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Councillor
P. J. Bevan

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2015

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors M. Newman and Gareth Pratt.

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect to those individuals who were murdered in Paris on 13th November.

57. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2015**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2015 were received, confirmed and signed.

58. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The clerk informed members that the chain by Sports Direct had been removed.

Despite being reported to the County Borough 12 bags of clothing was left at rear of 29, Bartlett Street for 2 weeks.

59. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. Shed and garage breakings still ongoing around Caerphilly south and the town area.
- b. Anti-Social Behaviour around Halloween and Fireworks was low with only one call.
- c. The police asked members to keep an eye open for any potential conflicts or tensions with religious groups following the attacks in Paris.

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Issues Raised by Members

- a) Serious assault in Stockland Street on Monday 9th November.
- b) Graffiti on St. Martin's Road and Treceenydd roundabout.
- c) Body cams are presently rolled out in Newport and will be in the Borough from Monday 23rd November.
- d) On 2 occasions articulated lorries have been seen going over the Mountain Road, one of which was a Morrison's lorry.

60. TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

8th November – Cenataph.
31st October – Fireworks Evening.
26th October – Arts Exhibition.

61. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a. Rubbish dumped in Stockland Street.
- b. Sycamore Trees on edge of Park Lane have boughs over garage and could cause a problem.
- c. Land in between Heol y Nant and Mill Road is full of rubbish.

62. PROJECTS AND TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

a. **Extended Leave of Absence**

The clerk presented a report detailing the absence of Councillor M. Newman because of an ongoing health problem.

Members agreed to grant Councillor Newman an extended leave of absence and wish him all the best.

b. **Online Survey**

The clerk informed members of the results of the Online Survey, which they accepted.

The return was less than 0.5% of the population which is disappointing but members felt it was a worthwhile exercise and there may well be an increased return in the future. There was also a flaw in that people outside the area could complete the survey.

c. **Revenue Estimates 2016/17**

The clerk presented members with the Revenue Estimates for 2016/17.

Members agreed to fund Caerphilly in Bloom next year and to look at the amount it gives to national organisations.

It was also agreed to take out the estimate for the Gate Keeper at Morgan Jones Park.

63. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Councillor Kent and Simon Morgan declared an interest in 15/0614/LA and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Councillor J. Pritchard declared an interest in 15/0787/LA and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

No objections were raised.

64. PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. List of Payments – Noted and Approved.

b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.

c. Application for Financial Assistance

	£
i Caerphilly Community Chorus	300

Councillor J. Hibbert declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

ii Save The Children	150
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d. Fireworks Collection

Members agreed to make up the collection to £3,500 and divide it equally between the Mayor's nominated charities.

Members also agreed to look at payment through Pay Pal.

e. Band D Properties and 2016/17 Precept

The clerk informed members the number of Band D properties for 2016/17 is 6121.31 and a Council Tax of £13.00 for each Band D property will raise a precept of £79577.03.

Members agreed to set a Council Tax of £13.00 per Band D property and to set a precept of £79577.03

f. Caerphilly in Bloom 2016/2017

The clerk informed members that the Borough had sent an email saying Caerphilly in Bloom would not be funded next financial year and giving three funding options for consideration.

Members debated the service and decided to recommend option 1, seek sponsorship from local companies and to purchase the plastic baskets thereby reducing the cost of watering.

A press release is to be sent out together with letters to local businesses asking if they would like to sponsor a trough.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.