

CAERPHILLY

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TOWN CLERK:  
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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 15TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Present:**

Councillors Mr. M. Newman, Mrs. Olwen Rees, Mr. E. Talbot, Mrs. J. Hibbert, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. G. Pratt, Mr. S. Kent, Mr. J. Pritchard and Mr. J. Fussell (Town Mayor).

**Apologies:**

Councillors M. Thomas, Colin Elsbury and Phil Bevan.

**In attendance:**

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

38. A minute's silence was held in respect of former Councillor Lee Jones.

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST  
JULY 2014**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 21st July 2014 were received confirmed and signed subject to the final paragraph being amended to read members agreed to financially support the Urdd Eisteddfod instead of sponsor events.

39. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. The clerk informed members that he was still waiting to hear from the Urdd Eisteddfod with regard to the cost of sponsoring specific events.
- b. The clerk informed members that CCBC has stated Network Rail will not be proceeding with their application to close the footpath at the bottom of Van Road.
- c. Community Infrastructure Levy

The clerk informed members that staff from CCBC have asked to come along to the next meeting on 20th October 2014 and speak to them on the Community Infrastructure Levy.

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40. MINUTES OF THE EVENTS WORKING GROUP HELD ON MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the Events Working Group held on Monday 8th September 2014 were received, confirmed and signed.

41. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Members agreed to purchase 60 collection buckets for the fireworks display.

42. COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

Inspector Jones updated members on the NATO summit which was a great success and well organised with only just over 20 arrests. Of the 3 rough sleepers in the town one is receiving treatment for alcohol abuse, one is hospitalized and the third has moved on to Pontypridd.

A few problems of anti social behaviour have occurred in the Town Centre and 30 antisocial behaviour orders issued.

Speed checks have been carried out along Mountain Road and from the feedback there hasn't been any major problems of speed or noise.

The rugby tournaments organised by Community Safety Offices have been a huge success as was the family day in Morgan Jones Park.

The incident outside the Irish Times happened during Town Safe Initiative. Unfortunately police were attending an incident in Lansbury Park when the offence took place.

Crime statistics show an increase in Morgan Jones and a decrease in St. Martin's Ward. The increase in Morgan Jones is due primarily to thefts from sheds and garages. People are reminded to keep their garages and sheds locked. Theft of diesel is a big problem in Caerphilly a present.

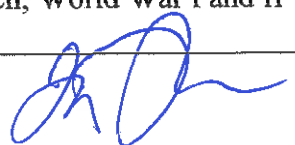
An event was held in the Library - Caerphilly Presents. Inspector Jones hopes to run a second event in October.

Police are operating a Blackberry Phones System where the public can report anti social behaviour direct to the police. The system has been trialled in Castle View and Castell Maen and has been very successful.

Sgt Wayne Alexander agreed to email the telephone numbers to the clerk who will then distribute them to members.

43. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

Tuesday 29th July 2014	Twinning Event at Caerphilly Castle
Monday 4th August 2014	Opened St Martin's Church, World War I and II Military Exhibition



Saturday 16th August 2014	Leanne Talbot Concert in Wesley
Friday 22nd August 2014	Spoken Word, World War I and II in Van United Reform Church
Wednesday 3rd September 2014	St. Helens 50th Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday 6th September 2014	Local History Society Book Launch and Royal British Legion Concert for Poppy Appeal

44. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. CCBC are renewing 'Drinking in Public Places' signs.
- b. Lane at rear of western side of Cardiff Road is littered.
- c. Roundabout on Van Road up to Station - overgrown on western side.
- d. Number of geese around Castle causing problems.
- e. A lady in ■, Princes Avenue is not having her bin collected from the front of her house. She is 80 and having trouble taking bin to the lane.

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

a. Concessionary Use of Caerphilly Castle

Members agreed to grant concessions to both Caerphilly RFC Mini/Junior Section for this calendar year and Caerphilly Male Voice Choir for the next calendar year.

b. Provision of Grit Bins

The town clerk reported the criteria used by the county borough for determining the location of grit bins. Councillor Pritchard queried the information stating he would be surprised if any officer from Caerphilly County Borough Council would have provided it. As a result the clerk was instructed to contact the borough council and confirm the criteria for positioning grit bins.

No decision was taken regarding a budget provision for the purchase of grit bins.

46. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Councillor S. Kent declared an interest in Planning 14/0544/LA and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections were raised on the Planning Applications.

47. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. List of Payments - Noted and Approved.
- b. Bank Account Balances - Noted.
- c. Applications for Financial Assistance £
  - i. Support Group of Windsor School of Dance 200
  - ii. Caerphilly and District Arts Society 250
  - iii. Shelter Cymru 200
  - iv. St. John - Deferred pending more information.

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

48. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation

Members agreed to supply their email addresses to the above organisation.
- b. Caerphilly County Borough L.D. Plan to 2021 - Noted.
- c. Letter from CCBC on future funding of Floral Displays in Town.

Members agreed to write to CCBC informing the authority it cannot fund the Flower Festival because the costs quoted of £25,782.75 was far in excess of Town Council funds.
- d. Letter from CCBC Fertilization and end of season renovation work.

It was agreed to ask what pitches are in the Caerphilly Town area before making a decision.

49. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Public Engagement on Town Council Budget

It was agreed to agenda this for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Next meeting 20th October 2014

