

CAERPHILLY

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COUNCIL



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TOWN CLERK:
CLERC-Y-DREF:
Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:
Councillor
Simon Morgan

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY
TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017

Present:

Councillors P. J. Bevan, C. Elsbury, S. Kent, J. Hibbert, J. Grenfell, M. Prew, S. Hodder, H. Jackson, S. Morgan, J. Fussell, J. Pritchard and R. Bidgood.

Apologies:

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

11. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017 were received, confirmed and signed.

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

87c - Members of the public have been reporting beggars in the town to the police.

89a – Wood Incinerator Plant – Councillor Hibbert was named as the contact person with C.C.B.C.

13. COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

No matters raised by members.

14. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

Kidney Wales – Walk for Life – 7th May 2017.

15. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Japanese Knotweed growing around back lanes.
- b. Asda putting cable around car park stopping trolleys leaving the car park.
- c. Welsh Water have done some investigation works at the balancing lake.

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

a. **Independent Remuneration for Wales**

The clerk presented members the report for 2017/18 detailing payment to Town Councillors.

It was decided not to make payments to members apart from the Town Mayor's Allowance.

b. **Concessionary Hire of Caerphilly Castle**

Councillor C. Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Applications for Concessionary Hire of Caerphilly Castle have been received from Caerphilly Fire Station and an individual raising monies for Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales.

The Fire Service are planning to hold a Gala night which raises money for the Firefighters Charity and Blazing to Serbia project .

Members considered the request and agreed fund the concessionary hire.

c. **Renewal of Council's Annual Insurances**

Members agreed to renew the insurance with AON at a premium of £2674.76.

d. **Wales Audit Office Annual Report**

The clerk presented members with the Annual Audit Report for Town and Community Councils.

Members accepted the report.

e. **Appointment of Town Clerk**

It was agreed to hold interviews in June and to invite all members to attend.

f. **Code of Conduct**

The clerk presented members with the Code of Conduct which was duly approved and accepted.

17. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillors C. Elsbury, J. Fussell and S. Kent declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections were raised.

18. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a. List of payments – Noted and approved.

b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.

c. Application for Financial Assistance

Councillor H. Jackson and J. Fussell declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making on 18c (i).

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i. Save The Children, Caerphilly	200
ii. Caerphilly and District Twinning Association	300
iii. Mount Carmel English Baptist Church	200

Councillors J. Pritchard declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making of 18c (iii).

d. Receipts and Payments A/c, Financial Returns, Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017.

The clerk presented members with the Accounting Statements including the Annual Governance Statement and Receipts and Payments A/c for 2016/17.

Members approved the statements and authorised the Town Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the document on behalf of the Town Council.

EXEMPT ITEM

Town Clerk's Final Salary.

The Town Clerk declared an interest and left the room while the matter was being discussed.

Members discussed the report and agreed to the gratuity payment in the sum of £2203.50.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Next meeting 19th June 2017.