

CAERPHILLY

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TOWN CLERK:
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Ken Williams

TOWN MAYOR:
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Councillor
Steve Kent

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2017

Present:

Councillors Mr. C. Elsbury, Mr. E. Talbot, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. S. Cook, Mr. Gareth Pratt, Mr. S. Kent (Town Mayor), Mr. S. Morgan, Mr. J. Fussell and Mr. R. Bidgood.

Apologies:

Councillors P Bevan, J. Hibbert and J. Pritchard.

In attendance:

Mr. K. Williams (Town Clerk).

76. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2017**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2017 were received, confirmed and signed.

77. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Town Mayor Councillor S. Kent confirmed cheques for the Open Art Competition were made payable to the prize winners. He went on to explain there was an additional prize of £50 selected by members of the public. This brought the total prize money to £1,050. Members agreed to the additional £50 on top of the £1,000 agreed at the January meeting.

Minute 72a – Cutting down of trees. Three trees have been cut down in David Williams Park. Ash and Sycamore trees plus cherry tree. Cherry tree needed to come down because of its condition but Councillor Williams was dubious about the condition of the other two.

Minute 72b - **David Williams Obelisk** - The Town Centre Management Committee had no money but officers were able to arrange cleaning and it will be repainted once the weather improves.

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78. **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

- a. Caroline Hales introduced Richard Tovey to members Richard is the ward manager for Caerphilly.

Caroline provided members with statistics comparing crime and anti-social behaviour figures for February 2016 to February 2017 for both St. Martins and Morgan Jones Wards.

The anti-social behaviour figures for Morgan Jones Ward are caused by boy racers in Asdas car park. A request for barriers has been passed to head office and it is hoped barriers stopping cars entering the car park when the store is closed will stop this ASB.

- b. Traffic enforcement day 16th February A.M. Twyn School P.M. Town where 16 tickets were issued.
- c. A scam has taken place in Heol Ysgubar where a lady was conned out of money.
- d. Anti-slavery day carried out by police.
- e. Three beggars hanging around the town – police asked if there were any Bi laws prohibiting this. It was suggested contact be made with Andrew Highway.
- f. Pizza Hut on Crossways is derelict.

Issues raised by members:

- a. Lane alongside Sports Direct has a barrier installed. Iceland are blocking the lane with their vans stopping access.
- b. Drivers texting whilst driving.

79. **TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY**

21st January 2017 - Arts Competition.
 2nd February 2017 - Fireworks Presentation.

80. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Dog mess around rear lanes of town.

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

- a. Caerphilly Flower Festival 2017

Members discussed the report on this year's Flower Festival and agreed to give all organisations £350.

In addition it was agreed to hire a bus from Newport Transport at a cost of £700.

b. Sponsored Events 2017

Members were informed of a request from Caerphilly County Borough Council for funding towards the cost of the Big Cheese, Caerphilly Food Festival and Caerphilly Christmas Market.

It was decided to make the following contribution:

	£
Big Cheese	750
Caerphilly Food Festival	1000
Caerphilly Christmas Market	1500

c. Letter of Resignation

The clerk informed members that he was resigning from the post of Town Clerk after 10 years service.

Members thanked him for all his help.

He confirmed he was giving 3 months notice to finish on 31st May.

Members agreed the post would be advertised on the same grade based on 17 hours a week and the successful applicant will be required to work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

82. PLANNING MATTERS

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

17/0033/RET - This application has been called in to the Planning Committee.

83. PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. List of payments - Noted and approved.

b. Bank Account Balances - Noted.

c. Application for Financial Assistance

	£
i) Castle View Community Group -	200

Councillors J. Fussell, C. Elbury and R. Bidgood declared a personal interest in this application because they either live on the estate or represent them as a Councillor. Councillor Fussell abstained from voting.

ii)	GAVO	Deferred (pending more info)
iii)	1 st Caerphilly Guides	250
iv)	Dance Unity Parents Support Group	400

84. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Bob Parry Re: Action for Children

Mr. Parry announced £1000 had been raised and a further £250 pledged. Mr. Cuthbert the Police and Crime Commissioner is also supporting the request.

A bid for funding has been made by Mr. Parry and Mr. Cuthbert is trying to arrange funding to ensure the scheme continues for at least a further 12 months.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Date of next meeting, 20th March 2017