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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 MARCH 2023**

**Present:**

Councillor P J Bevan, M Downes, J Fussell, J Grenfell, S Kent, P Reed, D Roberts

**Apologies:**

Councillor M Prew, J Pettit, C Elsbury, A Broughton Pettit, C Lewis

**In Attendance:**

R Collins, A Morgan, Gwent Police

B Miller, Play Sufficiency Officer, CCBC

P G Davy, Town Clerk

In the absence of the Town Mayor the meeting was chaired by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor D Roberts.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting B Miller, Play Sufficiency Officer, CCBC attended to outline her role, the play sufficiency assessment, and planned actions. Ensuring children have play opportunities is a statutory duty. Initiatives being pursed include pop up play in community locations and at events, street play pilots with temporary road closures, and wider use of school grounds.

**84 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH FEBRUARY**

**2023**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 20 February 2023 were received and confirmed. Minutes to be signed by the Town Mayor when practical.

**85 MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 79.2.4 A meeting had taken place with CCBC officers and proposals were awaited in respect of the waste bins in Cardiff Road. Consent had been sought from Cadw for locating two seats to the north of the Caerphilly Castle Lake. Advice has been received this will require a formal application for Scheduled Monuments Consent due to the archaeological sensitivity of the area, permission of the Bute Estate, and the appointment of an archaeologist to supervise the construction works once the necessary approvals

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have been obtained. In view of the time and cost involved it was decided not to proceed with the two seats and the available funding be referred back to the CIL Working Group.

**86 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Gwent Police representatives reported on extensive youth ASB in the Churchill Park estate which had included vandalism damage to parked vehicles. Indiscriminate parking around the town was a major problem with drivers ignoring signage on restricted areas. There had been a serious road traffic accident on Nantgarw Road. Members raised concerns about speeding on this road and wider traffic management issues. From September 2023 the default 20mph may apply to Nantgarw Road but would need to be enforced.

**87 TOWN MAYOR’S DIARY**

In the absence of the Town Mayor there was no report.

**88 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

No matters raised.

**89 TOWN CLERK’ S REPORTS**

1 Newsletter

The draft newsletter was approved and the quotation of £480 for printing and £390 for distribution was accepted. Expenditure is authorised under the Local Government Act 1972.

2 Town Councillor Allowances for 2023/24

The Final Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) and the Determinations on the allowances for town and community councils in 2023/24 was noted.

Members were reminded that mandated payments will be paid automatically unless individual Members confirm in writing to the Town Clerk that they wish to forego the payments.

It was resolved:

1 To note the mandatory payments for 2023/24 as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

2 The extra costs payments to be paid as a single lump sum of £208 in April 2023.

3 A clawback of the annual payment based on a monthly pro rata calculation will apply to any Member who leaves the Town Council during the financial year or changes role where there is a financial implication relating to allowances.

4 To confirm the annual payment to the Town Mayor of £900.

5 In accordance with past practice not to adopt any of the optional determinations other

than applying the HMRC mileage allowance of 45p per mile in respect of out of Caerphilly County Borough travel on Town Council business.

**90 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

23/0046/HH – no objections

23/0112/TPO – subject to the tree not having any disease it should be retained

23/0131/HH – no objections

23/0118/NOTT – no objections

23/0128/FULL – no objections

23/0129/ADV – no objections

23/0137/NCC – the property is outside any commercial area and adjacent to residential properties and objections are raised to the variation of the condition due to impact on residential amenity

23/0152/HH – no objections

23/0163/COU – no objections

23/0170/HH – no objections

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

**91 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved

2 Bank account balances were noted

3 Applications for Financial Assistance

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It was agreed to provide a grant of £1300 from the Sponsored Events budget. The financial assistance expenditure would be authorised under the Local Government Act 1972 section 145.

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

**92 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

**93 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests for future reports.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.