

**BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR TREF BARGOD**

**Special Meeting**

**MINUTES,**

**6th March 2019**

PRESENT Councillors J Bissex , H Llewellyn, R Carroll, D Morgan, A Higgs,  
COUNCILLORS V Stephens, S Hamer-Thomas, L Harding, J Halvey

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mrs Helen Williams, Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN Mayor A Higgs  
(MAYOR):-

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

Councillor S Horton, Councillor A Collis.

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

Cllr R. Carroll declared an interest in Tarragan; Oaklands Hall, all Allotments in the Greater Bargoed Area and Cartref Community Hall.

Cllr D Morgan declared an interest in Rhymney Valley Young @ Heart, Tarragan, Greater Bargoed Partnership and Gilfach Community Centre.

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

**3. To Discuss the draft budget for 2019-20.**

Mayor Higgs welcomed members and explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft budget prepared by the clerk.

The clerk worked through the budget notes, draft calendar of activities and draft budget with members. Members discussed their plans for the forthcoming year and RESOLVED the following:

- i) Floral displays & hanging basket provision – no change to existing arrangements.
- ii) Clerk to liaise with council insurers in respect of adding cyber-crime insurance to the policy.
- iii) General grants budget to be reduced to £3,000 with a maximum grant of £200 to be awarded per application.

- iv) Budget for the town council contribution towards the Ice Rink to be reduced to £10,000 with council reviewing the situation in September 2019.
- v) Old Age Event confirmed for 10th May 2019 at Gilfach Workmen's Club. Room Hire & decorations £100 budget authorised. Artist budget of £100 authorised. Three Angels Catering to be booked for the event. (Leader and Clerk to meet with caterers). Nominal ticket price £2 per head. Maximum £300 authorised for the draw.
- vi) Climbing Wall and Cinema Event to both be removed from the calendar of activities.
- vii) Gilfach Christmas Tree will be provided by Gilfach ward members.
- viii) Pendragon Fireworks to be confirmed, with the same rate as 2018 (£12,000 net). Full payment authorised to be made upon receipt of precept, and Pendragon Fireworks will provide an additional 10% of fireworks. Refreshments & children's entertainment to be discussed and planned at the June meeting of council.
- ix) Clerk to apply for membership of One Voice Wales with effect from April 2019.

Clerk to amend draft budget for final agreement at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

**Date of next ordinary meeting March 27<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



**Mayor**