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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 15th November 2021**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Councillors S Morgan and J Pritchard had technical problems in connecting to the meeting.

**In Attendance:**

J Mcdonnell, Gwent Police

S Davies, Sport Development Officer, CCBC

P G Davy, Town Clerk

**65 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2021**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 18th October 2021 were received and confirmed. Minutes to be signed by the Town Mayor when practical.

**66 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**67 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Inspector Gavin Clifton had left Gwent Police after four and half years at Bedwas Police tation. He was taking up a two year position in the Falkland Islands. Members recorded thanks to Gavin and offered their best wishes in his new role. It was expected a new Inspector would be appointed in December.

The following issues were discussed:

* Period of disorder involving criminal damage in Bloomfield Street and Windsor Street

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* Reduction in ASB in Morgan Jones and Dafydd Williams parks
* Police resources redirected around events in the run up to Christmas
* Pontygwindy Road incident had been downgraded
* Reference was made to the ongoing investigation following the tragic incident in Penyrheol and source of advice concerning dangerous dogs
* Local implications of the terrorist threat level being raised to severe
* Indiscriminate parking at St Martins School and congestion on the junction
* Difficulty of enforcing the traffic management measures at the Twyn School as police do not have resources to do this on a regular basis
* Apparent homeless individuals outside Iceland and Home Bargains, they are known to the authorities.

**68 TOWN MAYOR’S DIARY**

The Mayor had presented a donation cheque to one of his charities, Autistic Minds.

He had attended the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph which was well attended. He thanked those councillors that had been involved in the organisation, including the PA system.

**69 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

No matters raised.

**70 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 October Half Term Sports Scheme

As a result of savings on the Summer Sports Scheme it was agreed at the September meeting of the Town Council to sponsor the costs of a half term sports scheme at Caerphilly Leisure Centre meeting the cost equivalent to 20 children attending for five days.

Sean Davies, Sport Development Officer for CCBC, attended to provide feedback on the half term scheme which had only been open to residents of the Town Council wards. In total 14 children had accessed the scheme and were able to try a range of activities. A number of suggestions were made to improve the scheme take up. Members were supportive of the scheme, possibly in an amended format, continuing at the autumn half term in 2022.

2 Budget Estimates 2022-23

The Town Clerk outlined the assumptions on which the budget estimates were based and in particular that it will be possible to resume normal activities from April 2022 with no limiting restrictions. A budget expenditure of £135,520 is proposed for 2022-23 which is £16,783 higher than the original projected expenditure for the current financial year. However the estimate includes a budget provision of £12,000 to cover the cost of the Town Council elections in May 2022. Income is projected at £111,396 resulting in a contribution from balances of £24,124 to achieve a balanced budget.

It was resolved:

1 To approve the budget estimates for 2022-23 as set out in the tables attached to the

Report.

2 To set a precept of £15-50 for Band D properties for 2022-23.

3 To update the budget following completion of the year end accounts in April 2022.

4 In light of the discussion under minute 70.1 to increase the budget allocation for “Autumn / Summer Sports Scheme” to £9000 to enable the continuation of an autumn half term half term sports scheme in 2022 subject to the detailed arrangements being agreed with CCBC. (Note this increase will require the contribution from balances to be increased to £28,124 to achieve a balanced budget).

**71 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

21/1019/FULL – no objections

21/1036/FULL – no objections

21/1042/FULL – no objections

21/1060/FULL – no objections

21/1065/COU – no objections

21/1083/FULL – no objections

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

**72 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

**73 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

**74 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests for future reports.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm