending a detox programme and will hopefully be relocated in Brighton.

The second person was from Senghenydd but living in Newport. It is hoped this person will be rehoused.

- d. Rugby weekends in August on Friday 1st, 8th and 15th.
- e. A person with Parkinson's is hanging around the town begging for money. Police agreed to speak to him.
- f. Gang of youths behind Broomfield Street/Cardiff Road kicking doors in. Police attended promptly but youths had left.
- g. Officers given photographs of illegal parking outside vets.

32. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

- 7th July - CCBC Mayor's Charity Launch.
- 9th July - Twyn Primary & Aber Male Voice Choir at St. Martin's Church.
- 10th July - Kidney Foundation Walk for Life Presentation.
- 11th July - Concert at Caerphilly Castle.
- 12th July - Bedwas Gymnastics award ceremony.
- 12th July - Caerphilly Children's Chorus & Cardiff Philharmonic Choir.

33. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Rear Lane Van Road overgrown. Site meeting with Parks Department and Tree Surgeon.
- b. Princes Rise. Overgrown hedges in lane.
- c. Corbett Crescent - Hole in pavement.
- d. Rubbish at rear of 8, Salop Street.
- e. Railway crossing at end of Van Road. Trains not sounding their horn. It was agreed to write to Network Rail and June Piper on legality of sounding horn and closure of footpath.
- f. Street sign on north end of Princes Avenue missing.
- g. School on Park Lane is one of the oldest and should be protected from future development.
- h. Grass cutting in Churchill Park has been requested.

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

- a. St. Martin's Neighbourhood Watch

Members debated the application for use of its facilities for photocopying and decided to allow the Town Council to carry out the printing and photocopying on behalf of this organisation.
- b. Concessionary Use of Caerphilly Castle - Federation of Small Businesses and Henry Pendrill Charles Lodge.
 - i) Councillors Richard Williams and Eddy Talbot declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making on the FSB application.

The clerk explained that an application had been received from the Federation of Small Businesses for a concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle on Thursday 18th September 2014. There are 2 concessions left until 31st December 2014.

Members agreed to grant the concession.

- ii) A second application has been received from Henry Pendrill Charles Lodge which is a Freemason Lodge in Caerphilly.

The clerk informed members that this application is for the next calendar year and that there are 6 concessions remaining.

Members decided by 4 votes to 3 to grant a concessionary use.

- c) Caerphilly Flower Festival

Members approved the report.

- d) Twyn School - Minor Authority Governor

Councillor J. Hibbert was elected to represent the Town Council as a Governor at the Twyn School.

35. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors James Fussell and Colin Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections were raised.

36. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. List of Payments - Noted and approved.

- b. Bank Account Balances - Noted.

- c. Application for Financial Assistance

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| i) | Cardiac Fitness Solutions | 200 |
| ii) | Undercurrents | 150 |

- d. Guaranteed Savings Account

Members agreed to reinvest with Co-operative Bank for a further 12-month period.

- e. Annual Return for Year Ended 31st March 2014

The clerk informed members that Mazors, the External Auditors had substantially completed their audit work and there were no issues in respect of which they proposed to qualify their audit opinion.

The Council formally approved the Annual Return and instructed the Town Mayor to sign and date Section 3 along with the Responsible Financial Officer.

37. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Ombudsman's Report 2013/14 - Noted.
- b. Letter from Andrew Highway thanking the Town Council for their hard work and financial contribution to the Flower Festival.
- c. Community Infrastructure Levy

The clerk informed members that the Caerphilly Borough Council had implemented CIL from 1st July 2014. Areas that have new development will be eligible for their proportion of CIL revenue.

Meeting Closed at 8 p.m.
Next Meeting 15th September 2014