

CAERPHILLY

TOWN

COUNCIL



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TOWN CLERK:
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TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor
Steve Kent

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2017**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors G. Pratt, J. Hibbert and J. Pritchard.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

67. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER 2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

68. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk informed members, Mr. Jeff Cuthbert is prepared to come along to a future meeting.

It was agreed to invite Mr. Cuthbert to the February or March Meeting.

69. Presentation from Aneurin Bevan Health Board Engagement Team by Julian Hayman.

The Health Board was established in 2009 and the Engagement Team has been operational for a year with an aging population the Health Board are facing an increasingly difficult time.

A new hospital looking at Specialist Critical Care will start to be built next year. It will be located at Croes y Celiog.

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A new breast care facility is to be opened in Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.

All members were critical of the lack of an A & E facility at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr and felt that as a new hospital it should be carrying out many more procedures.

70. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Caroline Hales from the Gwent Constabulary presented members with crime and anti-social behaviour statistics for December and January 2015 and 2016.

An operation to curb shoplifting was carried out between 6th December and 31st December. Only 4 incidents were recorded during this period.

Caerphilly Police Station is due to open in April 17 and it will be manned from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday.

Issues raised by members:

- a. Members praised the police for issuing parking tickets in the town centre to vehicles parked illegally.
- b. There's a problem at the pubs in Caerphilly, particularly between the Cwtch and Malcolm Uphill with youngsters trying to incite older clientele of the pubs into fights.

71. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

Visit to Nursing Homes in the Town with Caerphilly Lions.

72. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Contractors cut down 2 mature trees in park by Castle. They were stopped from cutting down 2 more trees and a Freedom of Information request has been made to find out why these trees were cut down.
- b. David Williams obelisk – requires refurbishment. CIL payments are available and Town Centre Management may have funds available.

It was agreed the monument needs maintenance and in the first place, to request the Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group to undertake this work.

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

- a. Sec. 137 Expenditure – Noted.
- b. Comparison of Actual Expenditure to Estimates – Agreed.
- c. Meeting with Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Members have already considered remuneration for Council work and have resolved not to make any claims.

d. Youth Activity Project

Members agreed to fund the course and to make a donation of £260.

e. Subscriptions

Members agreed to renew the subscriptions to SLCC and Playwales at a cost of £139 and £25 respectively.

74. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors J. Fussell and C. Elsbury declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making. Councillor Bevan and R Bidgood declared an interest in 16/0871/FULL.

16/087/FULL – Members asked if there was a Covenant on the land restricting use to leisure activities.

75. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

List of payments - Noted and approved.

Bank Account Balances - Noted.

Application for Financial Assistance

i) Llamau - £250.

Councillor C. Elbury declared an interest in the Shining Stars application and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

ii) Shining Stars

Members agreed to pay the funding for the hire of Caerphilly Castle.

iii) Caerphilly Open Arts Competition

The clerk informed members that they had previously agreed to be the main sponsors of the Art Exhibition run at Y Galeri.

He also explained that under Sec 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 members had the right to make a payment providing it was to the benefit of the community and the benefit was commensurate to the expenditure.

Members discussed the funding in detail and agreed to fund a prize of £1000. It was also agreed to ask if the monies could be made direct to the prize winner or Y Galeri who organise the event.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Date of next meeting, 27th February 2017