



## Bargoed Town Council

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### Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023.

Present: Councillors H Llewellyn; P Collins; J Bissex; J Davies; D Ingram-Jones; S Hamer-Thomas; DT Williams; C Andrews; R Price; M Ingram-Jones.

Also in Attendance:; PC D Evans (Gwent Police Neighbourhood Team); PC H Rowlands (Gwent Police) Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk

Youth Representative: Cameron Jones.

Meeting Chairman: Councillor H Llewellyn (Mayor)

The mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the visitors to introduce themselves prior to giving their reports.

1. To receive a presentation from the "We don't buy crime" team and review the monthly Police Report.

Gwent Police Monthly to town council was reviewed by officers and questions taken from Members who noted progress with operation Harley, high police visibility around Morrison's supermarket and anti-social behaviour statistics having plateau'd during the previous month. The team continue to work with the supermarket on the possible installation of an ANPR camera, and it is hoped there will be a joint site visit in Aberbargoed between CCBC and Gwent Police 13<sup>th</sup> July to look at preventative measures for access of off road bikes to yew street park.

The safer neighbourhoods project was discussed with smart water tagging of personal property being explained to members. If Bargoed Town Council were to fund 200 packs for households at £9.95 each the "we don't buy crime" team would be able to fund an additional 100 packs and a specific area would be able to be targeted for the preventative measures. Members to consider this project at a future meeting. Recommendations were made by the officers about residents being encouraged not to leave packaging outside their property, or dustbins outside their house to aid climbers. Members raised concerns about vehicles parking on the pavement in Bargoed town centre.

2. To receive Apologies for Absence  
Councillor Harry (work); Councillor Carroll (away); Councillor D Price (health)

3. To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate. Councillors Andrews, Bissex, Davies, M IngramJones, D IngramJones, Llewellyn, Williams, R Price, Hamer-Thomas declared an interest in the correspondence at agenda item 14.1  
Councillor D Ingram-Jones declared an interest in agenda item 16.

4. Press and Public Participation Session.  
No enquiries received.

5. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the Annual Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.  
RESOLVED to approve both sets of draft minutes and instruct the mayor to sign them.

6. Mayor's report.  
Councillor Llewellyn reported having attended Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations local committee meeting, the Integrated Wellbeing Meeting and the Town and Community Councils Liaison Committee meeting.

Councillor HamerThomas left the meeting at this point in proceedings.

The mayor reminded members of a funding fair taking place at St Gwladys Church Hall in Bargoed Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 10am-1pm; also of the Heolddu Comprehensive School theatre performances Thursday and Friday evenings at Blackwood Miners Institute.

7. To review and approve for adoption the revised model standing orders 2023 (as circulated electronically prior to the meeting).

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the standing orders with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

8. To review, adopt and approve the publication of the Bargoed Town Council Training Plan for 2023-2026 (as circulated electronically prior to the meeting)

RESOLVED to approve the publication of the updated training plan 2023-2026, and to review the plan for budget purposes in December 2023.

The next item on the agenda is confidential therefore in accordance with standing orders members of the press and the public are excluded from the business of the agenda item.

10. To receive draft unapproved minutes of the Events & Environment Committee. Committee chair to clarify issues from members as appropriate.

Cllr Collins took questions from a member about the flower beds around the miners heads. Cllr Collins explained the minutes were clear that this area is not the responsibility of Bargoed Town Council and that CCBC Cllr D Price offered to continue to fund the plants for the cancer garden with volunteers assisting to plant the tubs and beds. Bargoed Town Council members resolved at the meeting to continue to include the cancer garden in the watering schedule with their floral displays through the town centre.

11. To receive verbal feedback from members who attended recent meeting of the Integrated Wellbeing Network.

Councillors Andrews and Llewellyn reported of workshop style network meetings having taken place to identify priorities for the network. Several support organisations participated and the meetings were very interesting with a great deal of positive information being shared. These meetings are an excellent source of information and a good example of partnership working in the local area.

12. To receive verbal feedback from the clerk and the delegated councillor attendance at the Public Services Board Local Delivery Group Collaborative Additionality Workshop that looked at What will make the most difference.

Councillor Bissex reported – 6 topics covered at the session:

- Take action to reduce the cost of living crisis in the longer term;
- Provide and enable the supply of good quality, affordable, appropriate homes
- Taking action to reduce our carbon emissions, help Gwent adapt to climate change, and protect and restore our natural environment
- Take action to address inequities, particularly in relation to health, through the framework of the Marmot Principles
- Enable and support people, neighbourhoods and communities to be resilient, connected, thriving and safe
- Integrated Service Partnership Board (ISPB)
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13. To revisit correspondence from a resident about the Thames water community orchard scheme and identify suitable locations in Bargoed and Gilfach. (minute ref 13/19.04.23)

RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to investigate “the green” at Heolddu road, Bargoed and “the field” at the Avenue, Gilfach with Caerphilly County Borough Council prior to going back to the resident asking for information about long term maintenance of the orchards that could be developed under the Thames Water scheme.

14. To receive correspondence as follows:

- 14.1 Bargoed branch Labour party – THANK YOU letter about the May Fair was noted and appreciated.
- 14.2 Local Aberbargoed resident via social media – RESOLVED to request Councillor Andrews feed this information back to the parks team at Caerphilly County Borough Council on behalf of Bargoed Town Council
- 14.3 Students at Ysgol Gymraeg Gilfach Fargod – Gilfach Ward members are working on this issue with information being sought by the parks team at Caerphilly County Borough Council on budget availability and costs of additional bases for picnic benches in the park.
- 14.4 Bargoed Boxing Club – RESOLVED to approve a letter of support being sent to the club.

15. To receive and confirm the updated meetings schedule for the remainder of 2023 – noted

Councillor D Ingram-Jones left the meeting prior to this item on the agenda.

16. To consider planning applications:

Case Ref. 23/0355/HH Site Area: 1483m<sup>2</sup> Location: Ffynnon Wen Pengam Road To Heol Y Cefn Bedwellty Blackwood NP12 0BQ (UPRN 000043087210) Proposal: Demolish existing rear conservatory and erect single storey rear extension Case Officer: Joe Simmons ( 07874 641751 : simmoj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Aberbargoed And Bargoed Map Ref: 316289 (E) 198622 (N) Community Council: Bargoed Town Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

Members recommended neighbours views be taken into consideration

Case Ref. 23/0372/FULL Site Area: 366m<sup>2</sup> Location: Ty Fach 12 - 14 Commercial Street Gilfach Bargoed CF81 8JG (UPRN 000043045001) Proposal: Reconfigure existing supported living house with shared facilities to create 4 No. selfcontained flats, car parking and associated works Case Officer: Joshua Burrows ( 07874 641749 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Gilfach Map Ref: 315235 (E) 198515 (N) Community Council: Bargoed Town Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated  
Members RESOLVED to support this application

This concluded the business of this meeting.  
The mayor closed the meeting at 7.41pm