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**TOWN CLERK: TOWN MAYOR:**

**P G Davy Cllr M Prew**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024 BY MULTI LOCATION**

**Present:**

Councillor P J Bevan, C Elsbury, J Fussell, J Grenfell, S Kent, C Lewis, M Prew, D Roberts

**Apologies:**

Councillor M Downes, A Broughton Pettit, J Pettit, P Reed

**In Attendance:**

J Spokes, Gwent Police

P G Davy, Town Clerk

**110 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2024**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 18 March 2024 were received and confirmed and signed by the Mayor when practical.

**111 MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

**112 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

A written report from the police on the Morgan Jones ward highlighted continuing problems with youth ASB at Asda, an incident with off road bikes on Mill Road, and shoplifting in Aldi.

Members discussed with the police incidents of homelessness on land at Castle View, Gallagher Retail Park, and vacant retail premises in Cardiff Road. The individuals

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Members discussed with the police incidents of homelessness on land at Castle View, Gallagher Retail Park, and vacant retail premises in Cardiff Road. The individuals involved were all known to the police and had been referred to Cornerstone.

Members requested consideration be given to a special operation to tackle the number of incidents of off road motorbikes in the town.

**113 TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had presented the donation cheque to his charity AP Cymru.

**114 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Concern was raised at the noise from the Virginia Park housing development due to pile driving.

Members queried the purpose of the of the junction improvements at Pontygwindy Road and Heol Bro Wen as this had made turning movements for vehicles more difficult.

Charity donations of old clothes had been dumped near the collection point at Castle Court.

**115 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Q4 Budget Monitoring 2023/24 Financial Year

Expenditure in the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 was £100181.96 which represents 74% of the original budget approved in November 2022. The report was noted.

2 Budget Outturn 2023/24

Payments for 2023/24 were £100181.96 representing 86% of the revised budget estimates agreed in November 2023. Income was £103574.16 and as projected in the revised estimates. Income has covered expenditure with no call on the balances. The balances at the financial year end are £109122.81.

There have been no acquisitions or write offs during the year and the asset value remains unchanged at £86465.

The Town Council has kept the precept of £15.50 for a Band D property for 5 years.

Members noted the financial outturn position for 2023/24.

In view of the amount of money held in the current account it was agreed to transfer £40000 to the Corporate Instant Deposit (operational reserves) account where it would earn interest. It was noted that with this account there would still be instant access to the money when required.

3 Annual Report 2023/24

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, section 52 imposes a statutory

requirement for town and community councils to prepare and publish an annual report

about the council’s priorities, activities, and achievements over the year, and publish this as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year. The report for 2023/24 is now due.

Members considered and approved the Annual Report for publication on the Town Council website.

**116 PLANNING MATTERS**

A list of all the planning applications received since the last Town Council in March 2024 was included on the agenda as confirmation of consultation by the Local Planning Authority. The applications are circulated as soon as received from CCBC on an individual basis and it is for Members to identify any matters they wish to raise before the expiry of the 21 day consultation period. No comments have been made on any of the applications listed.

Councillor J Fussell declared an interest as a member of the CCBC Planning Committee.

**117 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

3 Applications for Financial Assistance

 **1 Caerphilly Eco Hub**

A grant of £400 was approved. Expenditure authorised under the Local Government Act 1972, section 137.

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

**2 Climate Action Caerffili Gweithredu Hinsawdd (CACGH**)

A grant of £400 was approved. Expenditure authorised under the Local Government Act 1972, section 137.

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Financial support of £1300 had already been approved (minute 94.2.5 CTC 19.2.24) from the Sponsored Events budget for 2024/25. Expenditure authorised under the Local Government Act 1972, section 145.

**118 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

**119 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.