

**BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL      CYNGOR TREF BARGOD**  
**MINUTES of Full Council Meeting   26th June 2019**

PRESENT            Councillors H Llewellyn, J Bissex, D Price, J Halvey, V Stephens  
                              (Leader), S Hamer-Thomas.

Also in attendance – Town Council Clerk  
Meeting Chairman - Deputy Mayor Llewellyn

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

Councillor A Higgs, Councillor R Horton, Councillor S Horton, Councillor L Harding, Mayor R Carroll. In accordance with standing orders, the clerk drew council attention to a member having been absent for four consecutive meetings. Members instructed the clerk to write to the member concerned.

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

Cllr D Price declared an interest in Tarragon.

Cllr V Stephens declared an interest in Cylch Meithrin Tedi.

Cllr H Llewellyn declared an interest in St Margarets Flower Class.

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

**3. Police Report.**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed PCSO Churchwood to the meeting.

PCSO Churchwood briefed members on the neighbourhood team monthly update, on incidents of anti-social behaviour at Bargoed Golf Course, and the positive activity of the regional crime team in the area. School liaison activity has been increased since the recent incident at Ystrad Mynach park. Morrison's reports have improved since the new security guard has been in post. A member enquired about CCTV in the town centre and the PCSO confirmed they are working throughout the town centre.

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

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

**5. Update on resolutions from the last meeting**

There is no timescale on concrete blocks as yet but CCBC will confirm as soon as they have information.

A meeting has been arranged for members to discuss recent civil enforcement parking with the CCBC Traffic Management Manager at the town hall Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.30pm. The clerk was instructed to email meeting details to members.

A new safe has been purchased and installed, with the old safe having been recycled. Clerk to update the asset register as appropriate. Representatives contact details have now been provided to One Voice Wales in respect of the quarterly area committee. The clerk provided feedback from funfairhire wales in respect of members enquiry about an alternative to hook a duck. RESOLVED crazy cabin to be used as the fourth children's ride. £2,000 expenditure authorised.

**6. Mayors Report.**

In light of his absence the Mayor provided brief written details of his activity on behalf of council throughout June.

**7. Leaders Report.**

The Leader advised attending a litter pick throughout the town centre with St Gwladys School. She accompanied the clerk and the Mayor at a meeting with the police and crime commissioner in respect of a rent review, and advised that while a decision has not yet been made supporting evidence of community engagement has been provided.

**8. Matters Reported for a Decision**

8.1 The bank reconciliation and payments list were approved and signed at the meeting by the Deputy Mayor

8.2 Councillor Stephens was appointed as representative on the board of governors at St Gwladys School

8.3 Members considered the use of the Christmas Grotto at St Gwladys Church Hall, but advised it is too big. Members instructed the clerk to liaise with the manager at St Gwladys Church Hall advising her to contact the community centre caretaker who has alternative grotto options.

8.4 Councillor Llewelyn left the room while members considered a grant application from St Margarets Church Flower Arranging Group. RESOLVED a grant of £200 is to be made to the group. Councillor Hamer-Thomas left the room while members considered a grant application from Oakland Hall Allotment Association. RESOLVED a grant of £200 to be awarded to the Allotment Association. Members considered a grant application from Gilfach Community Centre Activities Group. RESOLVED a grant of £200 to be awarded to the group. Members considered a grant application from Aberbargoed Buds Junior Football RESOLVED a grant of £200 was awarded to the club. Members considered a grant application from Shelter. RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to write to Shelter declining the application. Councillor Stephens left the room while members considered a grant application from Cylch Meithrin Tedi Twt. RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to write to the group declining the application.

Members considered a grant application from Heol Fargoed Allotment Association. RESOLVED to award a grant of £100 to the Allotment Association.

9. **To receive matters from the Clerk**

The clerk sought permission for lieu time to be clawed back during the council recess in August, and for annual leave in October. Members agreed.

9.1 Correspondence was noted. Members instructed the clerk to write to Mrs Jones to acknowledge the copy of her letter to CCBC. The invitation from an officer at CCBC for a meeting was discussed at length. RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to write to decline the invitation of a meeting.

9.2 The Evaluation report on the OAP Party 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was discussed and accepted as a true record. The buffet provision was considered and it was RESOLVED to explore alternative options for next year to ensure value for money was being achieved.

9.3 The Public Sector Bodies Accessibility (Websites & Mobile Applications) (No.2) Regulations 2018 ("Regulations) was noted. The clerk advised of recent communication with CCBC regarding the work that will be done to ensure website compliance.

10. The CCBC Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Report on Community Asset Transfer Principles (Playing Fields) and the CCBC Response to Caerphilly Electoral Review 2019 reports were both received and noted.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

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