

6. To receive DRAFT Minutes of the Events & Environment Committee meeting 15th October 2020.

The Meeting received the draft minutes and discussed their content. Members expressed concern about the Christmas Tree being located at Bargoed square and RESOLVED to instruct the chair of the Events & Environment committee call a special meeting to revisit the festive arrangements.

A Member suggested that full council consider a permanent solution to the garden at the North of Bargoed Town Centre rather than planting on an annual basis. Members discussed this project at some length and RESOLVED to instruct the Events & Environment Committee to revisit this project also.

7. To receive a report from One Voice Wales area committee and One Voice Wales larger councils committee, and review member representatives on One Voice Wales committees.

Cllr Morgan and the Clerk briefed the meeting on the main issues raised at both One Voice Wales committees and provided Members with two PowerPoint presentations on the future of town centres. The Clerk advised that the other Member delegated to attend these meetings will not be able to attend the larger councils committee due to the meetings being held in the daytime when he is at work. Members agreed Cllr Morgan would attend both committees in the first instance and should he be unavailable, the Mayor would work with the clerk to find a replacement representative.

Cllr Morgan advised he will circulate meeting minutes to Members town council email addresses.

8. To receive feedback from the town and community council's liaison committee.

Cllr Llewellyn and the clerk attended. Cllr Llewellyn advised it was a very interesting meeting with a report from the Public Services Body representative. Members were encouraged to look at the Public Health Wales website for a publication "Building a Healthier Gwent". The TCCLC subscriptions for 2020/21 are to be deferred. Members RESOLVED the virement of these funds towards festive lighting. Cllr Llewellyn advised that the questions being sent to CCBC for the forthcoming liaison committee meeting include winter provision for gritting services and an update on the CCBC 2021 budget in terms of anything that may impact on town council.

9. Items from the Clerk:

- 9.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payments list (to be signed by the Mayor) and discuss additional banking services.

RESOLVED to approve and sign the bank reconciliation and payments list. RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to apply for a debit card with a limit of £1,000. Any expenditure over £1,000 to be authorised by full council.

- 9.2 To consider items of correspondence.

RESOLVED Clerk to advise Aneurin Bevan CHC that priorities for 2021-22 annual plan should include Mental Health Services and Cancer Care.

One Voice Wales training info was noted.

Anti-social behaviour communication and Country Park communication both issues have been dealt with by Members.

Older People's Commissioner Newsletter was received.

Planning Aid Wales training noted.

RESOLVED not to apply for a defibrillator.

RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to thank the resident for the enquiry about the Bargoed Awards and advise that Town Council are considering their options for business awards in all four wards of Greater Bargoed.

- 9.3 To consider planning applications.

Case Ref. 20/0739/COU **Site Area:** 460m²
Location: 47 - 48 High Street Bargoed CF81 8RD (UPRN 000043164506)
Proposal: Change the use from A1 to D2/A1/A3
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones ☎ 01443 864528 ✉ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Bargoed **Map Ref:** 315061 (E) 199948 (N)

Community Council: Bargoed Town Council **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Members discussed the location of this premises and RESOLVED Neighbours views.

Case Ref. 20/0733/COU **Site Area:** 378m²
Location: 28 - 29 High Street Bargoed CF81 8RB (UPRN 000043032621)
Proposal: Change the use of first floor from A1 shops to C3 Residential to create 4 No. self-contained flats
Case Officer: Mr C Powell ☎ 01443 864424 ✉ powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Bargoed **Map Ref:** 315125 (E) 199805 (N)

Community Council: Bargoed Town Council **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Neighbours Views

Case Ref. 20/0732/FULL **Site Area:** 1478m²
Location: Gwerthonor House Gwerthonor Place Gilfach Bargoed CF81 8LL (UPRN 000043088497)
Proposal: Erect 1 No. detached bungalow in grounds of existing dwelling
Case Officer: Mr J Cooke ☎ 01443 864347 ✉ cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Gilfach **Map Ref:** 315271 (E) 198354 (N)

Community Council: Bargoed Town Council **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Case Ref. 20/0614/FULL **Site Area:** 364m²
Location: 15 Moorland Road Bargoed CF81 8UH (UPRN 000043023682)
Proposal: Erect single storey extension
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones ☎ 01443 864528 ✉ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Bargoed **Map Ref:** 314625 (E) 199631 (N)

Community Council: Bargoed Town Council **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Case Ref. 20/0827/FULL **Site Area:** 1225m²
Location: Land At Grid Ref 314611 200342 Upper North Road Bargoed (UPRN 000043084916)
Proposal: Erect detached dwelling with integral garage and new access
Case Officer: Mr A Pyne ☎ 01443 864523 ✉ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Bargoed **Map Ref:** 314661 (E) 200342 (N)

