

CAERPHILLY

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TOWN CLERK:  
CLERC-Y-DREF:

Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:  
MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor  
P. J. Bevan

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**Present:**

Councillor P.J. Bevan (Town Mayor), Mr. C. Elsbury, Mr. E. Talbot, Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. S. Cook, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. S. Morgan, Mr. J. Pritchard and Mr. Gareth Pratt.

**Apologies:**

Councillor J. Fussell, Inspector Gareth Jones.

**In attendance:**

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

75. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

76. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The clerk informed members that Newport Bus had quoted £500 for a 19 seater mini bus and £600 for a 49 seater for the Flower Festival weekend.

Members agreed to a 49 seater at £600.

An email had been received from Caerphilly Floral Society expressing concern that organisations responsible for providing flowers for the Flower Festival were receiving the same grants as the Caerphilly Players and Glynderi Bonsai Club.

Members noted the email.

77. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. Statistics show crime down 19% this year and Anti-Social Behaviour down by 45% .
- b. Police will be in library Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A request for a dedicated phone line to Bedwas Station to be positioned by the police desk was made by members.
- c. Residents in the Town are concerned with the apparent reductions in police presence around the town.
- d. Increase in shed breakings.
- e. Speed checks are being carried out by police.

**Issues raised by members**

- f. Illegal parking around town.
- g. Members asked for information on a new police station in Caerphilly.
- h. Concern was expressed regarding a decision to do away with traffic wardens.
- i. A barrier is to be positioned at B&Q car park that will restrict access to the car park when the store is closed.
- j. Graffiti along St. Martin's Road.
- k. Rear Lane between Clive St and Pentrebane Street is being blocked off by illegal parking.

78. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – Open Art Exhibition, Y Galeri.

79. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Rubbish in lanes at Broomfield Street, Bartlett Street, Salop Street and Windsor Street.

Photographs were presented to the meeting by Councillor Talbot and the clerk was asked to report it to the Borough Council.

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

a. **Expenditure on Grants and Sponsored Events**

The clerk presented a report informing members expenditure on Sponsored Events, Grants and Concurrent Functions had nearly reached the budget set up for such items of expenditure.

The clerk was instructed to produce a report to standardise the amounts payable to organisations.

b. **Sec. 137 Expenditure**

The clerk informed members of the Section 137 expenditure available to the Town Council in 2016/17.

Members accepted the report.

c. Caerphilly Events 2016

The clerk presented members with a request from the County Borough for funding for the Caerphilly Food Festival Big Cheese and Christmas Market.

Members agreed to the following amounts:

Event

	£
Caerphilly Food Festival	1000
Big Cheese	750
Christmas Market	1500

d. PLAY WALES

Members were informed that the renewal of its membership to Play Wales was due. The amount of renewal is £25.

Members agreed to renew the subscription.

81. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor Bevan declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making on 16/0044/CA.

No objections raised.

82. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. List of Payments – Noted and Approved.

b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.

c. Application for Financial Assistance

Councillor Pritchard declared an interest in Morgan Jones Litter Busters and took no part in the discussions.

i) Girlguiding.

ii) St. Martin's Ward Pensioners Association – deferred pending details of rent of hall.

iii) St. Martin's Church.

iv) Morgan Jones Litter Busters.

Members agreed to defer all applications until the next financial year when more funding would be available.

d. i) Fireworks Display, Financial Statement 2015

Members accepted the report on the financial accounts.

ii) Quote for PA System

The clerk presented quotations from 2 companies for a PA System for this year's fireworks display.

Members discussed the merits of both quotes and agreed to use Rees Sound as they had always provided a first class service, are reliable and know the requirements for the display.

83. CORRESPONDENCE

Application to extinguish Footpath No. 4 in Community of Van – Noted.

Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.