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TOWN CLERK:  
CLERC-Y-DREF:

Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:  
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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 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Councillors J. Hibbert and P.J. Bevan.

**In attendance:**

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

19. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

20. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. **Hire of Caerphilly Castle**

The clerk informed members that a request for additional concessionary hire of Caerphilly Castle has been made to CADW and a reply is awaited.

b. **Bollards adjacent to Nat West Bank, Cardiff Road**

Caerphilly County Borough Council has agreed to install bollards at this location and to request a donation from the Town Council once final costs are known.

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c. Bands in the Park

The Town Council has been informed that BTM Brass Band has been hired to appear in Morgan Jones Park as part of these concerts.

21. COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

- a. Ant Social Behaviour is still showing a downward trend.
- b. Fab Friday now on Owain Glyndwr Fields and Cardiff City KICKS is on Thursday evenings at Caerphilly Leisure Centre.
- c. Theft from cars is ongoing and is caused by either leaving vehicles unlocked or leaving valuable objects on display in the vehicle.
- d. Fatal road accident on Llanbradach by pass 8<sup>th</sup> June at 2 am.

Issues Raised by Members

- e. Question on location of Police Station in town.
- f. Pedestrian crossing on Clifton Street. Vehicles are not stopping for pedestrians on crossing.
- g. Lack of police presence in town.
- h. Illegal parking, particularly on Cardiff Road.
- i. Sunday evening of May Bank Holiday a man was stripped to the waste enticing people to take a swing at him.
- j. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June a group of 50 individuals were partying outside the Con Club junction of White Street and Bartlett Street.
- k. Replacement for Matt Pearce is currently on maternity leave. Inspector O'Keefe is pushing for an additional member of staff.

22. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

No events attended since last meeting.

23. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Following reports of the culling of wild birds around the Caerphilly Castle Grounds and moat, CADW initially said it was nothing to do with them. The County Borough Council also confirmed this action was not sanctioned or approved by them.

It has since been discovered that a company called Aderyn has been engaged by CADW to carry out a culling of wild birds. The company has stated that consultation has taken place between the Town Council and the Borough Council but no one is aware of any consultation taking place. Use of firearms in public areas is a contravention of the Firearms Act unless it is on private land.

24. **PROJECTS AND TOWN CLERK'S**

a. Caerphilly County Borough Council – Mayor's Appeal

The Town Clerk informed members that the launch of this year's Mayor's Appeal will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Her chosen appeal this year is Velindre Cancer Center.

Members agreed to make a donation of £500.

b. Morgan Jones Gates

The clerk informed members that the County Borough Council has indicated the cost of employing a gate keeper to open and close the gates at Morgan Jones Park will be approximately £3,500 per annum. He also informed members there is currently no budget provision for this service as it was taken out of the estimates for 2016/2017.

Members debated the report and decided that as there is no budget available they were not prepared to pay for a Gatekeeper to lock the gates at Morgan Jones Park.

25. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

26. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a. List of Payments – Noted and Approved.

b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.

c. Applications for Financial Assistance

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CHADs request for old or absolute computers was reluctantly refused as the Town Council does not own any.

27. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10k Caerphilly Road Race	19 <sup>th</sup> June
Armed Forces Day	25 <sup>th</sup> June

28. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Town Mayor informed members his charities this year will be Caerffili Lion's Club and Wales Air Ambulance.