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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 30th March 2022.

Present: Councillors R Carroll; H Llewellyn; P Collins; J Bissex; A Collis; J Davies; S Horton; R Price, D Price.

Also in Attendance: Inspector L Thompson; Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk. ; Mr G Davies, Assistant Clerk

Meeting Chairman: Councillor H Llewellyn (Mayor)

1. To receive a report from Gwent Police.

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Thompson to the meeting and thanked her for her report and blog which were circulated to Members electronically prior to the meeting.

The Inspector advised of an overall increase in crime in the Bargoed area over the past month, but nothing of any major alarm to report. There has been an increase in off road bike incidents, which is something of a seasonal challenge but the team are working with partners to manage these.

Inspector Thompson asked if Members would like to ask questions on the content of the two reports presented to them.

Councillor Carroll advised he will email the Inspector with information.

Councillor Collis thanked the inspector for the efforts of her team in Aberbargoed advising off-road bikes had been a big problem in the area but was under control now thanks in part to her team effort.

Councillor Llewellyn advised of issues at the basin in Gilfach with groups of youths congregating and littering. Inspector Thompson advised her team were aware of the issue and would be increasing patrols in and around the basin area.

Councillor Collins advised of the theft of 6 of the eight fruit trees planted in Aberbargoed in the past three weeks.

Inspector Thompson left the meeting at 18.10pm

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 Hamer-Thomas; Councillor L Harding

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. (Members of the public who wish to speak on any item on the agenda should contact the Clerk prior to the meeting)
No enquiries.

5. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the monthly meeting of Council 23rd February 2022.
Councillor Horton moved the minutes as a true record of the meeting; Councillor Price seconded.
The Mayor signed the minutes during the meeting.
6. Mayor's report.
The Mayor reminded members of his donation of the mayor's allowance balance of £1350 to the Ystrad Mynach Hospital Breast Cancer Unit appeal fund. A photograph has been uploaded to the town council social media page.
7. To receive draft unapproved minutes and a verbal report from the Events & Environment Committee meeting 10th March 2022.
The committee chair provided a synopsis of the meeting and invited the clerk to update members on recent news relating to minute reference 5a in respect of the Jubilee events. The clerk advised a successful grant application to the Big Lottery Community Fund with an award of £5,200 for the jubilee activities.
Minute reference 6 – Members advised a deadline of 11th 12th May for the collection of donated crochet flowers for the town centre.
The chair thanked members for their work on the committee and wished everyone well for the future.
8. To confirm mayor selection procedure as reviewed at previous meeting.
New procedure confirmed.
9. Items from the Clerk:
 - a. To review and approve the bank reconciliation and payments list
Bank rec and payments list approved and signed by the mayor in the presence of the meeting
 - b. Remembrance Wreaths.
RESOLVED to include the town council crest on the wreaths.
 - c. One Voice Wales Membership letter. (circulated electronically)
Noted
 - d. CCTV justification request. (circulated electronically)
A statement supporting the continued use of CCTV in Aberbargoed ward to be emailed to CCBC as a matter of urgency.
 - e. Election notices
The clerk confirmed notice were displayed in the four wards on 28th March 2022 with the deadline for nominations 4pm on 5th April 2022.
 - f. Insurance renewal
The clerk reviewed the recommendation from the town council broker advising of a sharp increase in premium. Members examined the details and RESOLVED to renew in this instance with a view to trawling wider for further comparisons next year in an attempt to secure a multi-year deal once again.
 - g. Internal audit arrangements
The clerk confirmed arrangements are in place for the accounting records to be with the internal auditor week commencing 11th April.
 - h. Annual report
The clerk thanked all members for their input into the annual report. The graphic design specialist will be working with staff to finish the formatting and the report will be published the week after the elections.
 - i. Induction training for members
The clerk confirmed arrangements have now been made for induction training.
10. To receive a presentation from Wales Co-Operative Centre on town centre developments as presented to the One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee Meeting. (circulated electronically)

Noted. Members are welcome to contact the clerk if they wish to view the presentation on screen in the town hall. The item will be put onto an agenda for the new council consideration.

In accordance with Standing Order 11, the following item is Confidential, therefore not open to the public.

11. To receive confidential minutes of the Human Resources & Staffing committee meeting 9th March 2022.

As chair of the committee, the Mayor spoke about the meeting and confirmed that Aneurin Bevan Health Board have approved funding for an additional 7 hours per week for the Assistant Clerk to work on wellbeing initiatives for the town council. The SLA will be in place for one year and will enable the town council to facilitate more wellbeing activities with the Integrated Wellbeing Network for Bargoed.

The Mayor encouraged all members to bring any wellbeing ideas to the assistant clerk for discussion at the network.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 19.00hrs.