

**Bargoed Town Council
Events & Environment Committee Meeting
Tuesday 15th September 2020**

Minutes

PRESENT COUNCILLORS Councillors J Bissex, R Carroll, D Price,
V Stephens.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mrs Helen Williams, Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN:- Councillor V Stephens (Leader)

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.

Councillors Hamer-Thomas, Councillor Horton.

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.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the Events and Environment Committee Meeting 21st July 2020.

The minutes were approved and signed by the committee chair. The clerk updated the committee in respect of items 4 and 5 on the minutes, and Members approved both items being dealt with in 2021 due to covid-19.

4. To discuss Town Council Winter 2020 community activities.

The committee RESOLVED that to put public health and public safety first the Winter event programme is cancelled for 2020. Members instructed the Clerk to contact the six primary schools to discuss the possibility of town council providing selection boxes. Clerk to liaise with Morrison's regarding supplies.

5. To consider a proposal from the Integrated Wellbeing Network.

The Clerk provided the committee with brief details of a proposal for activity in the community, and reported that advice has been received from the Arts Council for Wales that in light of recent covid-19 developments all community activity has been suspended. The committee will revisit this item in the future.

6. To agree the 2020 festive lighting illumination period.

RESOLVED to switch on the lights Saturday 28th November 2020 and switch off Saturday 9th January 2021. The committee instructed the clerk to liaise with JS Lee regarding the possibility of a picket fence around the Christmas Tree in Bargoed. The Clerk reported that CCBC has completed the groundwork at the Miners Heads, and that the orders have been placed for the three additional lamp post sockets for Gilfach ward. CCBC also confirmed the columns are scheduled for erection as soon as a Hiab crane vehicle is available.

The clerk also reported that the new silhouettes have been ordered and the deposit paid; and Elsbury has been paid for the purchase of the additional string lights and tree lights. The clerk will provide Elsbury with lamp post numbers and the details of the switch on/off period over the coming weeks which will enable the installation plans to be confirmed.

7. To discuss arrangements for installation of lamp post poppies & poppy displays.

The clerk reported that Aberbargoed & Gilfach Ward Members are dealing with their respective lamp post poppies, and that no formal advice has been received from the Royal British Legion regarding the cenotaph. The committee discussed the display in Bargoed and it was agreed that the Mayor will liaise with the clerk regarding arrangements for installation of the poppies in the town centre.

8. To receive the Welsh Government Decarbonisation Programme Newsletter August 2020.

Members received the Newsletter and briefly discussed the Town Council environmental activities that aim to reduce their carbon footprint. The Mayor reported on progress with the community orchard on the Park estate and the committee agreed to continue with their priority of expanding the floral displays throughout the remaining three wards, planting pollinators where possible.

9. To consider planter quotations and agree a way forward with the floral display project.

The clerk confirmed that this year's displays will all be removed over the next few days. The committee reviewed the quotations for additional planters and RESOLVED to approve the expenditure of £3,673.28. Members RESOLVED to reallocate the Ice Rink budget to continue with the floral display project with unspent budget being allocated as earmarked reserves for the 2021 floral displays. The committee instructed the clerk to liaise with CCBC in respect of removal of the dead tree outside the old Spar shop in Bargoed.

10. To discuss the Town Council garden at the North of Bargoed.

A long conversation was held about the garden with Members considering both short- and long-term solutions. Two Members agreed to produce a short-term solution that will be able to maintain the area. In the longer term, the committee instructed the clerk to seek community input into potential proposals for a piece of artwork to be commissioned by the town council.

Date of next meeting 5pm Thursday 15th October 2020

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