

CAERPHILLY

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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 21ST MARCH 2016**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillor Mr. J. Pritchard.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Roger Bidgood on his election to the Caerphilly Town Council.

84. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH
FEBRUARY 2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 15th February 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

85. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters arising.

86. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. Crime figures – Between 15th February and 21st March there were 43 crimes reported in the town. Violence without injury – 6 offences.

- b. Sunday 21st February saw a number of street robberies around the town. Two offenders have been caught, charged and are due in Crown Court on 21st March.
- c. Burglaries on non-dwellings plus burglaries on Mountain Road.
- d. There is a new Police Management System called STORM.
- e. Velathon is on 22nd May 2016.

Issues raised by Members:

- f. 101 System – Operators of System saying inappropriate things like asking complainants to go outside and investigate if offenders are still on premises.
- g. Gwent Police no longer use OWL which will be replaced on 1st April 2016.

87. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

27th February – St David's Dinner, Caerphilly Castle.
18th March – ATC Dinner, Caerphilly Castle.
20th March – St. Martin's Church, Easter Concert.

88. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Leaves eastern side of White Street.
- b. Rubbish on eastern side of White Street by Morgan's Hairdressers.
- c. Bins not being collected rear 17 Broomfield Street.
- d. Shopping trolley on Railway Terrace (from Iceland Store).

89. **PROJECTS AND TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

a. Twinning Association

Members agreed to defer any decision pending final costs on the plaque celebrating 25 years of Twinning.

b. Bollard on entrance to Dafydd Williams Park

Members were informed of an incident when a swan was crushed against the wall on the lane off Cardiff Road to Dafydd Williams Park (opposite Sports Direct).

Members considered putting bollards on the entrance to the lane but deferred a decision.

The clerk was instructed to ask both CADW and the Caerphilly County Borough Council if they would be prepared to help with the cost of purchasing and installing the bollards.

Members were also concerned about the cost of the bollards and believed they could be acquired for a lower sum.

Concern was also expressed about the number of geese and swans at the Castle and the clerk was asked to contact Alyson Jones of the Borough on how to control the number of geese.

c. Fireworks Display

Members considered the report and agreed to the same terms and conditions as last year with Pendragon Fireworks and Pyrotechnics being the supplier and the payments being made in two equal instalments of £5000 plus vat being made in April and November.

d. Concessionary Hire of Caerphilly Castle

The clerk presented members with 3 requests for one of the Town Council's concessionary hires.

Members considered the report and decided to grant concessions to Caerphilly Looked After Children, Miss Leah Andrews and the Fire Service with the first two having the hire fee paid.

The Fire Service application will be granted if CADW are unable to offer a concessionary use to the service.

Councillor C. Elsbury declared an interest on the application from the Fire Service and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

e. Policy on Financial Assistance Grants

The clerk presented a policy on the amount of grants awarded by the Town Council. Members debated the report and decided to agree to the report with the limits being a guide to members.

f. Free Running Event at Caerphilly Leisure Centre

Members considered the request and agreed to fund the event at a cost of £160.

90. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor Fussell declared an interest in all planning decisions.

Councillor P. Bevan declared an interest on 16/0083/NCC.

Councillor C. Elsbury declared an interest on 16/0176/FULL

and Cllr S. Morgan declared an interest on 16/0065/CLPU.

These councillors took no part in the discussions or decision making on the applications they had declared an interest in.

Members objected to 16/0120/COU on grounds of limited parking in the area.

Councillor Bevan said he would look at application 15/1092/CLEU and take it up with the Borough.

91. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. List of Payments – Noted and Approved.
- b. Bank Account Balances – Noted.
- c. Commemorative Medal

Members considered the invitation to purchase the medals but decided not to buy any more.

92. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from One Voice Wales

Members decided not to join One Voice Wales because of the cost of membership.

- b. Planning Inspectorate – Noted.
- c. Shared Purpose – Shared Future – Noted.
- d. Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan to 2031 Deposit Plan Consultations – Extension of Time – Noted.

Meeting Closed at 7.20 p.m.