

CAERPHILLY

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Councillor
Mr. P. J. Bevan

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2015**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillors M. Newman and James Pritchard.

38. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JULY 2015 AND THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS WORKING GROUP 24TH AUGUST 2015**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2015 and the Events Working Group held on Monday, 24th August 2015 were received, confirmed and signed.

39. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No Matters Arising.

40. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. Anti-Social Behaviour is improving both in St. Martins Ward and Morgan Jones Ward.
- b. There were ASB problems on Mill Road and the town on Friday 18th September.
- c. Gwent crime figures shows an increase, with the Caerphilly area showing an 11.4% increase caused mainly by the way crime is recorded.
- d. Station on Market Street is closing on 31st January 2016, but the police hope to keep a footprint in the town.
- e. Increase in shoplifting but police have been able to catch the culprits.
- f. Shed and Garage break ins around town with mountain bikes being the main target.

Issues Raised by Members:

- a. Members disappointed with the police station closing and it is hoped a new police station will be established somewhere in town or immediate vicinity.

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- b. The rough sleeper now on St. Fagons Street outside Chicos. Various organisations are trying to ensure that he doesn't spend this winter on the streets.
- c. Graffiti reappearing on St. Martin's Road with a recognisable tag.
- d. Fighting around town on Sunday 20th September.
- e. Cardiff Road – Cars speeding past other cars waiting at traffic lights.
- f. Traffic Lights end of Bartlett Street – Amber Light not working.
- g. Sports Direct have put a chain across lane leading from Cardiff Road to Windsor Street.
- h. Members asked if the meetings between shops and police are still ongoing.

41. **TOWN MAYORS DIARY**

22nd to 26th July – Caerphilly Twinning in Lannion.

42. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a. Family in Maes Glas requested a lamppost adjacent to their property be moved by Highways. The lamppost is between 2 properties and is restricting entry and exit. The Highways Department have refused stating the property owners must pay to have the lamppost moved.

It was agreed to write to Highways and ask for it to be moved.

- b. People are putting out black bags instead of bins because of a fear their bins will be stolen.

It was agreed to write to the refuse department asking if workmen could be asked to collect sacks.

- c. Fly tipping on Rudry Common opposite Council Car Park.

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

- a. Waste Bins – Gypsy Lane

Members agreed to install 2 bins at a cost of £270 per bin.

- b. Gate Keeper – Morgan Jones Park

It was decided not to employ a gate keeper at this moment but to keep an eye on the situation at the park and to revisit it should it be necessary.

- c. Christmas Light Sponsorship

Members welcomed the offer from Construct a Quote and are happy to have their mascot to give out sweets to the children as one of Santa's helpers.

- d. Code of Conduct

The Clerk presented Members with a pro forma to help them identify when they should declare an interest.

Members noted the report.

44. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

The following planning proposals were referred to planning committee.

15/0676/FULL
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45. **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

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| i. | St Catherine's Church | 300 |
| ii. | HomeStart | 200 |
| iii. | Caerphilly Arts Society | 250 |

- d. Annual Return

Members noted the report.

46. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Your Bus Matters – Noted.
- b. Concessionary Use of Caerphilly Castle

Members agreed to the request by Osian Rowlands for a concessionary use of Caerphilly Castle on 22nd December 2015 and to pay the hire charge.

Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Next Meeting – Monday 19th October 2015.