



Bargoed Town Council

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 30th June 2021.

Present: Councillors R Carroll; J Halvey; H Llewellyn; D Price; A Higgs; S Horton; D Morgan; P Collins; A Collis; J Davies; J Bissex, S Hamer-Thomas.

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk.

1. To welcome Gwent Police to the meeting.

Members welcomed Inspector Lysha Thompson to the meeting.

Inspector Thompson provided Members with a synopsis of her career to date and her previous experience working from Bargoed. She advised she has a very strong, experienced team at Bargoed and while there are lots of challenges, she is confident the closer everyone works together more positive results will be felt in the local area. Inspector Thompson advised over the past four weeks there has been a slight increase in crime as things have started opening back up and a slight decrease in anti-social behaviour. There has been no repeat of issues at Bargoed Park and her team is working closely with the rugby club. A very tragic, fatal road traffic accident happened in Gilfach in recent weeks and everyone's thoughts are with the families involved. A successful drugs warrant was actioned in Llancayo Street, Bargoed. In respect of Morrison's, an environmental visual audit has been carried out with 11 recommendations, two of which the police will be dealing with and the rest are in the hands of Morrison's. Their management team is receptive and Inspector Thompson reported feeling quite positive. Follow up meeting 9th July and the Inspector will keep Town Council updated.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Thompson for her very informative report and sought questions from Members.

Q – request for officers to show a presence in the area in front of the Miners heads due to the public being disturbed by footballs.

Q – could clarification be provided to Town Council on the no drinking zones? Inspector to forward up to date list to clerk.

Q – Town Council has arranged for skateboarding lessons to be delivered for teenagers throughout the Summer holidays. Could PCSO's attend and engage with young people. Clerk to provide dates to Inspector Thompson.

Inspector Thompson advised of Anti-social behaviour week 19th – 25th July 2021. Many activities have been arranged. Friday 23rd July from 12 noon to 10pm there will be an event in Bargoed Park which will move through the town centre, to Gilfach and Morrisons. Members are requested to participate.

Inspector Thompson left the meeting at this point.

2. 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 L Harding; Councillor A Higgs.

Councillor A Collis advised he will be joining the meeting late.

3. 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 received.

4. Press and Public Participation Session.

No enquiries received for this meeting of full council.

5. To approve and sign Minutes of the Full Council meeting 20th May 2021 and Annual meeting held on 26th May 2021.

Councillor Price moved; Councillor Carroll seconded the minutes of 20th May 2021 as an accurate record.

Councillor Price moved; Councillor Horton seconded the minutes of 26th May 2021 as a true record.

Both sets of Minutes were signed by the mayor in the presence of the meeting.

6. To receive a verbal report from the mayor.

Town Council meeting with the police and crime commissioner 18th June 2021 was extremely positive.

Councillors Price, Carroll, Collins also attended. Rates and Utilities invoice outstanding for 2020/21 of £2,239.62 now received.

Visit to Taraggan educational gardens wellbeing event was well attended. The mayor applauded Mr Pritchard for his and his small team of volunteers' work at the gardens. Mr Pritchard is an excellent ambassador for the organisation. The mayor thanked those members who attended.

The mayor advised he will be responding to an enquiry from a local businessman about joining the council by making a visit to the business in the coming few weeks.

Councillor Collis joined the meeting at this point.

The mayor reported once again being disappointed at the liaison committee about the amount of time being used discussing the public service board. However, Members may be interested to note that the committee has asked for CCBC to reconsider the street lighting with a view to switching them back on.

7. To consider the Rhymney Valley Foodbank.

RESOLVED to authorise a grant of £600 to the Rhymney Valley Foodbank.

LGA 2000 s2

8. To receive reports from the Public Services Board meeting of June 2021 and the Newsletter from the Older Person's Commissioner.

Contents Noted.

9. To receive a verbal report from the Clerk and approve the bank account application.

The Clerk updated Members as follows:

- No response from GP surgery to meeting invitation. A follow up invitation will be sent in coming weeks.
- Aberbargoed clock is expected to be replaced mid-August.
- Reopening the public toilets is being progressed with heads of terms and purchase orders being dealt with by CCBC.
- CCBC Area Community Education Team and the Youth Service are delivering an event for teenagers in Bargoed Park Thursday 12th August 12-3pm. The team will be holding an engagement session in front of Greggs on Tuesday 10th August 12.30-3.30pm. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Local Places for Nature officer from One Voice Wales meeting with council will take place Tuesday 20th July 5.30pm.
- Approval is sought from Council to apply to Unity Trust Bank. Members RESOLVED to proceed with the application without delay.

10. To review and approve the bank reconciliation and payments list.

Clerk explained the bank and cashbook reconciliation to Members. Expenditure this month £4,918.99, balance at bank £86,404.23. Members RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation. Members RESOLVED to approve the following payments: ICO registration renewal £35; Bank charges £8.70; Mobile phone £12.17; Member Training £60; Ink £97.16; Salary & related costs £1804.21; PAT testing £46.73; Special delivery £7.65; Plants £184.55.

11. To receive minutes from One Voice Wales larger councils committee.

Received. No comments from Members on this occasion.

12. To consider planning applications.

Case Ref. 21/0365/FULL Site Area: 1028m²

Location: Land at the Bungalow Pant Street Aberbargoed CF81 9BB (UPRN 000043087334)

Proposal: Erect detached 3 bedroom dwelling

Case Officer: Elizabeth Rowley 01443 864776 rowlee@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Aberbargoed Map Ref: 315530 (E) 200267 (N)

No objections from Members. The views of neighbours to be considered.

The mayor thanked all Members for their input in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 19.40pm

Date of next meeting of Full Council Wednesday 28th July 2021.

Signed: _____ Date: _____