

**BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL      CYNGOR TREF BARGOD**

**MINUTES of Full Council Meeting    18th December 2019**

PRESENT                      Councillors H Llewellyn, J Halvey, V Stephens (Leader), S Hamer-Thomas, A Collis, R Carroll, D Morgan.

Also in attendance – Town Council Clerk

Meeting Chairman - Mayor R Carroll

**1. To receive apologies for absence.**

Councillor D Price, J Bissex, A Higgs, S Horton, L Harding.

**2. Declaration of Interest or dispensations on any items(s).**

Cllr R Carroll declared an interest in All Allotments in the Greater Bargoed area.

Cllr S Hamer-Thomas declared an interest in Greater Bargoed Partnership, Friends of Greater Bargoed.

Cllr D Morgan declared an interest in Tarragan, Gilfach Community Hall, Young @ Hearts, Greater Bargoed Partnership.

**3. Police Report.**

No police report received. Members instructed the clerk to provide an updated meeting list to the Police.

**4. Minutes of the last meeting.**

Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**5. Mayor's Report.**

The Mayor reported on attendance at St Gwladys Church Hall Volunteering evening which was a very enjoyable, positive evening of celebration. He also reported having participated as a waiter at the Cartref Community Hall Christmas lunch, advising Members that volunteers delivered a Christmas lunch to approximately 40 members of the community.

**6. Leaders Report.**

The Leader reiterated the positive messages provided by the Mayor as she accompanied him to the Volunteering Event at St Gwladys Church Hall. The Leader advised Members that there are several extremely positive projects running from the venue and they have a strong team of volunteers. The Leader also attended Cartref Community Hall, taking time off work to volunteer at the Christmas Lunch.

**7 Items from the Clerk.**

7.1 The Bank reconciliation and payments list were approved and authorised. Both being signed at the meeting by the Mayor.

7.2 The Correspondence was noted. Members RESOLVED to accept the

proposal from BT. Clerk was instructed to approve the upgrade.

7.3 The Clerk advised Members of the Code of Conduct Training being delivered by CCBC 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

7.4 Members considered the list of meeting dates for 2020 and approved their publication.

7.5 The Clerk advised Members of receipt of notification of the Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020-21 from Welsh Government; and that the maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137 (1) and (3) for the financial year 2020-21 will be £8.32 per elector.

8. **To approve the publication of the town council report in accordance with Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 – The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty.**

Members approved the report and instructed the Clerk to ensure it is published on the Town Council website.

9. **To review the Town Council Asset Register.**

Members reviewed and approved the updated Asset Register. It was signed at the meeting by the Mayor.

10. **To review the Town Council Risk Assessment Plan.**

The Risk Assessment Plan was reviewed and approved by Members. The Mayor signed the plan at the meeting. Next review date December 2020.

11. **To receive a verbal report from Aberbargoed Ward Members on CCBC Youth Service Meeting.**

Cllr Collis advised Members that unfortunately the Youth Service requested the meeting be rescheduled; therefore the report would be presented at a later date.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

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