



Bargoed Town Council

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DRAFT Unapproved Minutes of the Annual Meeting 26th May 2021.

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

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk.

1. To elect a Mayor for the Council Year 2021/22.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor H Llewellyn as Mayor for 2021-22.

2. To receive the Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor signed his declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the proper officer and chaired the meeting from this point forward.

3. To elect a Deputy Mayor for the Council Year 2021/22.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor D Price as Deputy Mayor for 2021-22.

4. 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

5. To receive 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 made.

6. To receive a report from the retiring Mayor as circulated to Members electronically prior to the meeting.

Councillor Carroll gave a verbal report thanking all Members for their tremendous support throughout his term of office. He expressed appreciation for the confidence Members had shown in him in asking him to continue in office for the second year and spoke about the wonderful time he has had as Mayor. Some of the highlights being the presentation at a 100th birthday, the Community Orchard project and the events delivered by council. Councillor Carroll spoke about the huge challenges brought about by the pandemic and applauded the way Members have adapted and embraced technology to continue the work of town council.

Councillor Price thanked Councillor Carroll on behalf of town council advising he has done such a lot, the work he has put in to improving the community and his achievements have been exceptional. He is leaving very big boots for the new Mayor to fill. Councillor Price expressed her pleasure in working with the retiring Mayor.

7. To receive an address from the newly elected Mayor.

The Mayor expressed great pleasure and pride in accepting the office of Mayor of Bargoed Town Council. He spoke about the difficult last 15 months and his hope that Town Council can begin to deliver the events that the people of Greater Bargoed have come to expect, although these will likely be in slightly different formats. He told Members he will do his very best to uphold the high standards of the previous Mayors, and explained he believes a challenging year is ahead, but with Members support he feels certain Council will achieve their aims and would encourage all Members to become involved in committees to make meetings run smoothly.

Finally, the Mayor offered his thanks to Councillor Carroll for being such a good Mayor over the last two years. He has made it a hard act to follow.

Councillor Bissex joined the meeting at this point.

8. To appoint Committees as follows:

Policy & Resources Committee – RESOLVED Councillors Llewellyn, Morgan, Halvey, Price, Collis, Collins, Harding, Higgs, Carroll (Chair).

Events & Environment Committee RESOLVED Councillors Davies, Llewellyn, Carroll, Collis, Horton, Hamer-Thomas, Halvey, Bissex, Collins, Higgs, Price (Committee chair)

Human Resources & Staffing Committee RESOLVED Councillors Carroll, Halvey, Davies, Price, Llewellyn (Mayor to chair)

9. To review and re-approve Committee Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED to re-approve Committee Terms of Reference.

10. To consider terms of reference and appoint a Community Engagement Committee.

RESOLVED to approve terms of reference and appoint Councillors Price, Davies, Carroll, Llewellyn.

11. To re-adopt Town Council Standing Orders as circulated to Members electronically prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED to re-adopt Standing Orders for 2021-22.

12. To re-adopt Town Council Financial Regulations as circulated to Members electronically prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED to re-adopt Financial Regulations for 2021-22.

13. To re-adopt the Town Council Risk Assessment noting the separate risk assessment in relation to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

RESOLVED to approve and re-adopt the Town Council Risk Assessment and to approve the Coronavirus Risk Assessment.

14. To appoint representatives to:

Members RESOLVED to appoint the following Members to other bodies:

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council – Councillor Morgan

Gwent Integrated Wellbeing Network - Councillors Morgan, Bissex

Town and Community Councils Liaison – Councillors Llewellyn, Carroll

CCBC and Town Councils Liaison Committee – Councillors Llewellyn, Carroll

Ysgol Bro Sannan, Aberbargoed – Clerk to contact head teacher

St Gwladys Bargoed Primary School – Councillor Collins

One Voice Wales Area Committee – Councillor Morgan

One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee Councillor Morgan

15. To consider the Town Council Insurance arrangements.

RESOLVED to confirm the insurance broker and approve insurance arrangements.

16. To consider and approve the payment of direct debits and other regular payments.

RESOLVED to approve the regular payments list for 2021-22. The Mayor signed the document in the presence of Members.

17. To receive a verbal update from the Clerk on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021; agree the council's approach to meetings for 2021-22 and approve the meeting schedule.

The Clerk explained administrative changes in respect of meetings and electronic documents including the circulation of draft unapproved minutes. Members considered social distancing and technology implications of hybrid meetings along with the recommendations of One Voice Wales and RESOLVED virtual meetings will continue for the foreseeable future. Members RESOLVED to approve the meeting schedule for 2021-22.

The Mayor thanked all Members for their attendance and their active participation in the meeting. The meeting closed at 19.15pm

Date of next meeting of Full Council Wednesday 30th June 2021.

Signed: _____ Date: _____