

BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF BARGOD

General Meeting

MINUTES,

7th November 2018

PRESENT Councillors A.Collis, J.Halvey, J.Bissex, R.Horton, V.Stephens,
COUNCILLORS H.Llewelyn, L.Harding, R.Carroll, D.Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr Matthew Tams, Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN
(MAYOR):- Mayor A. Higgs

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor D Price, Councillor S Hamer-Thomas, Councillor S.Horton.

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

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

Cllr R. Carroll declared an interest in Tarragan and all Allotments in the Greater Bargoed Area

Cllr A.Higgs declared an interest in Planning.

3. Police Report

Members welcomed Inspector O'Keefe.

Inspector O'Keefe updated Council on a meeting that has taken place with Morrison's due to issues concerning anti-social behaviour. It is intended that the barrier will now be closed to discourage this behaviour. Unfortunately, the lights are still on. Police will continue to monitor the situation.

Inspector O'Keefe advised that Morrison's staff are now being trained on how to react to anti-social behaviour, and that a 40 hour security guard will be appointed by Morrison's.

PC Lion Jenkins, Ward Manager, is to commence on 16th November 2018.

Inspector O'Keefe further advised of a new sergeant intake having taken place recently, an extra 5 recruits having been secured with another 3 joining the force at the end of this month. With regard to the problem with the heating, Inspector O'Keefe is to speak to estates concerning this issue. Four youths have been identified in respect of the damage to the silent soldier, and this will now go

through to the youth offending team. Unfortunately these youths were unaware of the significance of the soldiers.

Council extended their thanks to the police for all their support on this, with a special thank you to the Inspector.

4. **To consider the minutes from the last council meeting and whether to approve as an accurate record of the proceedings.**

Approved as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes**

750 Selection boxes to be ordered.

Agenda item 9.3 Christmas Tree at Park Estate – The electricity supply has now been moved. The event on 3rd December 2018 will take place at 3.30pm. The Crime Prevention Team will lend a CCTV camera to be placed on this tree.

6. **Mayors Business**

The Mayor advised council that he was working on the remembrance service for Aberbargoed.

7. **Leaders Report**

Councillor V Stephens updated Members of great success of the fireworks event and that no trouble had been experienced. Collection buckets generated an income of £173; the Hot Food vendor donated £100 and the Ice cream van donated £50. The Leader advised that special thanks was received from "Cliffs bowls and rolls" for such a warm welcome.

Councillor Stephens advised she will be happy to see if they can attend the ice rink event.

In respect of the Christmas lighting, the leader advised these have started to be put up. Of the 66 lights in storage, 14 are not working, and there is uncertainty as to whether 14 of the remaining lights are able to be repaired. Potentially the council are 28 lights down, therefore there will be limited numbers this year so the town centre will be this year's focus.

The Leader advised that moving forward she suggests that the town council request testing is done in January.

Councillor Stephens is to ring Dave Elsbury in respect of moving 2 trees near the miners heads.

8. **Community Council Liaison Sub Committee**

N/A

9. **Governor Vacancy**

There are to be no new governors due to planned federation in the future.

10. **Matters Reported for decision**

10.1 None

10.2 No objections/neighbours views

10.3 Hanging Baskets – Decision to be put on hold. £10,000 for artificial baskets. The clerk reiterated that the current nursery will charge storage costs if the council is not using the hanging baskets. Councillor H. Llewelyn to examine further. Events committee report (Caerphilly County Borough Council) – In a letter to cabinet regarding the ice rink, Bargoed Town Centre Management Committee made reference that the ice rink **must** be saved.

10.4 Financial update – Balances to date 1st November 2018 of £35,784.05. A saving of around £3,000 will be made in relation to the clerk's salary for November and December, as the last date of employment is 7th November 2018 as mutually agreed.

11.

To receive matters arising from the clerk

Council extended their thanks to Councillors R. Carroll and H. Llewelyn for placing the poppies throughout the town.

11.2 The clerk advised the trees are all in place at Park Estate

12.

Events

12.2 Councillors were asked if they could please all attend at St Gwladys Church on 24th November 2018 for the switch on of the Christmas lights.

13.

Town Clerk & Financial Officer Vacancy

This advert is now live with the post being offered at 12 hours per week with up to 17 hours per week at busy periods. Suggested office hours to be Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Applications will be received at the town hall marked for the attention of the Leader. The closing date for all applications is 21st November 2018. Full council will be invited to attend interviews. There will be no clerk in post in November and December 2018. Council thanked the clerk for her service over the last ten years.

14.

Any other business raised by the members

Heolddu Comprehensive School Service of Remembrance 9th November 2018, arriving at 6pm for 6.30pm start.

15.

Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

Signed  Mayor