



## **Bargoed Town Council**

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### **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 27th January 2021.**

Present: Councillors R Carroll; J Halvey; J Bissex; D Price; A Higgs; H Llewellyn; S Horton;  
D Morgan; L Harding.

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk

Meeting Chairman: Councillor R Carroll, Mayor

### **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 S Hamer-Thomas; J Davies

### **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 Harding declared an interest in planning; Councillor Higgs declared an interest in planning; Councillor Carroll declared an interest in item 10 in respect of grant applications from allotment associations.

### **1. To receive and approve the minutes of the special Full Council meeting 21st January 2021.**

A Member sought the Mayor's permission to speak regarding Member absences recorded in the draft minutes. The Member proposed a motion for Town Council to request a schedule of meetings from Caerphilly County Borough Council and for scheduling of committee meetings at Town Council to take the county schedule into consideration. RESOLVED to request a schedule

of meetings from Caerphilly County Borough Council, and where possible plan committee meetings mindfully of the schedule.

The Mayor sought input from Members on the draft minutes of the special full council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021. RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting (Councillor Llewellyn moved, Councillor Morgan seconded). The Mayor signed the minutes in the presence of Members at the meeting.

## **2. To instruct the clerk in respect of the precept demand to Caerphilly County Borough Council for 2021-22.**

The Mayor requested a show of hands in respect of confirming the precept demand of £124,887 to Caerphilly County Borough Council to support budgeted activities for 2021-22. Members voted unanimously and RESOLVED to instruct to communicate the precept demand to Caerphilly County Borough Council as requested before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

## **3. To receive a verbal report from the Clerk.**

The Clerk advised Members of an absence of physical mail and an incredible increase in email communication since the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Clerk reported that following an enquiry from a member of the public, Members will shortly be provided with a map of rights of way in the area and as requested by Members, officers have been invited to attend a future meeting of council to discuss town centre management.

Gelligaer & Merthyr Commoners Association advised of Welsh Government Rural Development Programme funding for a new project beginning this month to focus on landscape crime, public engagement and habitat restoration and creation.

Welsh Government notification of the window for by-elections to be moved to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth request for permission to provide public access to archived copies of the town council website. The clerk explained that as this information was in the public domain, unless Members have specific objections the clerk sees no reason not to grant permission. Members fully supported the request.

Communication received from Councillor Llewellyn and his wife thanking the Town Council for their golden wedding anniversary floral display.

The clerk reported having been made aware by the Mayor that a written notice of resignation has been received from a Member.

Councillor Collis joined the meeting at this point.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6.35pm due to the Clerk becoming unwell while giving the verbal report. The meeting will be reconvened at the earliest opportunity.