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

**P. G. Davy Cllr Mike Prew**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN COUNCIL HELD BY REMOTE ACCESS ON MONDAY 17TH MAY 2021**

**Present:**

Councillors P J Bevan, C Elsbury, J Fussell, J Grenfell, J Hibbert, S Hodder, H Jackson, S Kent, M Prew, J Pritchard

**Apologies:**

Councillor R Bidgood, S Morgan

**In Attendance:**

G Clifton, Gwent Police

J McDonnell, Gwent Police

L Gazal, Climate Action Caerphilly

P Jones Jenkins, Climate Action Caerphilly

P G Davy, Town Clerk

**14 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2021**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 19th April 2021 were received and confirmed. Minutes to be signed by the Town Mayor when practical.

**15 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**16 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Gwent Police gave an update on Morgan Jones and Dafydd Williams Parks which have

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been the subject of regular patrols. They were keen to engage young people in positive activities and raised the possibility of financial support from the Town Council. A proposal would be submitted to the Town Clerk.

Members raised the following:

* Deployment of mobile CCTV in Morgan Jones Park.
* A number of bus shelters had been vandalised on Nantgarw Road and Watford Road.
* There was a discussion about the 101 service and whether there were statistics to show the extent residents were calling the number. Data is not readily available.
* Parking congestion outside St Martins School.
* Action had been taken to enforce traffic arrangements at Twyn School.
* Criteria for use of GoSafe speed cameras.
* Use of social media to demonstrate high visibility policing.

**17 TOWN MAYOR’S DIARY**

The Mayor thanked the Town Council to be re elected to serve a fourth term and he hoped it would be possible to have a more active year in office. He announced his charities would be the Autism Directory and Sense Cymru.

He had undertaken the judging of the Caerphilly Open Art Competition and presented the prizes, sponsored by the Town Council, to the winners.

He had been interviewed by a pupil from Cwrt Rawlin school, “Molly Meets with the Mayor” and she will be presenting the interview back to the school.

**18 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

There was a proposal to approach Cadw about planting daffodils within part of the castle grounds.

There will be a litter pick organised on Caerphilly Mountain at end of May but numbers will be limited.

Reference was made to tree planting schemes by Tesco, Cadw, and the “tiny forest” in Morgan Jones Park.

**19 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2021

The Town Clerk presented the Annual Return. The main variances between 2019-20 and 2020-21 were outlined. There was a net reduction of approximately £5000 in receipts and a reduction in expenditure of £60000 as a consequence of the impact of the pandemic on the Town Council’s normal activities. The savings arising from reduced activity resulted in higher year end balances. The additional information requested by Audit Wales relating to the Town Clerk’s contract of employment was noted. There were no issues raised during the internal audit.

It was resolved to approve the Annual Return, which includes the accounting statements, the annual governance statement, and the internal audit report. Arrangements will be made for the Town Mayor to sign the Annual Return on behalf of the Town Council as soon as practical, and the Annual Return and requested supporting documents will then be submitted to Audit Wales.

2 Insurance Renewal

The Town Council’s insurance is due for renewal on 1st June 2021. The Town Council has entered a three year agreement which runs to 31st May 2022 via brokers Came and Company. The premium quotation is based on information previously submitted and has been adjusted to reflect changes to the Asset Register including the addition of the Welsh National Anthem Memorial with a sum insured of £16000, and index linking of 3% for items insured against loss or damage.

It was resolved to renew the policy for 2021-22 via Came and Company at the annual premium of £1766-53.

3 Floodlighting St Martins Church – Safety Inspection

The floodlights at St Martins Church are owned by the Town Council. An electrical safety inspection has been undertaken and urgent remedial work is required.

It was agreed in principle that BPS Facilities Ltd be appointed to undertake the electrical remedial works to the floodlighting at St Martins Church in the sum of £1778-00 +vat and in accordance with minute 79.1 19.4.21 the work would be funded from CIL, but implementation of this decision would be deferred pending a discussion between BPS, St Martins Church and the Town Council about possible enhancements, and if appropriate a further report.

**20 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

21/0265/FULL – no objections

21/0231/FULL – no objections

21/0354/FULL – no objections

Councillor J Grenfell declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making on this application.

21/0376/TPO – no objections

21/0343/FULL – no objections

21/0421/FULL – no objections

21/0444/FULL – no objections

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

**21 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

**22 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

**23 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests.

**24 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor J Pritchard outlined the purpose of the Notice of Motion and indicated that he wished to present a revised version as follows:

“Caerphilly Town Council resolves to:

(i) Support the Climate and Ecological Bill

(iv) Write to the CEE Bill Alliance ([www.ceebill.uk](http://www.ceebill.uk)), the organisers of the campaign for

 the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk)

(v) Support the Work of Climate Action Caerphilly and other local environmental

groups for their efforts to improve our local environment”

The motion was seconded by Councillor S Hodder.

Representatives from Climate Action Caerphilly were invited to address the Town Council.

Further clarification was sought from the Town Clerk on legal powers.

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor J Grenfell and seconded by Councillor C Elsbury.

Councillor J Pritchard closed the debate and indicated he would support the amendment. The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

It was resolved:

“To support the Climate and Ecological Bill and support the work of Climate Action Caerphilly on a case by case basis”

The meeting closed at 8.00pm