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Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:
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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 APRIL 2015

Present:

Councillors C. Elsbury, 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.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

99. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2015**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2015 were received, confirmed and signed.

100. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk informed Members that the Borough did not now need the £60 to site the cast iron litterbins in Morgan Jones Park.

Minute 93a - there are no floodlights at the school and there is no caretaker. New streetlights have been installed and it's possible these have caused the problems.

101. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Beggar around Castle View shops. Now being taken care of by proper bodies.

Homeless sleeper at rear of Tesco's. Police are confiscating any alcohol found on him.

Fab Fridays have been running for about 6 months. A.S.B. down by 40% to 50%. Football and golf down Virginia Park and Rugby cage will operate in Morgan Jones. PCSO doing tremendous work with the children and this has a direct bearing on reducing anti social behaviour.

Issues Raised by Members

- a. Disturbances in Morgan Jones Flats - Brick through window and pellets being fired. Police are patrolling the area.
- b. Parking enforcement on Bartlett Street requested by residents.**
- c. Rough sleeper back of Tescos using lane as a toilet and throwing empty bottles over garden walls. Police are taking the appropriate action.
- d. Parking on yellow lines outside Twyn School.**

102. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

St. Cenydd School Presentation.
Walk for Life - Kidney Research.

103. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Bin by Martin's Farm damaged (left side leaving Caerphilly).
- b. Barrier fencing along demolition work on Park Lane down. This has been remedied by contractor. Members asked if fencing will be taken down when work is completed.
- c. Gully off White Street, uneven surface - needs resurfacing.
- d. Old Post Office Site on Pontygwindy Road - write to Brinson's, Estate Agent.
- e. Cars parking on grass on Crescent Road (castle side).
- f. Entrance to Caerphilly Rugby by Speedfast Plant Hire is covered in mud.

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

Councillor S. Kent, J. Hibbert and J. Fussell declared an interest as school governors.

a. Caerphilly Animates

The request for funding for the Caerphilly Animates project was received by members. The clerk informed them that as two of the primary schools was in the Town Council area the cost of funding would be £166.

Members agreed to meet the cost of £166.

105. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillor Fussell declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making. The clerk took members through the planning proposals.

No objections raised.

106. 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) St. Martin's Neighbourhood Watch Members asked the clerk to write to Highways and seek its view.	Deferred
ii) Aber Valley Wolves - Caerphilly RFC	250
iii) Caerphilly Horticultural	250
d) Receipts and Payments A/c 2014/2015 and Associated Documents - Noted.	
e) Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement for Year Ending 31st March 2015.	

Members approved the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement for year ending 31st March 2015 and authorised the Town Clerk and Town Mayor to duly certify the document.

f) Workplace Pensions

The clerk informed members that the Town Council had been informed by the Pension Regulator that the Staging Date for Caerphilly Town Council is 1st April 2016 and by that date all staff must be assessed for eligibility.

Members approved the report and agreed to an employers contribution of 1% to 30/09/17; 2% from 01/10/17 to 30/09/18 and 3% from 01/10/18 onwards.

107. CORRESPONDENCEa) Velathon Wales

Members were extremely concerned that Caerphilly Town will be blocked off for all of Sunday 14th June and residents, particularly the infirm will be trapped in their homes.

The clerk was instructed to write to the Borough Council expressing members displeasure.

b) Anti Social Behaviour - Consultation on Proposed Public Space
Protection Order - Bus Stations and Bus Shelters

Members were given a copy of a letter received from the Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.