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**TOWN CLERK: TOWN MAYOR: CLERC Y DREF: MAIR Y DREF:**

**P. G. Davy Councillor Mike Prew**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN COUNCIL**

**HELD BY REMOTE ACCESS ON MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2021**

**Present:**

Councillors P J Bevan, R Bidgood, J Fussell, J Grenfell, J Hibbert, S Hodder, H Jackson,

S Morgan, M Prew, J Pritchard

**Apologies:**

Councillors C Elsbury, S Kent

**In Attendance:**

P G Davy, Town Clerk

G Thomas, Supervisor, Waste Strategy and Operations, CCBC

64 **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2021**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 18th January 2021 were received

and confirmed. Minutes to be signed by the Town Mayor when practical.

65 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

66 **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

No matters raised.

67 **TOWN MAYOR’S DIARY**

The Mayor had been in contact with Tom James, Ambassador for Mind.

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68 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

No matters raised.

69 **TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Litter and Collection Arrangements

The Waste Strategy and Operations Supervisor, CCBC attended the meeting to discuss concerns about overflowing litter bins and dog waste bins and the emptying frequency. There was a wide ranging discussion on the operational issues, location and capacity of waste bins, problems with commercial waste bins and possible improvements. It was noted the mechanical sweeper would be suspended for a period due to personal circumstances of the operator. Members appreciated the efforts made by the cleansing team to respond to identified litter and waste dumping.

It was agreed:

1 To investigate the replacement of the pole mounted cast iron bins on Cardiff Road

 with a larger suitable receptacle.

2 To review the location of the dog waste bins, any gaps in provision and whether they

 are in best positions.

3 To encourage CCBC to reinstate education programmes as soon as practical.

2 Cyber Security

Cyber security is one of the highest risks facing the Town Council. Scam emails are received on a daily basis and are regularly deleted. Many are easy to spot but some can appear to be authentic and there is the constant threat of been caught out. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should attend the e learning course on Cyber Awareness offered by the Society of Local Council Clerks, at a cost of £49 + vat.

70 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

21/0033/FULL – no objections

21/0040/COU – no objections

21/0021/FULL – no objections

21/0064/FULL – no objections

21/0069/FULL – no objections

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

71 **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

72 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Information had been received from the Friends of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board about a fundraising campaign to enhance the new Unified Breast Unit which is due to open at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr in late 2021. The capital cost of the new unit is around £10 million. The Friends group aims to raise £200,000 for additional facilities the NHS is unable to provide. It was agreed to make a donation of £1000.

73 **MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm