



12th March 2025

Dear Councillor,

The next meeting of Bargoed Town Council will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 19th March 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. Gwent Police Report

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 & sign Minutes of the previous meeting 19th February 2025.

6. To welcome a visitor from Forces Fitness CIC and discuss Members requirements for a potential taster day and regular monthly sessions for young people aged 11 to 14 years.

7. To note draft unapproved minutes of the last meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee 20th February 2025.

8. To note draft unapproved minutes of the last meeting of the Events & Environment Committee 5th March 2025 and consider the following:

- i) minute reference 19022025-08 reintroduction of the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee with effect from Annual Meeting 2025.
- ii) festive social for Members after full council 17th December 2025.
- iii) update from the events officers on music festival and winter fair event (minute reference 19022025-08)
- iv) school engagement to promote uptake of CTG activities at Bargoed library (minute reference 19022025-09)
- v) update from the clerk in regards to calendar of dates ((minute reference 19022025-10)

9. To consider applications to the special VE Day 80th Anniversary Community Activities Grant Scheme as listed below and to approve delegation of additional grant applications to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee:

- i. Aberbargoed Community Action Team (ACAT)
- ii. Aeron Court and Aeron Place (A&A) Club

10. To receive feedback from the Members delegated to attend the Transport for Wales briefing 5th March 2025 on the Rhymney Valley line.

11. To receive items from the clerk as follows:

- a) Confirmation of Event report from ACAT in respect of St Davids Day funding.

- b) Feedback provided to the CCTV unit from Aberbargoed ward members as follows:

We support the continued use of CCTV cameras in the Aberbargoed Ward. The statistics provided only confirm the necessity to continue and even increase the number of cameras in operation. They feel CCTV is an essential tool to combat antisocial behaviour which, in some cases, becomes a deterrent. Having personally witnessed off road bike driving through the village at speed Members feel there is a definite need for the cameras. Members will be interested to see where the new cameras, if any, will be situated.

- c) Annual Report 2025-26 from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – members are asked to note no changes to the determinations in the draft report received in the Autumn 2024 and confirm the figures of £126.74 for a full day and £63.37 for a half day in respect of the optional payments for compensation for financial loss to be updated in the expenses policy.

- d) In House Training on Equality and Diversity with Paul Egan from One Voice Wales Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

- e) Annual Meeting preparation for the appointment of senior roles.

12. To note correspondence from a town centre trader in respect of a complaint and freedom of information request submitted to the local planning authority regarding bollards in Bargoed.

13. To receive feedback from the delegated Member who attended the Town and Community Councils Liaison Committee meeting 18th March 2025.

14. To note the following reports circulated to members electronically and receive Member comments as appropriate:

- i) The Welsh Government summary of responses to the consultation on Diversity and Inclusion guidance for registered political parties.
- ii) The Welsh Government report into the role, governance and accountability of the community and town councils sector.
- iii) The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru final determinations on Senedd Constituencies.

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,

H S Williams

(Helen Williams, Clerk to the Council)