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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 BY MULTI LOCATION ON 17TH MARCH 2025**

**Present:**

Councillors P J Bevan, M Downes, J Fussell, J Grenfell, S Kent, A Broughton Pettit, J Pettit, M Prew

**Apologies:**

Councillors C Elsbury, C Lewis, P Reed, D Roberts

**In Attendance:**

P G Davy, Town Clerk

**90 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2025**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council held on 17th February 2025 were received, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

**91 MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 82 Clarification was sought on the extent of photographic evidence for the pavement parking opposite the Kings Arms. Photographs (date and time stamped) should be taken on different days and times over a period of a month to demonstrate a regular and persistent problem.

**92 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

Gwent Police were not in attendance and no written report had been received.

The Town Council noticeboard had been vandalised and required repair.

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**93 TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**94 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Private commercial waste collection vehicles were causing traffic delays on Cardiff Road.

**95 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Newsletter

The draft newsletter was approved. It was agreed to accept the print and delivery quotation for a print run of 7500 copies at £1300. The expenditure will be incurred in the new financial year and a budget of £900 has been approved. It was further agreed to vire an additional £400 to the budget to cover the extra cost. Expenditure is authorised under the Local Government Act 1972, section 142.

2 Town Councillor Allowances for 2025/26 – Confirmation of Policy

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) has set out the Determinations on the 2025/26 allowances, mandatory and optional, for town and community councils. Members were reminded that mandated payments will be paid automatically unless individual Members confirm in writing that they wish to forego the payments.

It was resolved to reaffirm the previous policy decisions:

 1 To note the mandatory payments for 2025/26 as determined by the Independent

 Remuneration Panel for Wales.

 2 The extra costs payments be paid as a single lump sum of £208 in April 2025.

3 A claw back 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 for 2025/26 as budgeted

 (paid quarterly).

 5 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.

3 Role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector in Wales

The recommendations from the Senedd’s Local Government and Housing Committee on the role, governance and accountability of community and town councils were noted.

A further report will be presented when the Welsh Government decide if any of the recommendations will be implemented.

**96 PLANNING MATTERS**

A list of all planning applications received since the last Town Council meeting in February 2025 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.

**97 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

3 Applications for Financial Assistance

 1 **Forces Fitness Education CIC**

 Grant not approved.

 2 **Caerphilly Workmen’s Hall and Institute**

 A grant of £500 was approved. The financial assistance expenditure is authorised under the

 Local Government Act 1972, section 145.

 Councillors M Prew and J Grenfell declared an interest and did not take part in the

 decision.

**98 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

**99 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.