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TOWN MAYOR:
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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 19TH OCTOBER 2015**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors M. Newman, Gareth Pratt and James Pritchard.

47. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST
SEPTEMBER 2015**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 21, September 2015 were received, confirmed and signed.

48. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute 406 – Mill Road is included in Your Voice.

Minute 40g – Members asked when the lane was put into private ownership. The clerk was asked to contact Land Registry to find this information.

49. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

a. Crime has reduced by approximately 10% overall although there has been an increase in criminal damage.

St. Martin's Ward – Increase in violence with injury crimes although there is an overall decrease of 15%.

Morgan Jones shows an overall increase of about 5% with shoplifting being the main cause of the increase.

b. One assault in Courthouse pub, an assault in Railway Terrace and one in Windsor Street. Arrests have been made and the persons are on bail.

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- c. Fire in Masons Arms on Mill Road is under investigation.
- d. Travellers at Caerphilly Station have now moved on.
- e. Initiatives run by police include Hate Crime Week; Anti-Slavery Week.
- f. Body cameras are being rolled out and will be active by next month.
- g. Dispersal notices still active around town and Mill Road.

Issues Raised by Members

- h. Following the closure of the Police Station an officer will be situated in Caerphilly Library.
- i. Use of mobile phones when driving.
- j. Graffiti along St. Martin's Road.

50. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

14th October 2015 – Universal Colliery Memorial Service.

51. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Bags of clothes, curtains, hangers being opened and littered around town centre.
- b. Members asked why engine oil is no longer being collected from properties.

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

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

The clerk presented the draft Annual Report of the I.R.P.W. to members.

Members resolved not to claim the allowance of up to £100 for costs incurred by them in respect of telephone, I.T. or consumables or to make payments for senior roles.

53. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Councillors S. Kent and S. Morgan declared an interest in 19/10/15 and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

15/0574/FULL – Plans requested.

54. **PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Councillor Bevan declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making on Ruperra Castle. The item was taken by Councillor S. Kent.

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i. Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust	400
ii. <u>Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod</u>	

Members support local schools or organisations taking part in the competition as opposed to making a donation to the Eisteddfod.

55. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk informed members of a request from Tidal Lagoon Power to come along to the January 2016 meeting.

56. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members mentioned the change in the amount guaranteed by banks. It was agreed to review the Guaranteed Investment Account when it matures.

Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Next meeting Monday 16th November 2015.