

**BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL    CYNGOR TREF BARGOD**  
**MINUTES of Full Council Special Meeting 8th January 2020**

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

Also in attendance – Town Council Clerk  
Meeting Chairman - Mayor R Carroll

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

Councillor R Horton, Councillor A Higgs, Councillor S Horton.

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

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

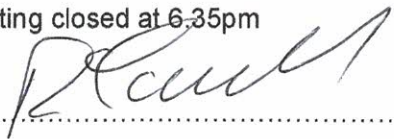
**3. To discuss the draft budget for 2019-20.**

The Mayor invited Members to review the initial draft budget proposals and precept options that had been provided to members throughout the previous two meetings. A number of Members advised they had given the options consideration throughout the Christmas recess.

Members discussed the options at length, giving consideration to the austerity measures having been taken in recent years and the impact this has made. In recognition of increasing costs; and in order to maintain high standards of events and activities delivered by the town council, Members were acutely aware of the need to set an appropriate level of precept for their programme of activities in 2020/21.

The Mayor called for Members to vote on the draft budget options. Members voted unanimously for a 2020/21 increase for band D properties of £4.94 and RESOLVED to make a precept demand to Caerphilly County Borough Council of £90,915. The Clerk was instructed to communicate the precept demand to Caerphilly County Borough Council without delay.

The Meeting closed at 6.35pm

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