

CAERPHILLY

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TOWN CLERK:
CLERC-Y-DREF:

K. Williams

TOWN MAYOR:
MEIR Y DREF:

Councillor
Steve Kent

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2016**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

11. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2016**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2016 were received, confirmed and signed.

12. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The clerk informed members that the County Borough were unhappy with a third party employing a gate keeper. The Borough is happy to employ a gate keeper if the Town Council agrees to pay for the cost. When the costs are known a further report will be brought to members.

It was agreed to ask Kidney Wales to make a further application for funding.

13. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. Inspector Andy O'Keefe introduced himself as the replacement for Inspector Gareth Jones. He gave a brief update of his police career including 5 years in the Met.
- b. The police informed members that Sgt Andy Elias has replaced Sgt Sarah Greening. Also PCSO Matt Pearce has left to become a police officer and is currently undergoing training.

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- c. Crime Statistics shows an increase in shed breaks and vehicle crime but apart from this there is little change.
ASB - Reduction in calls regarding youths running on roofs and a massive reduction in anti-social behaviour calls.
- d. Fab Friday – New venue will be Owain Glyndwr Fields.
- e. Parking – 113 tickets issued this month alone.
- f. Cardiff City Kicks – Reduction in number of children participating.
- g. Velothon – Massive improvement from last year.

Questions by Members:

- h. Update on fire in garden.
- i. Cars doing hard break turns and doughnuts at end of Van Road.
- j. Speeding along Nantgarw and Bedwas Road.
- k. Anti-Social Behaviour behind Castle View shops.
- l. Speeding off Pontygwindy Road by Green Lady and right turn into Dol y felin Street off Pontygwindy Road.
- m. Dangerous driving off Pontypandy and break-ins Bedwas and Pontygwindy Road.
- n. Off road bikes up Machen mountain – can they be identified from description.
- o. Heavy vehicles using Mountain Road despite there being a 7.5 ton limit.
Councillor Williams passed the vehicle registration on to the police.

14. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

8 th May 2016	-	Kidney Wales Walk for Life
20 th May 2016	-	Session House Eisteddfod Event

15. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a) Drainage issue opposite Job Centre on Castle Street.
- b) Rubbish left southern side of Bartlett Street.

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

a. **Annual Insurance Policy**

Members agreed to renew the Annual Insurance Policy with AON at a cost of £2615.06.

b. **Concessionary Hire of Caerphilly Castle**

The clerk informed members that all the concessionary uses had been used for 2016. Two further requests had come in for this calendar year and one from Menter Caerffili for next year.

It was agreed to contact CADW and request additional concessions.

It was also agreed to grant the concession to Menter Caerffili and to pay the hire charge.

c. **Bollards Adjacent to Nat West Bank Cardiff Road**

The clerk informed members the price for 2 bollards at this location has come down to £470 plus installation.

The County Borough have asked for a contribution towards the cost and members agreed to defer this request pending final costs.

d. Bands In The Park

The clerk presented a report form Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding Bands In The Park. This year the cost is £280.83.

Members agreed to support the event and to meet the £280.83 cost.

17. PLANNING MATTERS (see list attached)

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

Councillor J. Fussell also declared an interest in 16/0237/RET as the applicant is known to him. He took no part in the discussion or decision making.

No objections were raised.

18. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) List of Payment – Noted and Approved.

b) Bank Account Balances – Noted.

c) Application for Financial Assistance

	£
i. Mount Carmel Baptist Church	400
ii. Goldies Cymru	100
iii. Aber Valley Wolves	250
iv. Morgan Jones Litter Busters	160

Councillors Gareth Pratt and Shayne Cook declared an interest in the Morgan Jones Litter Busters application and took no part in the discussions or decision making.

Councillor Pritchard had declared an interest in the Mount Carmel and Morgan Jones Litter Busters applications but left the meeting before both applications were discussed.

d) Accounting Statement, Annual Governance Statement and Internal Audit Report 2015/2016

The clerk presented the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for 2015/2016 to members.

Members approved both statements and authorised the Town Clerk and Town Mayor to duly sign the document

Meeting closed at 8 pm.