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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 20TH FEBRUARY 2023**

**Present:**

Councillors P J Bevan, C Elsbury, J Fussell, J Grenfell, S Kent, C Lewis, A Broughton Pettit, M Prew

**Apologies:**

Councillors M Downes, J Pettit, P Reed, D Roberts

**In Attendance:**

L C Jones, Menter Caerffili

P G Davy, Town Clerk

Prior to the commencement of the meeting L C Jones gave a presentation on the activities of Menter Caerffili to promote the Welsh language and culture. The services to young people, families, communities and businesses were outlined. Ffiliffest 2023 will be held on 10 June at the Owain Glyndwr playing field.

**74 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2023**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 16th January 2023 were received and confirmed. Minutes to be signed by the Town Mayor when practical.

**75 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**76 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Police representatives were not in attendance. Members raised concern about the impact

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of homelessness on the town centre and the use of entrances to empty shop premises. Relevant agencies were engaged with the individuals.

Highway safety concerns were raised about a number of major junctions where the lane markings had faded and requested this was drawn to the attention of CCBC.

Work had commenced to implement the one way system at Dol y Felin Street but the diversion signing had been poor leading to confusion for drivers.

**77 TOWN MAYOR’S DIARY**

The Mayor paid tribute to a young person that had recently died of cancer and the support that had been provided by the community to the person’s family.

**78 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Cigarette ends and other litter was an ongoing problem outside The Cwtch public house. The mini cleansing vehicle seemed to have little impact.

The lane between Mill Road and Pontygwindy Road was in poor surface condition and unsatisfactory for pedestrians.

The issues raised to be referred to CCBC.

**79 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 New Meeting Room Acoustics

Multi location meetings are a legal requirement, and it is imperative that anyone joining the meeting remotely should be able to clearly hear what is being said. A proposal had been received for the installation of 12 acoustic panels to reduce the echo in the room.

It was agreed to proceed with the proposal received from Drake AV Video Ltd in the sum of £1224 + vat subject to the consent of the Twyn Community Centre Management Committee.

(It was noted that the Twyn Management Committee had met very recently and had agreed to the acoustics improvement being undertaken by the Town Council.)

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

Councillor P J Bevan declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision making on the report.

2 Events Working Group / CIL Working Group

The notes from the Working Groups held on 6 February 2023 were reported together with recommendations.

In respect of events the Town Council agreed:

1 Subject to a favourable decision from Cadw by June 2023 on the availability of the horn work launch site the fireworks display should proceed with a 30 minute aerial display above Caerphilly Castle on 4 November 2023. If there is no decision on the horn work by

June the event will not take place in 2023 due to insufficient lead time for planning and organisation.

2 The quotation from J S Lee in the sum of £10252-80 for the placing, watering, maintaining, and removal of the baskets and planters for the summer floral displays of 2023 was accepted.

In respect of CIL

3 It was noted that CCBC had informed the Town Council that the long outstanding invoices for CIL projects will be issued and reallocation of monies to other projects will no longer be possible. (The invoice for the speed warning signs at Cwrt Rawlin Primary School in the sum of £5828-31 had been received and paid from the CIL account.)

4 The current CIL priority projects were confirmed as replacement larger capacity waste bins in the town centre and seats on the footpath to the north of Caerphilly Castle.

**80 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

22/1030/FULL – no objections

22/1053/COU – no objections

22/1055/COU – no objections

23/0002/TPO – no objections

22/0784/RET – no objections

23/0014/HH – no objections

23/0005/FULL – no objections

23/0006/ADV – no objections

23/0044/HH – no objections

23/0051/FULL – no objections

22/0997/NCC – no objections

23/0063/FULL – no objections

23/0086/FULL – no objections

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

**81 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

**82 CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you notes had been received from Save the Children Caerphilly Branch and Caerphilly and District Art Society for the financial support provided by the Town Council through the grants scheme.

**83 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests for future reports.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm