

BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF BARGOD

MINUTES of Full Council Meeting 29th May 2019

PRESENT Councillors H Llewellyn, R Carroll (Mayor), R Horton, J Bissex,
D Price, J Halvey, V Stephens (Leader), A Collis.

Also in attendance – Town Council Clerk

Meeting Chairman - Mayor Carroll

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor A Higgs, Councillor D Morgan, Councillor S Horton,

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

Cllr R. Carroll declared an interest in Oakland Hall Allotments; all Allotments in the Greater Bargoed Area and Cartref Community Hall.

Cllr D Price declared an interest in Tarragon.

3. Police Report.

The Mayor welcomed Inspector O'Keefe to the meeting. The Inspector provided a team update as follows: a DVLA operation was successfully delivered with 12 vehicles being clamped, two drugs warrants had been actioned in the area both delivering positive results. A meeting had taken place earlier in the day regarding anti-social behaviour at Bargoed Rugby Club and agreement reached regarding gate security and a barrier around the field. The police also now have a key to the field.

Inspector O'Keefe advised of a marked reduction in calls to Morrison's; there is a new security guard in situ and a better relationship has been developed with the police. The security guard is very effective at managing young people going into the store unaccompanied.

Security has been improved in the police station with doors being replaced. The new superintendent is Rod Grindley, and Chief Inspector Sarah Davies has taken over from him as operations director.

Members discussed parking changes with the Inspector and councillors asked if the large police van could be parked lower on the hill to ensure access. Street furniture throughout the town centre was also discussed. RESOLVED the clerk to write to Caerphilly Council regarding the intention to secure the concrete blocks. RESOLVED the clerk to write to the parking enforcement team to arrange a meeting to discuss members concerns.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

5. Minutes of Annual Meeting.

Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

6. Mayors Report.

The Mayor offered his thanks to all members who attended the OAP party, with particular thanks extended to Councillors Bissex, Stephens and Horton. The Mayor also offered thanks to the clerk for volunteering her time at the event. Mayor Carroll reported his attendance at the winding house museum with Park Primary and Gilfach Schools, and advised of the excellent artwork on display. He also attended Cartref OAP group to present thank you flowers.

7. Leaders Report.

The Leader advised of no report to give this month, however she has received feedback from Hefin David AM reporting significant numbers of issues at Bryntirion surgery.

8. Internal Auditors Report

The report from the Internal Auditor was received. Members accepted the report and RESOLVED to look at building reserves moving forward; RESOLVED to purchase a fireproof safe for the safe storage of backups; RESOLVED Mayor to arrange decommissioning of old safe; Clerk authorised to spend up to £80 on a safe.

9. Annual Governance Statement for 2018-19

Members worked through the annual governance statement and completed the document. Council approved the statement and it was signed at the meeting.

10. Matters reported for a decision.

10.1 Planning notifications - No neighbours views/objections have been received.

10.2 Bank reconciliation and payments list were approved and signed.

10.3 RESOLVED to revisit consideration of electronic meeting summons in a years time.

10.4 RESOLVED Councillors Bissex and Carroll to represent Bargoed Town Council at One Voice Wales quarterly area meetings.

11. Matters from the Clerk.

11.1 Correspondence - The Clerk provided additional information regarding the invitation received from Caerphilly County Borough Council about an expression of interest on the public toilets. Members discussed the issue at length. RESOLVED not to submit an Expression of Interest.

11.2 Members RESOLVED to adopt the complaints procedure.

11.3 Members RESOLVED existing suppliers of refreshments to be invited back for the Fireworks Event. Clerk to contact Cliffs Bowls and Rolls. The clerk was instructed to liaise with the deputy Mayor in order to invite an additional food vendor. Members instructed the clerk to contact Funfairhire Wales regarding continuation of the contract for the childrens rides at the fireworks event.

12. The CCBC Regeneration Grants and The CCBC Toilet Strategy received. The meeting closed at 7.10pm **Date of next meeting 26th June 2019.**

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