



## **Draft Unapproved Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Present in person: Councillors H Llewellyn; R Carroll; J McCarthy; P Collins; D IngramJones; M IngramJones; J Davies; Y Price.

Present remotely: Councillors S Hamer Thomas.

Chairperson: Councillor H Llewellyn (Mayor)

Also Present: PCSO L McKean; Mrs. H Williams (Town Clerk / RFO); Mr C Gapper (Deputy Clerk)

Police Report was reviewed by Members. It was noted by the chair that there was a decrease in crime last month and the format of the report was good. Comparison statistics with 2025 data was very encouraging Anti-social behavior in Bargoed appears to under control with less reported incidents last month. Less youths congregating in known problem areas. It was noted from the councillors that the use of Facebook to update the community on arrests was having a positive impact on the community and the residents in the area.

A member raised the parking issue within the Town Centre regarding parking blocks. A member mentioned going on a liaison with PCSO N Bateman in Aberbargoed.

To receive Apologies for Absence.

Councillor C Bissex-Foster (family); C Andrews (CCBC Meeting); R Price (family)

To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate. No declarations made.

Press and Public Participation Session

No enquiries received by the Clerk.

1. To receive, review and approve the draft unapproved minutes of the full council meeting held on 28<sup>TH</sup> January 2026.

**Resolved:** to approve as a true record, Councillor D Ingram-Jones moved, seconded by Councillor P Collins, signed by chair.

2. To receive feedback from the following meetings:

- i. Delegated member attending the Town & Community Liaison Committee of the 17<sup>TH</sup> February 2026.

**Deferred:** Meeting postponed to 24<sup>TH</sup> February 2026, feedback to be discussed at next full council meeting on 18<sup>Th</sup> March 2026.

- ii. Aberbargoed ward members regarding the Environmental Project meeting of the 12<sup>TH</sup> February 2026.

**Noted:** Councillor P Collins, Y Price and Deputy Clerk attended meeting in Grasslands Park in Bedwellty. Fruit Trees have been ordered with Caerphilly County Borough Council. Planting expected March / April 2026. Call to Nature (Glo i Natur) have had a positive impact with work completed to clear the site in Aberbargoed with further work planned. Request for volunteer to litter pick and engagement with schools mentioned.

3. To hear from the delegated member to the Larger Local Councils Committee following the meeting 11<sup>TH</sup> February 2026 and consider:

Delegated member Councillor J McCarthy was unable to attend meeting.

i. Covid 19 Day of reflection – 8<sup>TH</sup> March 2026

**Resolved** – Discussed but as many councillors were not involved or isolating throughout covid. It was agreed to note it and not participate.

ii. One Voice Wales National Awards Ceremony 2026

Councillors discussed award categories and the award deadline of the 30<sup>TH</sup> April 2026 was confirmed by the Clerk.

**Resolved** – Any submissions / thoughts to be forwarded to the clerk prior to the next Full Council meeting on the 18<sup>TH</sup> March 2026.

4. To consider the Briefing Note from the Town Centre Management Team, dated January 2026 and provide feedback to the Clerk.

Councillors detailed the following issues:

- Gateway steps regarding litter on the banking.
- Feasibility Study regarding Pride & Place. Steps are a constant issue.
- Two missing benches, that have been removed but not replaced.
- CK building deteriorating with scaffolding still in place.
- Granite blocks and their current position being moved by vehicles parking in town.
- Lowry Plaza Notice Board.

**Instruction:** Clerk to enquire where the Upper High Street Benches are located

5. To review recent social media promotion of the Spring Fair and discuss members' requirements moving forward. Members are asked to consider the authorization of expenditure to support purchase three prizes for the Easter Town Centre Footfall initiative delivered by Caerphilly Borough County Council.

Expenditure for prizes discussed with suggestions from the clerk on Easter Eggs.

**Resolved** – Agreed to spend £30 for prizes (Three Easter Eggs) for the Easter Town Centre Footfall initiative.

Spring Fair is a joint event with Caerphilly County Borough Council. Members stated that the promotional material including Facebook and Caerphilly County Borough Councils website does not reflect or acknowledge Bargoed Town Councils financial support

**Instruction** – Clerk to liaise with Caerphilly County Borough Council to request the wording fairly acknowledge the financial support of Bargoed Town Council.

6. To hear from the Clerk and note the following:

i. Request for financial support from St Davids Hospice Care

**Noted:** Request for funding noted. Nothing at present to be considered.

ii. Groundwork Wales Healthy River Project

**Resolved:** Agreed to support and promote the event on Bargoed Town Councils website and social media. Physical assistance not possible. Clerk to contact project for suitable information to promote on our website / social media platforms.

iii. Cleaner & Greener Cleansing Activity, w/c 23<sup>RD</sup> February 2026

**Resolved** – Proposed areas to be considered, to be submitted by Monday 23<sup>RD</sup> February 2026. Clerk given meeting dates and will move forward. Area mentioned previously in Item 4 includes steps and banking area where trollies have been dumped.

iv. Gwent Employer News – January 2026

**Noted:** Details noted in the document.

v. Factsheet on retirement from the local government pension scheme

**Noted:** Details regarding Pension.

vi. Notice of Casual Vacancy

**Resolved:** Clerk has liaised with Electoral Service regarding vacancy. Notice will be advertised from the 27<sup>TH</sup> February 2026.

vii. Administrative Updates

- Members Allowance Payments 2025 / 2026:

**Resolved:** Clerk to pay members' allowances before the next Full Council Meeting on 18<sup>TH</sup> March 2026.

- Mayor for (2026 – 2027):

**Noted:** Expression of interest for mayor needs to be informed before end of April 2026.

- February Event – 19<sup>TH</sup> February request to release additional tickets from reserved list. Additional 17 members of public confirmed on reserved list.

**Resolved:** To allocate additional 17 tickets from reserved list.

A member confirmed that Vivianne Stephens and Sue Horton have been accepted for the Kings Garden Party later this year.

This concluded business of the meeting.

The Mayor thanked all present and the meeting was closed at 19.09pm