Bargoed Town Council Full Council Meeting Wednesday 29th July 2020

Minutes

PRESENT COUNCILLORS Councillors J Bissex, H Llewellyn, R Carroll, D Price, V Stephens, A Higgs, L Harding, D Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mrs Helen Williams, Town Clerk CHAIRMAN:- Mayor R Carroll

1 Apologies for Absence

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk. Councillor J Halvey; Councillor S Hamer-Thomas;

2. Declaration of interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

Councillor Higgs declared an interest in planning.

3. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Bargoed Town Council Annual Meeting 1st July 2020.

Members RESOLVED to approve the draft minutes and they were signed by the Mayor.

4. To receive DRAFT Minutes and a brief verbal report from the chair of the Policy and Resources Committee 15th July 2020.

The committee chair briefly summarised the discussions of the committee, drawing Members attention to the reallocation of funds in light of the impact of the coronavirus, and the view of the committee that town council priorities of improving the festive lighting and the floral displays in addition to the general council reserves should become the budget focus for 2020/21. Members RESOLVED to support the committee decision.

5. To receive DRAFT Minutes and a brief verbal report from the chair of the Events and Environment Committee 21st July 2020.

Cllr Stephens (chair) spoke about the committee meeting and briefly reviewed the draft minutes. Members discussed the festive lighting proposal and RESOLVED to support the purchase of new figurines. The meeting RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to proceed with the new plans as per the committee decision.

6. Items from the Clerk:

6.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payments list (to be signed by the Mayor) RESOLVED - Bank reconciliation was approved by the meeting and signed by the Mayor. Councillor Price declared an interest in Cartref ladies group. Members reviewed the payments list and RESOLVED to authorise payments. The Mayor signed the payments list in presence of the meeting.

6.2 To consider planning applications.

Case Ref.	20/0457/FULL	Site	Area: 281m ²
Location:	131 Bedwellty Road Aberbargoed Bargoed CF81 9AY (UPRN 000043003238)		
Proposal:	Construct rear garden room and workshop		
Case Officer:	Mr M W Jones	2 01443 864528	🗕 jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward:	0	lap 315713 (E) 200308 (Ref:	N)
Community Council: Bargoed Town Council		Expected Delegated Decision Level:	
Case Ref.	20/0548/COU	Site	Area: 723m ²
Location:	Technical Centre William Street Gilfach (UPRN 000043046560)		
Proposal:	Change the use of redundant building into 7 No. two-bedroom flats and 1 No. one- bedroom flat		
Case Officer:	Miss E Rowley	01443 864776	rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward:		Map 315109 (E) 198865 (Ref:	N)
Community Council: Bargoed Town Council Expected Delegated Decision Level: Delegated			
Case Ref.	20/0469/NCC	Si	te Area: 1474m ²
Location:	Land At Cae Shingrig Eastview Terrace Bargoed (UPRN 000043173923)		
Proposal:	Vary condition 14 (Construction method) of planning consent 16/0656/FULL (Erect a residential development of 10 no. dwellings and associated works)		
Case Officer:	Mr C Powell	🖀 01443 864424	powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward:	Bargoed	Map 315201 (E) 1990 Ref:	79 (N)
Community Council: Bargoed Town Council Expected Delegated Decision Level: Delegated			

RESOLVED Neighbours views.

6.3 To receive a verbal report from the clerk.

Councillor O'Halloran's resignation was confirmed to Members. The notice of casual vacancy will stay out until 10th August. Clerk explained that in the event an election is needed, this will not be able to take place until February 2021 at the earliest due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Clerk advised a vacancy at Bro Sannan school Aberbargoed. RESOLVED Clerk to add the item to the agenda for the next meeting.

Clerk confirmed the three OAP groups discussed at the last meeting are the only constituted groups in the area.

Clerk updated Members regarding enquiries to CCBC about the Cross-Street gardens, and the steps from Hanbury Road car park. Work has commenced, but further attention will be required.

The Clerk advised of successful facilitation of an informal Teams discussion with the Leader and officers relating to Park Villas. Councillor Bissex declared an interest and left the meeting platform. Councillor Stephens spoke about the positive way the officers explained their respective roles at the project, and despite the resident not attending the Leader felt she has made positive connections which will support the residents moving forward. The Clerk telephoned Councillor Bissex and she re-joined the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed completion of a coronavirus risk assessment at the town hall and explained that remote meetings are likely to continue for some months to come. Members were thanked for their patience and congratulated for their determination in adapting to the new regime and embracing the technology.

7. To review and update the Town Council Forward Work Plan.

Members reviewed and updated the forward work plan and instructed the clerk to contact CCBC for information.

The Mayor provided an update about the Community Orchard, items received to date and confirmed Taraggan support. Cllr Morgan thanked the Mayor for his work to date on the project and suggested he might like to contact Bryn quarry in respect of support with additional compost.

Date of next meeting 23rd September 2020

Signed: