

Bargoed Town Council

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 24th March 2021.

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

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk

Meeting Chairman: Councillor R Carroll, Mayor

1. To welcome Bronwyn Satterly, Community Engagement Officer at Gwent Police to the meeting.

The officer will attend the next meeting of council.

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, Councillor J Halvey.

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 Price declared an interest in agenda item 9.

2. To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting 25th February 2021.

Moved by Cllr Price, Seconded by Cllr Davies.

Minutes signed by the Mayor at the meeting in the presence of Members.

3. To receive a verbal report from the Mayor

The Mayor advised the final six fruit trees of this planting season will be added to the community orchard tomorrow. He reported being made aware of anti-social behaviour and damage in the grandstand area of Bargoed Park; and of increased police activity in the area to control the situation. A resident has expressed concern to the Mayor about the lack of CCTV in the grandstand area. The Mayor asked for Members' thoughts on CCTV in the area. Members RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to write to Caerphilly County Borough Council about the possibility of CCTV in the vicinity of the grandstand area in Bargoed Park.

4. To receive the External Auditors' notice of conclusion of audit 2019-2020.

The Annual Return and notice of conclusion of audit from the external auditor for the financial year 2019-2020 was presented to Council. Members accepted the notice and RESOLVED to display the notice of conclusion of audit on the website for a 14-day period in accordance with Section 29 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

5. To consider adoption of the One Voice Wales Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils.

RESOLVED to adopt the Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils.

6. Items from the Clerk/RFO:

a.To receive, consider and authorise the bank reconciliation and payments list.

Members reviewed the bank reconciliation and RESOLVED to approve its signature by the Mayor. Members RESOLVED to authorise the following payments: Mobile phone £12.00; Salary & related costs £1,687.08; Lloyds Bank £7.50; One Voice Wales (Member Training)£240.00; Stationery £34.08.

b.To note the Local Government Pension Scheme contribution rates 2021-22.

RESOLVED to approve the employee pension contribution rate of 5.8% and maintain the employer contribution rate of 18.4% with effect from April 2021.

c.To receive information regarding a webinar by the Coal Authority.

RESOLVED – clerk to circulate the invitation email to interested Members for the webinar of 5pm 15th April 2021.

d.To discuss ward areas for notification to the CCBC cleansing team for week commencing 26th April 2021.

RESOLVED – clerk to advise the cleansing team of the following:

- i) the area to the rear of Bargoed Bowling club
- ii) the steps alongside Jak's bar, opposite the post office in Bargoed
- iii) the lane area at the rear of West Street in Bargoed

e.To note the Fareshare Foodbank distribution report and consider support. Members noted the statistics.

7. To receive notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council of proposed provision and amendments to traffic orders at various locations within the Aberbargoed and Bargoed wards.

Members reviewed and noted the content of the traffic order amendments.

8. Other items (as circulated to Members electronically):

- a. Electoral Commission Newsletter Feb 2021 noted
- b. Aneurin Bevan Health Board Vaccination Newsletter noted

Councillor Price left the meeting prior to item 9.

9. To co-opt a new Member to fill the vacancy at the Bargoed Ward.

Members considered the expressions of interest in the vacancy and RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Peter Collins to the Bargoed ward.

Councillor Harding left the meeting prior to item 10.

10. To receive planning applications:

Case Ref: 21/0149/Full; 11 Vere Street Gilfach Bargoed CF818LB (UPRN 00004303414). Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension. Gilfach ward. Map Ref: 315232 (E) 198318 (N)

No objections, neighbours views to be taken into consideration.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28th April 2021.

The meeting was closed at 19.00pm