Community Council: Bargoed Town Council **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Case Ref. 20/0782/FULL **Site Area:** 259m²
Location: 4 Elm Street Aberbargoed Bargoed CF81 9FD (UPRN 000043032764)
Proposal: Erect single storey extension to side of property
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones ☎ 01443 864528 ✉ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Aberbargoed **Map Ref:** 315657 (E) 199946 (N)

Community Council: Bargoed Town Council **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Case Ref. 20/0762/FULL **Site Area:** 352m²
Location: 29 Highfield Crescent Aberbargoed Bargoed CF81 9DW (UPRN 000043003684)
Proposal: Erect two storey extension to side and rear
Case Officer: Mr M W Jones ☎ 01443 864528 ✉ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Aberbargoed **Map Ref:** 315822 (E) 200641 (N)

Community Council: Bargoed Town Council **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Case Ref. 20/0685/FULL **Site Area:** 1782m²
Location: Land At Grid Ref 316548 200672 Adj To 1 Pen-Y-Waun Cottages Heol-Y-Bedw-Hirion Bedwellty (UPRN 000043085993)
Proposal: Erect 4 bedroom detached dwelling
Case Officer: Miss E Rowley ☎ 01443 864776 ✉ rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Aberbargoed **Map Ref:** 316548 (E) 200672 (N)

Community Council: Bargoed Town Council **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated

Neighbours Views.

- 9.4 To receive the Independent Remuneration Panel draft report and discuss 2021 budget implications.
Members RESOLVED the following:
Determination 39 – to note the changes to the reimbursement of care costs and continue to set aside earmarked reserves. The real living wage was noted as £8.72 per hour (April 2020)
Determination 40 – no action needed as this is mandatory for all members unless they specifically opt out in writing.
Determination 41 – does not currently apply to Bargoed Town Council as it is currently in council group B.
Determination 42 – members recognise council is growing and demands on committee chairs are likely to increase; therefore council will make available up to £400 for the chair of the Events and Environment Committee and the chair of the Policy and Resources Committee in 2020-21.
Determination 43 & 44 – council will set aside a budget of £500 in 2020/21 to reimburse Members travel and subsistence expenses for approved duties.
Determination 45 – no budget allocated
Determination 46 – a Mayor’s Allowance of £1,400 to be in place for 2020/21
Determination 47 – no deputy Mayor allowance
Determination 48 – noted.

- 9.5 To discuss the use of electronic meeting documents.
RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to carry out a survey of Members views on this issue and report back to council at the next meeting.
- 9.6 To set up a sub-committee with delegated powers to complete the consultation on Welsh Government's policy approach to establish regulations on the procedure for preparing Strategic Development Plans (SDPs) and associated matters.
RESOLVED to appoint Councillors Morgan, Carroll and Llewellyn to undertake this piece of work on behalf of Town Council.
10. **To receive a report on foodbank provision and Covid-19 relief.**
Members discussed the impact of the coronavirus on the local community and applauded the community response to date. Several Members expressed concern about the level of demand on foodbank provision; the number of families living in poverty as a result of Coronavirus and felt it was essential for Town Council to support the continued provision of this service. RESOLVED to make a grant of £780 to the Fare Share foodbank scheme in Bargoed currently based at St Gwladys Church Hall, and to closely monitor Covid19 developments with a view to revisiting foodbank provision early in 2021.
The Clerk advised council that the remaining spending limit for 2020 under the LGA 2000 and 1972 s137 has not been reached.
Local Government Act 2000 s2
11. **To receive a verbal report from the chair of the Policy & Resources committee along with draft minutes from the Committee meeting 8th October and its recommendations to council for the draft 2020-21 budget.**
The draft minutes were received by Members.
The Committee chair briefed the meeting on the draft budget discussions for 2020/21 and made the following recommendations to council:
A 5% inflationary uplift to be applied to core running costs;
Earmarked reserves for care costs to be increased annually by £1,000 until a £10,000 budget is reached;
Earmarked reserves of £5,000 per annum for new/replacement festive lighting;
A growth fund of £2,500 to be established for new projects;
Earmarked reserves of £5,000 to be set aside in 2020/21 budget to support the costs of town council elections in 2022.
RESOLVED to adopt the budget recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee.
- The committee chair also spoke about Members concern expressed about low footfall in the town centre, and the recommendation that full council request a meeting with CCBC officers regarding town centre management activity. RESOLVED clerk to contact CCBC.
- Date of next meeting 25th November 2020.
- The Mayor thanked all Members for their input and congratulated them on their use of the new technology.
- The meeting closed at 7.30pm
- Signed: _____