

BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF BARGOD

MINUTES of Full Council Meeting 31st July 2019

PRESENT Councillors H Llewellyn, J Bissex, D Price, J Halvey, V Stephens
(Leader), S Hamer-Thomas, A Higgs, S Horton, L Harding, Mayor
R Carroll, D Morgan, A Collis.

Also in attendance – Town Council Clerk
Meeting Chairman – Cllr R Carroll (Mayor)

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor R Horton.

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

Cllr D Price declared an interest in Tarragon.

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

Cllr R Carroll declared an interest in Cartref Community Hall, All Allotments in
the Greater Bargoed Area.

Cllr D Morgan declared an interest in Tarragon, Gilfach Community Centre,
Gilfach Residents, Rhymney Valley Young @ Heart.

Cllr A Higgs declared an interest in Planning, Gwent Association of Voluntary
Organisations.

3. Police Report.

There was no police report.

In the absence of the visitor to the meeting, the agenda was rearranged to allow
the meeting to continue until the visitor arrived.

5. Minutes of the last meeting.

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

6. Update on resolutions from the last meeting

Item 8.3 – the request from St Gwladys Church was for members to attend the
Christmas Fair event, in fancy dress costume on 30th November. **RESOLVED**
Members agreed to attend and instructed the clerk to communicate this decision
to St Gwladys Church.

Item 9.1 – Members instructed the clerk to email Cllr Davies to thank him for his
support and advise him that Council does not wish to express an interest at this
time.

7. To receive confirmation of quarterly internal financial scrutiny from the delegated member.

Cllr Halvey advised members of his attendance at the town hall to conduct quarterly scrutiny of the town council financial records, and confirmed all was in order. A signed copy of the 1st quarter cashbook is on file.

8. To conduct a quarter one budget review.

Members reviewed the budget balances at the end of June 2019 and reviewed the spreadsheet showing committed spends for the remainder of the financial year. RESOLVED virement of £100 from remaining balance of members allowances to the budget for remembrance wreaths and poppies; RESOLVED virement of £60 from remaining balance of members allowances to the budget for the Fireworks Event.

9. Matters Reported for a Decision

9.1 The bank reconciliation and payments list were approved and signed at the meeting by the Mayor. RESOLVED to authorise the purchase of postage stamps £58.80, Ink £93.80, two poppy wreaths £50, lamp post poppies £98.

9.2 RESOLVED clerk to arrange for the 9 LED Christmas balls to be advertised. RESOLVED clerk to write off the 12 Christmas window silhouettes from the asset list as decommissioned, and arrange for them to be removed from the town hall. RESOLVED a working party was established to meet with Festive Lighting companies in respect of lighting provision for Christmas 2020, comprising Cllrs Price, Stephens, Horton and the Mayor.

9.3 Councillor Higgs declared an interest and left the room while this item was discussed. Members advised no neighbours views have been received.

Members welcomed Alex James from Elsbury to the meeting and returned to item 4 on the Agenda.

4. To welcome a representative from Elsbury to the meeting.

Alex James explained the insurance cover that is in place for town council Christmas Lighting figurines whilst in the Elsbury depot, and clarified that wear and tear is not covered by insurance. Members enquired about repair costs and also about how they are to ensure accountability to the public. Mr James advised that annual audit and PAT testing is conducted.

Members discussed the Christmas lighting provision for 2019 and established the total number of figurines that are currently able to be used, identifying approximately 20 additional figurines would be needed unless alternative displays are considered.

Members asked if Alex could investigate if lease arrangements would be possible for Christmas 2019, and to also provide council with quotations for 20 extra figurines, cross street lighting and multi coloured bulb lights for the two trees at the miners heads. The Christmas lighting working party will liaise with Alex to arrange a site meeting during the forthcoming week.

Members thanked Alex for attending the meeting and the visitor left.

Members returned to the Agenda at item 9.4

9.4 Correspondence was noted. RESOLVED clerk to respond to Mr Williams thanking him for his communication and advising that members have a copy of the book in their possession. RESOLVED clerk to write to Dr Llewelyn in order to arrange a meeting in October.

9.5 RESOLVED Members agreed the Mayor should facilitate a meeting between the taxi association and the police inspector. Clerk to email the inspector for convenient dates.
RESOLVED clerk to contact the licensing department at CCBC expressing members concerns.

9.6 Cllr Morgan agreed to become one of the emergency delegates for council administration and members instructed the clerk to contact Cllr R Horton. Cllr Hamer Thomas advised she will be happy to support Cllr Morgan.

9.7 RESOLVED to amend SO No 2.

9.8 Members reviewed the publication scheme and approved its use.

9.9 The Clerk left the room while members considered the Clerk's working hours. RESOLVED the Clerk is to increase her substantive working hours to 16 hours per week with effect from September 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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