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Dear Councillor,

The next meeting of Bargoed Town Council **Policy and Resources Committee** will be held at **5.30pm on Wednesday 25th October 2023**. The meeting will be held on a hybrid basis using MS Teams, in accordance with the provisions of The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and the business to be transacted is as set out on the agenda below:

AGENDA

1. 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.]
2. 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.]
3. 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).
4. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting 27th September 2023.
5. To review and approve bank reconciliation and payment lists.
6. To receive confirmation from the delegated member of internal scrutiny of the accounting records as at end of quarter two.
7. To conduct a review of the 2023-24 expenditure against the budget at the end of quarter two, consider if the budget is working and identify key assumptions for inclusion in the draft budget calculations for 2024-25.
8. To consider applications to the small grants programme as follows:
 - Valley Daffodils
 - Taraggan Educational Gardens and Nursery
 - No 2353 (Ystrad Mynach) Squadron, Royal Air Force Cadets
 - Aberbargoed Community Action Team
 - Bargoed Male Voice Choir
 - Aberbargoed Residents Association

9. To consider available funds for cost of living projects and discuss a potential one-off grant scheme for local organisations. (members are asked to confirm grant eligibility criteria, service delivery period and feedback requirements)
10. To review, approve and adopt the draft Press and Media Policy and to consider amending the charges in the publication scheme.
11. To delegate three members to form a task and finish group looking at investment accounts and investment policy.
12. To receive feedback from the Finance & Governance Toolkit working group meeting 27th September 2023.

In accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 members of the press and the public are entitled to attend this virtual meeting. For connection details the Town Clerk should be contacted. **Please note, if a member of the public or press wishes to speak on an item on this agenda, the clerk should be contacted in advance of the meeting.**

Yours faithfully,

H S Williams

Helen Williams

Clerk to the Council