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Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting 28th February 2024

Present: Councillors R Carroll; J Davies; P Collins; J Bissex.

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk

Meeting Chairman: Councillor Reg Carroll (Deputy Mayor)

1. Apologies for Absence: Councillor Andrews (CCBC)
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3. To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate. Cllr R Carroll declared an interest in item 6.
4. Press and Public Participation Session: No enquiries received by the clerk.
5. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting 31st January 2024: RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of proceedings, Councillor Collins moved and Councillor Daviess seconded. The chairman signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.
6. To review and approve bank reconciliation and payment lists.
The clerk reviewed the bank statement with members and moved on to draw attention to three items on the payments list: £1455.98 members allowance payments, £12.04 for translation of the youth representative notice, and no HMRC payment for staff costs this month due to a refund. Members RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and payment list. The chair was instructed to sign both documents in the presence of the meeting. Members instructed the clerk to publish the Members allowances on the website as soon as possible once the proforma has been received from the Independent Remuneration Panel. The chair left the meeting room at this point. Councillor Collins chaired item six.
7. To consider an expenses claim from the deputy mayor in respect of equipment used when setting up the new planters on Hanbury square and approve expenditure as appropriate.
RESOLVED to approve the reimbursement of the plastic sheeting used by the biodiversity working group in setting up the new planters on Hanbury Square. £44.99 expenditure authorised.
Councillor Carroll rejoined the meeting room and resumed as chair for the remainder of the meeting agenda.
8. To receive items from the clerk: premises risk assessment; update on pension contributions; festive lighting indemnity; letter of support for St Gwladys church hall.
The clerk reviewed the town council office risk assessment with members and provided an update on health and safety contacts within Gwent Police; the update from the local government pension scheme was provided to the committee along with confirmation of the 1% increase on employer pension contributions with effect from April 2024 in line with the agreement with Caerphilly County Borough Council; the clerk confirmed that Bargoed Town Council indemnity has been submitted to Caerphilly County Borough Council for the festive lighting scheme; confirmation was also provided of a letter of support for funding purposes having been provided to St Gwladys Church Hall on behalf of Bargoed Town Council.

9. To receive feedback from members who attended the planning aid Wales training session on strategic development plans.

Councillors Carroll and Davies provided a brief synopsis of the new strategic development plans that will be drawn up by the corporate joint committees in place of local development plans, which will evolve into lite versions. Caerphilly will be part of the south east region along with Monmouth, Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent, Cardiff, The Vale of Glamorgan, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taff. There is to be a more regional emphasis on the development planning process.

10. To receive confirmation of the feedback provide to the local planning authority in respect of planning applications: The clerk confirmed submission of no objections to the applications as detailed below.

24/0092/LA -to create four car parking spaces at Ty Heulog Cwrt Coch Street, Aberbargoed

24/0084/HH – demolish existing prefab garage and construct garden/games room 31 Pengam Rd
Aberbargoed

24/0067/HH – erect single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory The Beeches
Gwaelodywaun Villas Pengam Road Aberbargoed

This concluded business of the meeting. The meeting closed at 18.06pm