



Dear Councillor,

13th February 2025

The next meeting of Bargoed Town Council will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 19th February 2025. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall, on a hybrid basis using MS Teams in accordance with the provisions of The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

The business to be transacted is as set out on the agenda below:

AGENDA

1. To receive a report from Gwent Police.
2. To receive 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.]
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.]
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).
5. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 29th January 2025.
6. To consider an application to the small grants programme from Aberbargoed Community Action Team and review remaining budget availability for 2024-2025.
7. To discuss the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and the UK wide initiative for community celebrations on Bank Holiday Monday 5th 2025. Members to consider offering grants to local voluntary organisations who wish to deliver inclusive community events to mark the anniversary.
8. To consider reintroduction of the Engagement & Wellbeing Committee, and explore the opportunity of full council meetings discussing Events & Environment activities with effect from April 2025.

9. To receive a verbal report from the Clerk regarding:
- i. The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru Policy and Practice document and consultation response.
 - ii. Community Health & Wellbeing Sessions delivered by Forces Fitness CIC. Members are requested to review the information provided and consider an invitation to meet and discuss a proposal for youth sessions in school holidays.
 - iii. Arrangements for the St David's Day Event at Gilfach Bargoed Community Centre, Members are required to confirm availability for set up Friday evening, logistics Friday and Saturday, and early arrival on the 1st March.
 - iv. Confirmation from the Independent Remuneration Panel of correct publication of the statement of allowances.
 - v. Invitation from Transport for Wales for two delegates to attend an online Local Authority Open Event on 5th March 2.30-4.30pm for information on short-term disruptions to rail services on the Caerphilly line.
10. To receive feedback from delegated Members to One Voice Wales committees and consider items from the Clerk as follows:
- i. Area Committee Consultation– Cllr M IngramJones to feedback
 - ii. Larger Councils Committee Meeting – Cllr McCarthy to feedback
 - iii. Representative plus reserve to attend One Voice Wales online AGM 11th March '25
 - iv. Expressions of interest in attending the following:

27 th March 2025	– Joint event with planning aid Wales
14 th May 2025	– Joint event with SLCC on Ethics
2 nd July 2025	– Innovative Practice Conference (Builth Wells)
11. To note the following:
- i. Draft unapproved minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee 23rd Jan 2025.
 - ii. Pre-notification of a planning application for 14 dwellings on Ty Fry Road, Aberbargoed.
 - iii. Gwent Employer News January 2025.
 - iv. Correspondence from Hospice of the Valleys.

In accordance with the Local Government and Elections Act 2021 members of the press and the public are entitled to attend this 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,

Tim Oliver

(Tim Oliver, Clerk to the Council)