

CAERPHELLY

TOWN

COUNCIL



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TOWN CLERK:
CLERC-Y-DREF:

Phil Davy

TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor
Mike Prew

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF CAERPHELLY TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2019**

Present:

Councillors P J Bevan, C Elsbury, S Kent, J Hibbert, J Grenfell, M Prew, H Jackson, J Fussell, R Bidgood.

Apologies:

Councillors S Hodder, S Morgan, J Pritchard.

In Attendance:

G Clifton, J McDonnell, Gwent Police.

P G Davy, Town Clerk.

**14 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
15TH APRIL 2019**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2019 were received, confirmed and signed.

15 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 108.4

Councillor Jeff Grenfell was congratulated on completing his charity cycle ride to Paris which helped to raise £20,000 for Velindre Hospital.

Minute 110.2

The Caerphilly County Borough Taxi Drivers Association had been offered a tenancy agreement by CCBC on the bus station public convenience. There are ongoing discussions about costs that will be incurred by the tenant and there may be a further report to the Town Council on this matter.

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16 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

The following matters were discussed with the Gwent Police representatives:

- Events at the Castle and crowd dispersal at the end of events.
- Enforcement of the suspension of the taxi rank during the period from midnight to 4.00 am.
- Organised crime gangs travelling into the town from Cardiff and the Midlands.
- Location of ANPR cameras.
- Lansbury Park drugs and child exploitation.
- Predictive policing highlighting car crime, shoplifting and commercial burglaries.
- Accident on Pontygwindy Road which proved not to be hit and run.
- Congregating of youths adjacent to NatWest Bank.
- Police staff turnover.

It was agreed to approach CCBC in respect enforcement of the taxi rank suspension and the location of the ANPR cameras.

17 TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

Councillor Mike Prew placed on record his pleasure at being elected as the Town Mayor for a second year. His chosen charities for 2019 – 20 will be Caerffili Lions and Velindre Hospital. He also requested that members promote the Town Council Community Award Scheme as nominations should be received by September 2019.

The Mayor had attended the finals of the u13s and u12s teams from Caerphilly RFC.

He had made a formal presentation of cheques to his two charities for 2018 -19.

18 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Flyposting of posters for Danter's Fair had not been removed. Specific locations to be provided to Town Clerk who will pass on to CCBC.

Caerffili in Bloom group will be organising a clean out of planters on 2nd June 2019.

19 TOWN CLERK'S REPORTS

1 Annual Return for the Year ended 31st March 2019

The Town Clerk presented the Annual Return. There had been no issues raised during the internal audit. As a result of expenditure during 2018-19 not exceeding income it was not necessary to draw on balances. The external auditors will be reviewing the Town Council's standing orders and financial regulations in relation to contracts awarded during 2018-19.

It was resolved to approve the Annual Return, which includes the accounting statements, the annual governance statement and the internal audit report and was signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Town Council. The Annual Return will be submitted to the external auditor.

2 Insurance Renewal

The premium quoted by the Town Council's current insurer had only a minimal increase on the previous year. A further saving was possible by entering a three year agreement with the cost of year one being £1,586.94.

It was resolved to proceed with a three year agreement with Inspire through Local Council sector brokers Came and Company.

20 CADW EVENTS

A discussion had already taken place on this matter with the Police representatives (minute 16). The dispersal of crowds after late night events could be improved by the availability of late night transport. It was agreed to send a letter to Transport for Wales.

21 PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning applications were considered and comments made as follows:

19/0009/OUT – no objections

19/0283/FULL – objections raised on the grounds of visual impact and adverse impact on general amenity

19/0284/COU – no objections

19/0293/FULL – no objections

19/0309/COU – no objections

19/0321/CLPU – no objections

19/0241/FULL – no objections

Cllr J Fussell declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making on any of the applications.

22 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

3 Applications for Financial Assistance

1st Caerphilly Rangers

A grant of £150 was approved. Expenditure authorised under Local Government Act 1972, section 137.

4 Concessionary Hire of Caerphilly Castle.

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The concessionary hire for the charity Christmas Concert was approved and the Town Council will meet the cost of the hire fee. Note the hirer will be responsible for paying the hire fee direct to Cadw and the fee will be reimbursed by way of a retrospective grant after the event.

23 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence had been received.

24 MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS

No reports were requested.

Cllr C Elsbury requested a meeting of the CIL Working Group is convened as soon as practical.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm