

BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF BARGOD

MINUTES of Full Council Meeting 27th November 2019

PRESENT Councillors H Llewellyn, J Bissex, S Hamer-Thomas, R Carroll, D Morgan, L Harding, S Horton, V Stephens.

Also in attendance – Town Council Clerk

Meeting Chairman - Mayor R Carroll

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor R Horton, Councillor A Collis, Councillor J Halvey, Councillor D Price.

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

Cllr D Morgan declared an interest in Tarragan, Gilfach Community Centre, Young @ Heart and Gilfach Community Centre. Cllr S Hamer-Thomas declared an interest in Greater Bargoed Partnership, Friends of Greater Bargoed. Cllr R Carroll declared an interest in All Allotments in the Greater Bargoed area, Bargoed Bowls Club and Tarragan.

3. Police Report.

No police report received.

As the visitors to the meeting have not yet arrived, council amended the order of the agenda and moved on to item 5.

5. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 25th September 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Mayor.

6. Mayors Report.

The Mayor reported having attended a remembrance concert and the laying of the Town Council wreath at Bargoed Cenotaph. He was heavily involved in the delivery of the Town Council Christmas Grotto over the weekend 22nd – 24th November, and congratulated all Members for delivering an excellent event. The Mayor advised he felt Town Council should be proud of themselves after the positive feedback he has received from members of the public. Cllr Llewellyn thanked the Mayor for attending Gilfach church remembrance service.

7. Leaders Report.

The Leader reported that the Grotto had been very well received by the community. Volunteers were excellent and the Leader advised council she felt the Volunteers should be looked after. The event was a great success and the Leader offered her

4. To welcome Mr George Edwards (Caerphilly Taxi Association) to the meeting.

Members welcomed the visitors to the meeting and invited them to explain their proposal to council. Information was circulated to Members on a Healthmatic coin entry system for public toilets. Members discussed other provision that the Taxi Association has set up across the county borough, they explored issues that have occurred and the visitors advised how these were overcome. Members enquired what motivated the association to open the toilets and the visitors advised it was seen as a way of giving back to the community. A Member congratulated them for their work in reopening some of the toilets to date and asked if they could explain if there were timers on the system they installed. The visitors advised this is possible, and it is determined by the location and the type of facilities available. Members asked about the relationship with CCBC and also the tenancy agreements. Time scales were also discussed. The Mayor thanked the visitors for attending council and advised that the clerk would be in touch should Members wish to learn more.

The visitors left the meeting at this point and the Mayor asked Members to discuss the proposal.

The proposal was discussed at length and council agreed to explore the feasibility of the project.

The agenda resumed at item 8.

8. Items from the Clerk:

8.1 Bank reconciliation & payments list approved and signed.

8.2 Neighbours views.

8.3 Correspondence noted. Caerphilly Tourism Association correspondence noted with no further action at this time. The S38 application correspondence was discussed and noted. In respect of the governor vacancy at Ysgol Bro Sannan, council instructed the clerk to contact Aberbargoed Ward Members. In respect of the governor vacancy at Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargoed it was RESOLVED that C Corbin should fill the vacancy as requested. In respect of the One Voice Wales area committee 27th Jan 2020, the clerk to give apologies.

9. To receive and adopt the DRAFT Action Plan from the Policy & Resources Committee.

Received and adopted.

10. To receive a verbal report from Members on the CCBC Liaison Committee Meeting 20th November 2019.

Cllr Llewellyn provided a brief report on his attendance at the liaison committee meeting 20th November including discussions on the CCBC budget proposals and the Draft Remuneration Panel report. Members were encouraged to respond to the CCBC Consultation.

11. To receive the DRAFT Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Received and noted.