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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 18TH OCTOBER 2021**

**Present:**

Councillors P J Bevan, R Bidgood, C Elsbury, J Fussell, J Grenfell, J Hibbert, S Hodder,

H Jackson, S Morgan, M Prew

**Apologies:**

Councillors S Kent, J Pritchard

**In Attendance:**

P G Davy, Town Clerk

**55 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 20th September 2021 were received and confirmed. Minutes to be signed by the Town Mayor when practical.

**56 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**57** **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

 The Town Clerk was requested to obtain an update from the police on the assault on Pontygwindy Road referred to at the last meeting of the Town Council as this may have been misreported.

**58 TOWN MAYOR’S DIARY**

The Mayor had attended at Y Galeri to mark the retirement of the owner. He had presented a cheque on behalf of the Town Council to Sense Cymru one of his charities for the year. The charity hope to use the donation towards an adapted swing in their sensory garden. The Mayor had attended the inauguration of a new priest at Mount Carmel Baptist Church. The Deputy Mayor had attended a members’ meeting of the Caerphilly Tourist Association.

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**59 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

No matters raised.

**60 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Q2 Budget Monitoring 2021/22 Financial Year

Expenditure in the period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021 was £33,423 which represents 34% of the revised budget approved in September 2021.

Members noted the report.

2 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report

The proposals for the remuneration framework for 2022/23 include:

* There will be five groupings based on the size of the council’s electorate
* Continuation of the mandated basic payment of £150 as a contribution to costs and expenses
* Mandatory payments for financial loss and the cost of care
* The introduction of an optional attendance allowance

Individual members may decline to receive part or all of the payments if they so wish by informing the Town Clerk in writing.

Payments for 2022/23 will be made after the May 2022 elections and subject to individual members making the formal declaration of office. It will be for the new council elected in May 2022 to determine whether to adopt any of the optional payments.

Members noted the report.

3 Floodlighting St Martin’s Church

The floodlights at St Martin’s Church are owned by the Town Council. Following a safety inspection remedial work is required. A proposal has been received to upgrade the lighting scheme with the installation of 6 200-watt multi colour floodlights with control unit and associated work. Two options were presented in the report, one for the essential remedial work and the other for an upgrade to multi colour lights.

It was resolved:

To appoint BPS Facilities Ltd to undertake the upgrade to multi coloured lighting including the corrective work in the sum of £7898-00 +vat. It was further agreed to allocate CIL monies to meet the additional costs beyond that already approved for the corrective work. Expenditure authorised under the Local Government Act 1972 section 144.

**61 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

21/0919/COU – no objections

21/0924/NCC – no objections

21/0937/FULL – no objections

21/0942/CLPU – no objections

21/0944/RET – no objections

21/0959/FULL – no objections

21/0828/FULL – no objections

21/0969/CLPU – no objections

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

**62 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

**63 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

**64 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests for future reports.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.