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Councillor
Simon Morgan

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

Present:

Councillor C. Elsbury, S. Kent, J. Hibbert, J. Grenfell, M. Prew, S. Morgan.

Apologies:

Councillor P.J. Bevan, S. Hodder, H. Jackson, J. Fussell, J. Pritchard and R. Bidgood.

In attendance:

P.G. Davy, Town Clerk.
J. McDonnell, Gwent Police.

The Mayor informed the Town Council that Councillors James Fussell and Roger Bidgood had both suffered family bereavements and as a mark of respect the Council held a minute's silence.

**52. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
18TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2017 were received, confirmed and signed.

53. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 40 Flowers had been sent to the former Town Clerk's wife. It was reported that his wife was recovering well from her accident.

Minute 45 (1) An invitation had been received for the Council representatives to meet with the Twyn Community Centre Management Committee on 19th October 2017 to discuss the rent and a new sub lease.

Minute 45 (2) The application for Business Online Banking had been returned by the Co-op as

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the mandate had still not been changed despite this request being made in July 2017. The matter will be pursued by the Town Clerk.

Minute 45 (3) No progress can be made with the fixed rate business bond until the bank mandate is resolved. The amount to be invested may need to be reviewed in light of the budget for 2018/19 and use of balances.

Minute 45 (4) The Independent Review Panel has commenced work.

Minute 45 (9) Contributions towards the cost of the Fireworks Display have been received from Aber Valley Community Council (£250) and Llanbradach and Pwllpant Community Council (£300).

Minute 47 (4) The Family Foundation Right from the Start has decided not to take up the offer of the concessionary hire of Caerphilly Castle.

Minute 48 Roger Williams has been approached to undertake the internal audit for 2017/18.

54. COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

PCSO reported on the following matters:

1. There had been reports of a suspicious vehicle reported near to schools. All reports have been investigated but there is no firm evidence and no vehicle registrations to check. Advice has been provided to the schools.
2. Numerous complaints have been received about the traffic congestion at the Pwllpant roundabout due to the highway improvement works. However this is a matter for Caerphilly County Borough Council as the highway authority.
3. There is a building in Pentrebanne Street, "The Old Ladies Lounge" which is in a poor state of repair and is attracting anti-social behaviour. The owner has been issued with an order to make the building safe.
4. The main area of concern in the town centre is anti-social behaviour at the train/bus station. The area is the subject of a Public Safety Protection Order which enables a fixed penalty fine of £100 for anyone who has no legitimate business to be at the train /bus station.

55. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

The Mayor has attended the following:

1. Caerphilly Workmens Hall.
2. Caerphilly Ladies Choir.

56. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Members raised the following which will be taken up with Caerphilly County Borough Council:

1. Highway improvement works at Pwllpant roundabout and the extent of delays that are

causing problems for many workers and schoolchildren and the general adverse impact on the town and town centre.

2. Overgrown vegetation on the rear lanes at Bartlett Street and Goodrich Street.
3. Fly tipping at Bronrhiw Avenue and King Edward Avenue.
4. Length of time taken to get responses from CCBC when the Town Council raise environmental matters.

57. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1 - Draft Estimates

The report highlighted a number of areas of additional expenditure during 2017/18 and the implications for the out turn forecast. There had been an increase in balances mainly due to the CIL receipt. The current budget does not consider reserve requirements as part of longer term financial planning. Reserves are a source of finance to be used in conjunction with the precept or to be set aside for future commitments. As appropriate reserves should be considered in terms of restricted (capital) reserves, earmarked reserves, and general reserves.

It was noted that one of the themes for the external auditors in 2017/18 will be how Councils manage their reserves and balances.

It was resolved:

1. The separate budget heads of "Tourism/Town Centre" and "Mega Day/Sponsored Events/Concurrent Function" and "Caerphilly In Bloom/Flower Festival" be merged into a single budget line of "Sponsored Events".
2. The Town Council should consider and adopt a reserves policy which reflects medium term financial planning.
3. A revised draft budget is prepared for the November meeting of the Town Council when consideration will be given to the precept for 2018/19.

2 - Q2 Budget Monitoring

Members noted the report.

3 - Community Infrastructure Levy – Project Proposals

In view of the discussion about the budget it was felt there should be a more strategic approach to the use of the CIL. Some of the proposals may be met via other means.

It was resolved:

The report be deferred until the 2018/19 financial year.

58. PLANNING MATTERS

The following applications were considered and comments made as follows:

17/0651/COU – No objections.

17/0761/COU – Request the application is referred to the Planning Committee.

17/0786/ADV – No objections.

17/0796/FULL – No objections.

17/0797/FULL– No objections to the development but the access arrangements to the Gallagher Retail Park should be reviewed. There is concern about safety at the roundabout at the junction of Bedwas Road and Newport Road and access to the retail park should be limited or closed with the primary means of access to the retail park from the roundabout on the A468 adjacent to Wickes.

17/0792/FULL – No objections.

17/0793/ADV – No objections.

17/0804/OUT – Request the application is referred to the Planning Committee. Objections are raised due to the adverse impact of the development on existing infrastructure, including highways, schools, local medical facilities, loss of open space within the town and flood risk. There are alternative development sites allocated for residential development and or with extant planning permission within the Caerphilly Basin.

17/0817/FULL – No objections.

17/0838/FULL – No objections.

59. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. List of payments – Noted and approved.

2. Bank Account Balances – Noted.

3. Applications for Financial Assistance

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(i) Caerphilly Boxing Club	250 Approved
(ii) Young Enterprise South Wales	100 Approved
(iii) Caerphilly and District Art Society	250 Approved

Councillor S. Morgan declared an interest in the Caerphilly and District Art Society and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

60. CORRESPONDENCE

The letter of thanks from the Secretary of Morgan Jones Park Allotments was noted.

61. MEMBER REQUEST FOR FUTURE REPORTS/INFORMATION

There were no requests.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.