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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 25TH APRIL 2022**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Councillor J Pritchard, M Prew, R Bidgood, S Morgan

**In Attendance:**

P G Davy, Town Clerk

The meeting was chaired by Councillor H Jackson, Deputy Mayor.

105 **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH**

**2022**

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

106 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

107 **COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Anti social behaviour at Mill Road Community Garden was raised where a greenhouse had been vandalised.

Police had responded to the report of an attempted theft of buggies at Caerphilly Golf Club.

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108 **TOWN MAYOR’S DIARY**

The Deputy Mayor read a statement from the Mayor.

“The Mayor undertook the official opening of the New Lit Fires Showroom on Pontygwindy Road. The Mayor had attended Caerphilly RFC Under 13s semi final at Abertillery when they beat Chepstow Under 13s and will now progress to the Dragons Cup Final in May.

The Mayor offered congratulations to J Grenfell and his cycling colleagues for raising £50,000 for Velindre and Latch charities on a sponsored bike ride from Caerphilly Castle to Edinburgh Castle.

The Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for the support during his time in office and offered best wishes to those Councillors standing down and those seeking re-election.”

109  **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

No matters raised.

110 **TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Q4 Budget Monitoring 2021/22 Financial Year

Expenditure in the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 was £86,281which represents 88% of the revised budget estimate approved in September 2021.

Members noted the report.

2 Budget Outturn 2021/22

The outturn expenditure for 2021/22 was £86,281 which is lower than the September 2021 revised estimate. Income was in line with the revised estimate at £103,676. This results in a surplus of income over expenditure of £17,395 which increases the balances carried forward into 2022/23. The total balances at year end is £111,793.

Sums have been set aside in the balances to cover the election costs in May 2022, a new public notice board, and back pay following late approval of the local government pay award for 2021/22. The balances will also be a cushion against inflation which is likely to result in increased costs for supplies and services in 2022/23.

Members noted the financial outturn position for 2021/22.

3 Annual Report

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (section 52) introduces a new statutory requirement for town and community councils to prepare and publish an annual report about the council’s priorities, activities, and achievements over the previous year. The first annual report is required for the 2021/22 financial year and is due for publication as soon as practicable after 1st April 2022.

Members considered and approved the annual report which will be published on the Town Council website.

111 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

22/0187/FULL – no objections

22/0289/FULL – no objections

22/0293/FULL – no objections

22/0294/FULL – no objections

22/0278/FULL – no objections

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

112 **PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of Payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

113 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification had been received from Councillor S Hodder that she had left the Labour Party and had joined Plaid Cymru. The change in political party affiliation does not affect the position as Town Councillor. Councillor Hodder’s term, in common with all other existing councillors, will end on the fourth day after the day of the election on 5th May 2022 at which time the newly elected councillors succeed them.

114 **MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests for future reports.

Thanks were recorded to all those Members standing down at the election.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.