

BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF BARGOD

General Meeting

MINUTES,

7th December 2016

PRESENT Councillors J Bissex , H Llewellyn, DT Davies,
COUNCILLORS L Harding, S Hamer-Thomas, D Morgan, V Stephens,
S Davies, R Walker, S Horton, A Collis.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mrs Laura Tams, Town Clerk and Inspector Muirhead.

CHAIR PERSON
(MAYOR):- Councillor DT Davies

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillors A Higgs and D Price.

2. Declaration of Interest or dispensations on any items(s).

Cllr D Morgan declared an interest in Young @ Hearts, Greater Bargoed Partnership, Tarragan and Gilfach Community Centre.

Cllr S Hamer-Thomas declared an interest in Greater Bargoed Partnership and Friends of Greater Bargoed.

Cllr V Stephens declared an interest in grant application 011216.

Cllr H Llewellyn declared an interest in grant application 011216.

3. Police Report

Inspector Muirhead reported that overall crime figures are at an inflated level, however, the Inspector reminded members of the new recording system for reporting crime that is having an impact on current crime levels and is not a true reflection on levels locally.

Anti-Social Behaviour remains low with no issues at the recent Christmas Market.

Parking in and around town remains an issue and tickets have been issued to any offending vehicle. Members discussed various illegal parking "hotspots" within the area and asked the Inspector to address these.

The Inspector was thanked for his time and left the meeting.

4. To consider the minutes from the last council meeting and whether to approve as an accurate record of the proceedings.

Approved as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

(11) Dates for the Community and Town Council Liaison meetings have been changed to allow attendance from Bargoed Town Council. New dates have been forwarded onto Cllr H Llewellyn who is the representative at this meeting.

6. Mayors Business

Mayor DT Davies gave the following report.

Attended the Remembrance Service at Lewis School, Pengam.

7. Leaders Report

Leader V Stephens gave the following report –

Fireworks - Feedback from fireworks has been positive with a few concerns from residents. One complaint has been made to the Leader in relation to the Environmental Health visit to the onsite catering during the event, with one resident asking why this needed to take place that night?. The Clerk explained that Environmental Health are able to perform unannounced “spot checks” at any time and unfortunately they decided to perform one that night, these are checks put in place to protect the public and therefore this was unforeseen. Members were disappointed with this feedback and the Mayor took this opportunity to thank everyone involved in this successful event.

Christmas Market - An excellent event with good attendance. However, reports concerning the lack of activities towards the bottom end of town have been received and witnessed during the day. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to liaise with CCBC events team and invite a representative to attend the next council meeting for feedback in preparation for next year's event.

A meeting has taken place with Sergeant Manchino regarding the use of a secure storage unit for Town Council property. Further discussions to take place in new year.

8. Matters reported for decision.

8.1 To receive Grant Applications

Group	Unique number	For	Amount	Last Grant	Current balance
Bargoed & District Crime Prevention Panel	011216	To acquire all forms of promotional aids and literature.	£400	NA	£475.30

RESOLVED: Cllrs H Llewellyn and V Stephens declared an interest in this matter and left the room during discussions
011216 - £300 approved.

8.2 To consider planning notifications

Case Ref: 16/0979/FULL. Unit B 31-33 High Street, Bargoed. Proposal:
Proposed flat roof infill extension to the rear.

RESOLVED: Noted.

8.3 To receive correspondence

1. CCBC – Draft savings proposals (*please note that this has also been sent via email*) The council has announced plans to increase Council Tax by 1% next year. **RESOLVED:** No objections or comments.
2. CCBC – Communities First Consultation (*please note that this has also been sent via email*) CCBC are encouraging letters of support to be sent to the Welsh Government Minister ASAP. **RESOLVED:** Members agreed to send individual responses in relation to this.

8.4 Payments for approval

RESOLVED: All payments approved.

9. To receive matters arising from the Clerk.

The clerk circulated income and expenditure to date which included current bank balance/reconciliation as of November 1st 2016. Current expenditure is as expected.

The Clerk has contacted all schools within the area in relation to upcoming events.

10. Events.

Christmas Grotto – Selection boxes will be wrapped tomorrow and Friday, Cllr V Stephens kindly offered to open up the Town Hall for this purpose and all members were asked to help where possible. The Grotto will be placed on Sunday 11th December and will be dressed on Wednesday 14th December; again all members were encouraged to help where possible.

11. Town and Community Council Liaison Meeting.

No meeting has taken place.

12. AOB

No response has been forthcoming from Liz Lucus at CCBC in relation to the Opening Hours of the Customer First / Library. **RESOLVED:** Clerk and Mayor to email for clarification on any decisions.

Cllr S Horton asked members if it would be possible for the Young Enterprise

Group at Heolddu Comprehensive School to have a table at the Grotto Event in order to sell products. Cllr S Hamer-Thomas also asked the same for St Gwladys Church Hall. **RESOLVED:** Members are mindful that this is a CCBC event space and advised the Clerk to make enquires with CCBC and report back to Councillors individually due to time constraints.

Cllr S Hamer – Thomas advised members that one of the volunteer stewards has undergone an extensive operation and if felt appropriate would like to send a small gift wishing her a speedy recovery. **RESOLVED:** Members approved a card and flowers to be sent.

13. Date of next meeting

4th January 2017.

Signed Mayor