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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 MULTI LOCATION ON MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2022**

**Present:**

Councillors P J Bevan, J Fussell, H Jackson, S Kent, M Prew, J Pritchard

**Apologies:**

Councillors R Bidgood, C Elsbury, J Grenfell, J Hibbert, S Hodder, S Morgan

**In Attendance:**

R Caddick, J McDonnell, Gwent Police

P Hudson, H Munro, CCBC

P G Davy, Town Clerk

Prior to the start of the meeting the Town Council received a presentation from CCBC officers on the proposals for Caerphilly Town 2035 The Town Council was updated on key development sites

* Ness Tar
* Transport Interchange
* Leisure Quarter, Cardiff Road
* Market Hall redevelopment for housing
* Park Lane including former Specsavers
* Crescent Road redevelopment
* New visitor hub Caerphilly Castle

The emphasis in the next few months would be feasibility studies, design, land acquisitions and funding. Members supported the aspirations for the town but recognised the long term nature of the proposals.

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**95 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2022**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 21st February 2022 were received and confirmed. Minutes to be signed by the Town Mayor when practical.

**96 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**97 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

The Inspector outlined the limited resources available to cover the Town Council wards and current vacant positions were subject to recruitment. Recent focus had been on the Cwtch Public House where there would be a number of voluntary amendments to the licence; and ASB on the Kingsmead Estate where 9 youths had been identified and orders served. With the lighter evenings routine patrols would include Morgan Jones Park.

**98 TOWN MAYOR’S DIARY**

The Mayor had officially opened the new restaurant at Ystrad College which is operated by catering students. The restaurant is open to the public on certain days.

The Mayor referred to an inclusion initiative between the Dragons and Autism Directory.

**99 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

No matters raised.

**100 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Since 2016 the Town Council had received £35,821 in CIL receipts, had spent £19,120 on projects, and committed a further £12,500. This left an uncommitted balance of £4,201 on the CIL account.

The position was noted, and it was agreed to convene a meeting of the CIL Working Group following the June 2022 payment.

2 Local Government Pay Award 2021/22

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) had agreed new rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2021 based on an increase of 1.75% on spinal column points. The effect of adopting the new rates will increase the annual salary costs by £343-04 (based on pro rata hours for the Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant).

It was resolved to implement the local government pay award effective from 1st April 2021 as recommended by the NJC. (It was noted the back pay would be paid in April 2022).

The Town Clerk declared an interest and offered no advice on the matter.

3 Coronavirus Update – Pandemic to Endemic

The Welsh Government had indicated that legal rules on wearing masks and self isolation were expected to end on 28th March 2022. Notwithstanding the emergency regulations relating to coronavirus ending the Town Council would have continuing duties

under health and safety law to manage occupational risks from coronavirus which are created in the workplace.

As a consequence of the pandemic the Town Council had implemented permanent flexible working arrangements and multi location council meetings. From April 2022 the mandatory requirement for mask wearing for those attending council meetings in person at the Twyn would be removed.

The report was for information.

4 Events Working Group

A meeting of the Events Working Group had taken place on 7th March 2022 and the notes from the meeting were submitted for information.

**101 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

22/0130/NCC – no objections

22/0134/NMA – no objections

22/0137/FULL – no objections

22/0144/ADV – no objections

22/0153/RM – no objections

22/0172/TPO – no objections

22/0173/ADV – no objections

22/0178/FULL – no objections

22/0189/FULL – no objections

22/0194/FULL – no objections

22/0195/FULL – no objections

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

**102 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of Payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

**103 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

**104 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests for future reports.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.