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Phil Davy

TOWN MAYOR:  
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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 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

**Present:**

Councillors, P.J. Bevan, C. Elsbury, S. Kent, J. Hibbert, J. Grenfell, M. Prew, H. Jackson, and J. Pritchard.

**Apologies:**

Councillors, J. Fussell, S. Hodder, S. Morgan and R. Bidgood.

**In attendance:**

K. Williams and Phil Davy (Town Clerk), P.C. Carrington and PCSO Hales.

**In the absence of the Mayor Councillor M. Prew took the chair.**

29. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were received, confirmed and signed.

30. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No Matters Arising.

31. **Presentation by Bedwas Community Group**

Amanda McConnell is chair of Machen Community Road Watch. The organisation was set up 18 months ago and their aim is to make the roads safer.

**Who benefits:** Residents, children, visitors and businesses.

To start a new community road watch you need committed volunteers who agree to DBS checks. You also need somewhere to store the equipment.

The speed watch in Machen was launched in March 2016. There have been 3 public meetings to date.

Police attended the launch and trained and supported the volunteers, currently there are 17 volunteers in Machen. Risk assessments carried out by the police. It needs 3 volunteers at each location all with hi viz jackets.

11 Speed Watch Sessions with 144 vehicles over the limit. Fundraising is by bag packing, raffles, sponsored walks, organ recital and Tea Party.

32. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Town area – There has been a number of commercial burglaries (St. Helen's Church, Lazorou and Chinese restaurant). There has been one arrest for the St. Helen's Church.

Trouble on Pentrebane Street. Youths have been getting in at back of chip shop and empty premises next door. Police are visiting Clark's Chip Shop to increase security. The empty shop next door is causing more problems and the landlord will be approached to improve security and restrict access.

Police station to open on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017. It will be open to the public 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday but there will not be response officers there.

**Traffic Enforcement Day next Wednesday**

Morgan Jones Ward – Police still getting calls on Pizza Hut with youths break ins. It is the owners responsibility to make the building safe.

Attempted breakings on Pontygwindy Industrial Estate. Police have requested metal shuttering on these buildings.

Issues raised by members:

- a. Off road bikes at Catnic sites
- b. P.C. Carrington was complimented for moving taxis on in town and P.C.S.O. C. Hales for the work she did on Bondfield Park. Residents were very grateful.
- c. Youths gathering at bus station.
- d. Vans parking in Caerphilly Town narrowing road.
- e. Double parking at Mill Road.
- f. Your Voice meeting – Morgan Jones, it is now 6 monthly.

33. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

Mayor attended the opening of a new Italian restaurant in Caerphilly.

34. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Bronrhiw Avenue and King Edward Avenue – Land is overgrown despite the promise it would be cut back.

The Borough Council are due to start spraying to clear weeds by the middle of July for the next 6 weeks.

35. PROJECTS AND TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

a. Community Infrastructure Levy

Members noted the report and asked for a list of potential projects to be sent to Town Clerk.

b. Rent of Council Officers

Members asked for comparative information on market rents to be able to consider the next increase requested by the Twyn Management Committee.

Councillor P. Bevan declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

c. Sponsored Events

Members agreed to look at the budget in November. It was also agreed to sponsor the Caerphilly Arts Competition again this year and for the Town Council to make the payments to the winners.

d. ESAG Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Councillors, P. Bevan, S. Kent and C. Elsbury were nominated to attend the meeting together with the Town Clerk.

A request was made for the ward Sergeant Richard Tovey to attend the Events Working Group Meeting.

e. Concessionary Hire of Caerphilly Castle

Members agreed to the concessionary hire and to pay the hire fee for Shining Stars hire of the Castle on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

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

36. PLANNING MATTERS

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

No objections were raised.

37. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. List of Payments - Noted and approved.
- b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.
- c. Application for Financial Assistance

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i. Caerphilly OAP (St Martin's Ward)	250
ii. Aber Valley Wolves	250
iii. Caerphilly Library – Zoolab	127.20

Members agreed to the request to pay for Zoolab but wanted to know why the Borough did not provide funding itself when funds were provided for other libraries within its area.

d. Guaranteed Investment Account

Members were informed that the guaranteed investment was due to mature on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

The Co-operative Bank no longer offer this type of account and the alternative only pays 0.03% interest.

Members agreed to receive a report in September on alternative investment accounts.

38. Councillor Bevan thanked the retiring Town Clerk Mr. Ken Williams for his service to the Town Council.

The Meeting finished at 8 pm.