



Bargoed Town Council

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 28th April 2021.

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

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk and one member of the public.

Meeting Chairman: Councillor R Carroll, Mayor

1. To welcome Gwent Police to the meeting.

The Clerk extended apologies to Members about agenda item one. Arrangements will be made for the June 2021 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; Councillors Davies and Bissex are experiencing technical difficulties and will join the meeting as soon as they are able to connect.

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.

2. To co-opt a new Member to the Bargoed Ward.

The Mayor welcomed Mr Collins to the meeting. Mr Collins signed his declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Proper Officer. The Town Clerk, as Proper Officer to the Council, signed the declaration in the presence of the meeting.

Councillor Collins joined the meeting at this point.

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting 24th March 2021.

Minutes moved as a true record by Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Horton. The Mayor signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

4. To receive a verbal report from the Mayor

The Mayor advised Members of concern regarding the floral displays at the town hall and in front of the Miners heads that he maintains on behalf of town council. There has been a sharp increase in the cost of plants, and while the Mayor is happy to continue to donate the compost, he requests support from town council with the plants. RESOLVED £250 budget allocated.

Advising Members that this would be the last full council meeting with him as Mayor, thanks were extended to all Members for their support over the past two years, and a suggestion was made that Members consider a civic awards ceremony at the end of the year to recognise members of the public who have gone above and beyond to support their local community throughout the pandemic. Members were in support of the proposal. The Events and Environment Committee to look at the item after the Summer recess.

5. Items from the Clerk/RFO:

a. To receive, consider and authorise the March '21 bank reconciliation and the financial year end 2020-21 bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED to approve both reconciliations. Mayor signed the documents in the presence of the meeting.

b. To receive an update on Employers' pension contributions and approve the April '21 payments list.

Clerk informed Members of the 17.9% rate for 2021-22.

RESOLVED to approve payments as follows: Payroll & related costs (Mar) £1836.76; Viking £34.08; BT £75.05; Lloyds Bank £7.00; Insurance policies £2,299.67; Payroll & related costs (Apr) £1,483.20; Member Training £180.00; Website maintenance £240.00; Audit Wales £263.95; One Voice Wales £1,881.00. Payments list signed by the Mayor in the presence of the meeting.

Councillor Davies and Councillor Bissex both joined the meeting at this point.

c. To receive a report from the clerk in respect of remote working hubs and consider how to proceed.

The Clerk provided Members with an update following discussions with Hefin David's office, and advised of recent information from the police and crime commissioners office in respect of office accommodation currently used by town council. Members were encouraged to access the Welsh Government website to put pins in the electronic map, and to encourage residents also to participate. This item will be revisited at the next meeting.

d. To receive guidance regarding Members Allowances for 2021-22.

The Clerk reminded Members of the mandatory £150 gross annual allowance for all Town Councillors, and their obligation to inform her in writing if they intend on refusing the allowance.

e. To consider CCBC Database of Town Centre businesses.

Members consented to the town council contact details being included on the database.

f. To consider correspondence in respect of Bargoed Happiness & Wellbeing Centre.

Information was provided to Members by the Clerk. No recommendations to be made at this time.

6. To revisit town council representation at Aberbargoed primary school considering new information.

The Mayor updated the meeting regarding additional communication with the Education Achievement Service. Councillor Collis advised Members he has joined the governing body at Aberbargoed Primary School as Local Authority Representative. Councillor Halvey to remain Town Council representative.

7. To consider a proposal from Aberbargoed Ward Member for a potential new project.

Councillor Halvey spoke about his observations during furlough and sought Members views on potential town council activity moving forward. Members will revisit the item once further coronavirus progress has been achieved.

8. To receive a verbal report from an Aberbargoed Ward Member in respect of the Yew Street Park at the rear of Cwrt Coch Street.

Councillor Halvey advised Members of concern about access and facilities for younger children. The meeting requested county ward Members liaise with CCBC and report back to the next meeting of town council.

9. To receive draft minutes from:

- a. The Events & Environment Committee Meeting 10th March 2021 - noted
- b. The Policy & Resources Committee Meeting 25th March 2021 - noted

10. To receive a brief verbal report from the Member delegated to:

a. CCBC/Town Council Liaison Committee

Councillor Llewellyn spoke about both meetings; of an increasing focus on the public services board; Welsh Government development of corporate joint committees (CJC's), and the general direction of policy.

b. Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council & Integrated Wellbeing Network

Councillor Morgan spoke about the activity of the health council and the large number of surveys being conducted by the health board about patient experience, appointments, waiting times etc. Nothing further to report currently.

11. Other items

Members noted the content of the following:

- a. Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Vaccination Update
- b. Macmillan Statistical report
- c. Integrated wellbeing network e-bulletin March '21
- d. Climate change newsletter March '21
- e. Aneurin bevan health board CHC Winter Patients Voice news bulletin
- f. Gwent Public Service board Local Assessment & 2023-28 wellbeing plan
- g. CCBC update on the management of waste recycling sites

Councillor Harding left the meeting prior to item 12.

12. To receive planning applications:

Case Ref. 21/0169/FULL Site Area: 716m² Location: 80 Hillside Park Bargoed CF81 8NL (UPRN 000043022396) Proposal: Erect garage to rear of the property Case Officer: Mike Jones ☐ 01443 864528 ☐ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Gilfach Map Ref: 314900 (E) 198652 (N)

No objections made by town council. Residents' views to be considered.

Case Ref. 21/0230/FULL Site Area: 130m² Location: 3 Thomas Street Gilfach Bargoed CF81 8JH (UPRN 000043031203) Proposal: Demolish existing garage and erect new detached domestic garage Case Officer: Mike Jones ☐ 01443 864528 ☐ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Gilfach Map Ref: 315283 (E) 198559 (N)

No objections, neighbours' views to be taken into consideration.

The meeting was closed at 19.00pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th May 2021.

Signed: _____ Date: _____