

BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF BARGOD

MINUTES of Full Council Meeting 29th January 2020

PRESENT Councillors H Llewellyn, D Price, V Stephens (Leader), L Harding,
A Collis, R Carroll, J Bissex, A Higgs, D Morgan.

Also in attendance – Town Council Clerk

Meeting Chairman - Mayor R Carroll

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor J Halvey, S Hamer-Thomas, S Horton.

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

Cllr R Carroll declared an interest in All Allotments in the Greater Bargoed area, Bargoed Bowls Club, Cartref Community Hall, Tarragan.

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

Cllr D Price declared an interest in Tarragan, Cartref Community Hall.

Cllr V Stephens declared an interest in Cartref Community Hall.

Cllr A Higgs declared an interest in Planning.

3. Police Report.

Sgt Sowbery was welcomed to the meeting. The Sgt provided Members with a brief update on activity in the area including issues that have occurred recently in Morrison's supermarket. Sgt Sowbery advised these are still being investigated and the store manager is working closely with the police to resolve the issues. Security hours have also been increased at the store. The Sgt thanked Members of Town Council for bringing local issues to the police attention.

Aberbargoed Ward Members drew attention to issues near the Hangar and confirmed that CCTV is being activated in the area. Sgt Sowbery confirmed the police are aware of the situation and are making visits to the area.

Bargoed Ward Members advised they have noted the anti-social issues in the Morrison's area appear to be with a younger cohort of children recently. The Sgt advised she would be taking this up with the schools officer.

4. Minutes of the Full Council meeting 18th December 2019.

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

5. Minutes of the Full Council Special Meeting 8th January 2020.

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

6. Mayor's Report.

The Mayor advised Members of his attendance at a platinum wedding celebration at which he presented a bouquet of flowers on behalf of town council. He provided an update of the information management working group and asked for additional Members to support the working group with this project. The Mayor moved on to draw Members attention to residents' feedback regarding the cleanliness of the town centre. A Bargoed Ward Member advised of recent communications with CCBC and of the litter picking work that has recently been carried out in the town centre. Members discussed this issue and **RESOLVED** to write to CCBC requesting a deep clean and wash to be carried out throughout Bargoed Town Centre as soon as possible.

7. Leaders Report.

The Leader presented recommendations to council from the Events working group as follows:

Confirm the date of the OAP Party - Friday 15th May 2020; 7pm – 11pm at Gilfach workmen's club. VE Day celebration party with red, white & blue theme, Town Council to supply bunting for decorating the hall. Town council to provide a small prize for best fancy dress. £3 per ticket to include a raffle ticket. Town Council to authorise up to £1,400 budget for the buffet. **RESOLVED** to accept all recommendations from the working group and authorise the budget of £1,400. Clerk to liaise with working group regarding quotations for the catering. Working group recommendations for the Fireworks Event – Working group to meet with the CCBC ESAG, Gwent Police, Morrison's store manager to discuss event safety and confirm the date of the event. Funfair rides to be invited to attend on the basis that they provide a donation to town council. Clerk to confirm the attendance of St John's Ambulance at the event. Town Council to authorise a grant of £50 to the local branch of St John's Ambulance in respect of attendance at 2019 event. Instruct the Clerk to order 50 barriers for the 2020 event. Invite the local Fireworks company to provide town council with a quotation for consideration at February meeting. **RESOLVED** all recommendations accepted and expenditure authorised for the grant and the barriers. Clerk instructed to arrange a safety meeting as soon as possible. In respect of the Christmas Grotto, the working group recommendation is that provided CCBC confirms the Ice Rink the location for the town council grotto remains as the underground car park, and the activity takes place over two days of Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December. **RESOLVED** to accept all recommendations in respect of the Grotto.

The Leader thanked all Members involved in the working group.

8. To receive confirmation of internal scrutiny of quarter 3 of the accounting records.

In the delegated Member's absence, the clerk confirmed scrutiny had been carried out on 22nd January, and the signed documentation is on file.

9. Items from the Clerk.

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

9.2 The Correspondence was noted. The Mayor read a letter from a resident about the cleanliness of the town centre. Members RESOLVED to provide CCBC with evidence of this correspondence when requesting a deep clean be carried out. Clerk to prepare audit record of action taken. Mayor read a thank you letter from the children at St Gwladys School. RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to write back to the children thanking them for their appreciation.

9.3 Cllr Higgs declared an interest in planning and left the room. Members considered planning applications and advised of Neighbours Views.

9.4 Prior to Members considering the grant applications, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Higgs declared an interest in the Caerphilly Over 50s Forum, and Cllr Carroll declared an interest in Ty Fry Allotments. All three Members left the room and the Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting.

In respect of Ty Fry Allotments, RESOLVED to make a grant of £200.

The Mayor returned to the meeting.

RESOLVED to make no grant to Caerphilly Over 50s Forum at this time.

Cllrs Higgs and Morgan returned to the meeting.

RESOLVED no grant made to Pengam Boys Club at this time.

RESOLVED to make a grant of £100 to Bargoed Arts Society.

RESOLVED to make a grant of £150 to Bargoed Male Voice Choir.

9.5 RESOLVED Mr D Phillips to be appointed internal auditor for 2019-20. Clerk to prepare engagement letter with terms of reference for approval.

9.6 RESOLVED Cllr Higgs to be the town council representative on the board of governors at Ysgol Bro Sannan in Aberbargoed. Clerk to advise Education Service of the appointment.

9.7 RESOLVED Clerk to apply for Welsh Government CiLCA bursary.

10. To conduct a budget review as at end of Quarter 3 and to formally approve the 2020/21 budget.

Quarter three budget review completed. RESOLVED the draft 2020/21 budget approved and signed by the Mayor. RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to liaise with Amberol in order to place the order for the new rail planters. RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to liaise with JS Lee regarding placing, watering and removal of floral displays as per working group recommendations.

11. To provide the Clerk with instructions regarding moving forward with 2020 projects.

RESOLVED Clerk to communicate funding decision for 16 free places at the Summer Sports Scheme at Heolddu Leisure Centre, provision of the scheme at the Hangar in Aberbargoed for two weeks and production of advertising flyers. £5,111 approved.

RESOLVED Clerk to advise CCBC Events Team of council approval of match funding £10,000 being available if the Ice Rink is to go ahead.

RESOLVED Clerk to communicate £5,000 grant to the Caerphilly Taxi Association approved in respect of the public toilets.

RESOLVED Boverton nurseries quotation £2257 approved.
RESOLVED Floral displays to be in place 25th May to 14th September (17 weeks).
RESOLVED £2593 approved in respect of Amberol order for additional planters. Clerk to liaise with JS Lee regarding specification.
RESOLVED Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding options for the supply of electricity for festive lighting on Lowri Plaza.

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

Aberbargoed Ward Member briefed the meeting on his meeting with the Youth Service and advised council of his intention to increase his activity with young people in the ward.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed: 