

BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF BARGOD
MINUTES of Full Council Meeting 30th October 2019

PRESENT Councillors H Llewellyn, J Bissex, S Hamer-Thomas, A Higgs, R Carroll, D Morgan.

Also in attendance – Town Council Clerk

Meeting Chairman - Mayor R Carroll

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor S Horton, Councillor R Horton, Councillor A Collis, Councillor V Stephens, Councillor J Halvey, Councillor D Price.

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

Cllr A Higgs declared an interest in Planning. Cllr D Morgan declared an interest in Tarragan, Gilfach Community Centre, Young @ Heart. 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 and Tarragan.

3. Police Report.

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Paul Biggs to the meeting. The Inspector has been in post four weeks; he provided Members with a brief synopsis of his experience prior to taking up this post and explained his priorities for the first three months. Members congratulated the Inspector and wished him luck in the new role.

4. To Welcome Sean Davies (CCBC Sports Development Team) to the meeting.

Sean Davies was welcomed to the meeting and invited to give his presentation on holiday schemes in Caerphilly County Borough. Mr Davies explained that participation has been increasing year on year with very positive parental feedback being received throughout. The schemes also offer sport leader opportunities for older children. Mr Davies circulated information on the sport schemes being proposed for town council consideration. Members enquired about the possibility of an additional venue for delivery as an alternative to Heolddu. Mr Davies provided details of costs for the Hangar in Aberbargoed for Members also to consider. He also explained that as an additional element to the sports scheme the team also invite the emergency services to come along and take part in the activities with the children, this promotes awareness and helps break down some of the barriers.

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. To discuss arrangements for Remembrance Services 2019.

RESOLVED Cllr Halvey to lay the wreath in Aberbargoed.

RESOLVED The Mayor to lay the wreath in St Gwladys Church, Bargoed.

RESOLVED The Deputy Mayor to lay the wreath in Gilfach. The Deputy Mayor also advised Members of the Archbishop attendance at St Margarets Church Gilfach, service to commence 9.30am.

7. Mayors Report.

The Mayor attended the flower festival at St Margarets church, Gilfach. He advised of putting out the poppies throughout Bargoed town centre and of the broken poppies from 2018 having been recycled for use this year. The Mayor also provided recommendations from the working group on the floral displays. RESOLVED to adopt all 10 recommendations of the working group. Clerk to circulate to Members.

8. Leaders Report.

Not Applicable.

9. To receive recommendations from the working group on pre-Christmas events.

Members received the Winter Events Working group report and RESOLVED to accept the recommendations with the exception of No.4 and RESOLVED to accept Cllr Hamer-Thomas recommendation that the experienced volunteer stewards support the Fireworks event. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hamer-Thomas and Cllr Higgs regarding the contingency plan for first aid provision and it was RESOLVED to purchase 3 additional first aid kits. In respect of the Winter Fair, Members RESOLVED to accept all 8 recommendations from the working group.

10. Items from the Clerk:

10.1 Bank reconciliation & payments list approved and signed. RESOLVED to authorise the additional expenditure of £200 on poppies.

10.2 Neighbours views.

10.3 Correspondence noted. Members RESOLVED to hire the grotto to CCBC £100 fee with the proviso that any damage be fully recompensed by CCBC. Two members asked for their concerns to be noted. Members will review this decision after the Christmas period. RESOLVED library event funding of £149.90 authorised. RESOLVED CCBC use of the town hall for stewards at the Winter Fair 2019.

10.4 The revised date of 3rd December was noted. Two members who expressed an interest in this training to advise the clerk of availability. The clerk advised members of the training budget available and Members RESOLVED to authorise the additional expenditure should the two members be available to attend.

10.5 RESOLVED – clerk to order the handbook from SLCC £47.50.

11. To receive verbal reports from Members on:

The meeting instructed the clerk to circulate meeting notes to Members for information.

11.1 One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting 9th October 2019

OVW emphasised the importance of code of conduct training for Members. All present agreed. Clerk will schedule a discussion on this training in the New Year.

Dr Llewelyn (ABHB) 15th October 2019.

11.2 RESLVED Cllr D Morgan will attend the Integrated Wellbeing Network meetings as representative of Bargoed Town Council. First meeting in Rhymney 5th November.

11.3 Town & Community Councils Liaison Committee 16th October 2019.

Cllr Llewellyn provided a brief report on his attendance at the liaison committee meeting and advised members of the joint meeting with CCBC in November.

The Meeting Closed at 8pm.



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