

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

T Hill

M Clarke
N Clarke
M Chegwen
M Emmet-Lewis
A Harris
J Manley

R Lee
B Lewis
J Perren
J Pratt
R Smith

TOWN CLERK: K Grabham
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK: S Watkins
LOCUM CLERK: C John
FACILITIES MANAGER: K Sutton

178. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from: Cllr's M Rock, S Maitland-Thomas. B Jones, L Desmond-Williams, L Tallon-Morris

179. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest in respect of the business to be transacted.

Cllr N Clarke	Item 7 & 10	Personal, Member of BCBC
Cllr M Clarke	Item 7 & 10	Personal, Member of BCBC
Cllr J Manley	Item 7	Personal,
Cllr R Smith	Item 7	Personal

180. To confirm and agree amendment to minutes of Full Meeting of Council held on 13th January 2022

A short debate took place on what should and should not be included in the minutes and concern was raised by one member about the detail included in minute 175. In response Cllr Harris who took the minutes at the meeting felt that because of the seriousness of what occurred at the meeting there needed to be a full and frank account.

Resolved: To approve the amendment to the minutes of the Full Meeting of Council held on 13th January 2022 with the following amendment: -

“Insert at Min No 175 – Cllr Jones was removed from the meeting through no fault on his part”

181. To adjourn, if necessary to take Public Question Time

No questions raised

182. For information only – Mayoral Events & Engagements

Noted

183. Update from BCBC Members

Cllr M Clarke provided members with a comprehensive update on the current position relating to development at Salt Lake Car Park. Reference was made to the rising water main west of Hillsboro Place and potential impact that this could have on the project.

Questions were raised by Councillors as to how BCBC were not aware of the water main. Cllr Clarke confirmed that the Local Authority were aware of the water main but did not expect the response received from Welsh Water. It was confirmed that discussions were ongoing regarding this issue.

Cllr Clarke advised the meeting that the costs relating to the installation of the new Terminus had increased and it was the intention that the building would include extended shelter with heating. There were also aspirations for park and ride.

It was noted that Salt Lake was proving to be a challenge to build on however there were aspirations to build a hotel at the head of the harbour.

Cllr Harris said that she felt that the water main could affect the position of the bus shelter but should not prevent the project from going ahead. Cllr J Perren concurred and said that there were alternative solutions available to build over a rising water main.

Cllr M Chegwen raised concerns about the need for a bus terminus when the number of buses were being decreased.

Cllr Clarke concluded by reiterating that the terminus was intended to support a park and ride facility and to build something that was for the future of Porthcawl.

184. To consider item – Proposal to fund improving Children Road Safety, Nottage Primary School, rear entrance Severn Road – Funding request £2439 +VAT – Cllr M Clarke – documents provided

Newton Nottage Road

Council was informed that the yellow lines policy could not go ahead because residents in the area would be affected however hatching could be installed in convenient positions prohibit parking during schools open and close. This would be policed and would discourage dangerous parking by parents. Consensus was that this was a good idea and should be supported.

Cllr M Clarke raised the matter of dangerous parking at Nottage Primary school and that there had been a number of requests from the school and residents for action to be taken to improve the situation. Cllr Clarke further advised that the school had a limited budget and asked the Council to agree to fund the initiative, if BCBC did all the preparation work in advance.

Council acknowledged that the area in question was of concern. Discussion took place as to whether this should be something that the Local Authority should be providing.

Following further discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to BCBC to ask them to fund the road safety initiative.

185. To consider item- Proposal to amend procedure for posting Council Minutes on the Council's website – Cllr M Clarke

Cllr M Clarke raised concerns about the Porthcawl Town Council website and the content on there. It was suggested that alongside placing minutes and agenda supporting documents could be of benefit.

The general consensus of the meeting was the website needs updating and discussion took place about staff having training so that the website can be updated in-house.

Reference was then made to Local Government Elections Wales Act 2021 and how the distribution of documents could be progressed in hybrid meetings.

RESOLVED: That the matter is passed to Finance and Governance for further consideration.

186. To consider item – Proposal for CCTV – Council – Cllr M Chegwen

Cllr M Chegwen advised that he would like to see suitable protection for Staff, Councillors, and visitors to the Town Council Offices. Council were informed that unwelcome incidents had happened in the past and having CCTV installed in the office would be beneficial.

Following consideration, it was agreed that this project should go forward in principle, but further information should be sought regarding suitable system and costs, and this should be reported back to the next appropriate meeting.

187. To consider item – quote from BCBC with regards to yellow lines in various locations in Porthcawl – documents attached

Concerns were raised about why the Town Council were being asked to pay for this initiative as opposed to Bridgend Council Borough Council.

Cllr M Chegwen raised the point that even when yellow lines are installed, they are not currently policed adequately.

The Council were advised that this initiative was part of the 10 Pledges Project and started being progressed back in 2020.

It was agreed that further discussion should take place with BCBC on this matter before any decisions are made by the Town Council.

188. To consider item – Draft Recording of Meeting Policy

Cllr M Chegwen said that he felt that the recording of meetings would be beneficial for a number of reasons to include being a useful tool for the staff and going forward to benefit hybrid meetings.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: That Town Council meeting are recorded.

Clerk to find suitable ways for storing recording and report back accordingly.

189. Town Clerks Report

a) Payments for Authorisation

RESOLVED: To authorise payments as presented.

The meeting concluded at 20.45.