

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY 2019

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: G Walter (Deputy Mayor)

S Aspey	L Desmond-Williams
M Emmet-Lewis	A Harris
T Hill	B Jones
R Lee	B Lewis
S Maitland-Thomas	A Thomas
P Winstanley	C Wintle

CLERK: S Watkins

In Attendance: P Bowen (DSO)

148. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr M Chegwen	(Personal)
Cllr N Clarke	(Personal)
Cllr M Clarke	(Personal)
Cllr R Leonard-Davies	(Personal)
Cllr L Tallon-Morris	(Personal)

149. To receive Members Declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted

Cllr M Emmet-Lewis	Agenda Item 8
Cllr T Hill	Agenda Item 8
Cllr B Jones	Agenda Items 7, 10 & 14

150. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 13th December 2018

Resolved: To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 13th December 2018 as a true and accurate record.

151. To adjourn if necessary to take Public Question Time

Members of the public were provided with documents.

152. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th November 2018 (for information purposes only)

No matters arising.

153. To adjourn if necessary to receive item Public Question Time

A motion to vary the order of business during a meeting on the grounds of urgency/confidentiality may be proposed by any member and shall be decided at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Standing Order 3(w)

Agenda Item 14 – To consider item email correspondence Mr R Colyer, Chairman, Porthcawl SHOUT – Toilets in Porthcawl

Members of the public attended the meeting with questions and the Deputy Mayor responded accordingly.

154. To note for information Mayoral Engagements and Announcements:

Resolved: To note for information.

155. To consider item attendance of Mari-Wyn Elias-Jones, Bridgend CBC – Towns Centre Manager – Introduction to Councillors

The Towns Centre Manager gave an overview of her role and length of time in her post (commenced employment May 2018), She mentioned she is situated at the YMCA Porthcawl every Tuesday acting as a Liaison Officer between Town Centres and BCBC. Also assisting traders with queries.

Members questioned the charging structure that the Towns Centre Manager has with promotional letting companies (RAC, Utility Switch Companies etc), also where does the income generated go to: Bridgend Town Centre or other?

Members also asked who monitors Alcohol Free Zone in John Street, The Towns Centre Manager will find out and inform Porthcawl Town Council.

Members discussed the aggressive approach some companies adopt to members of the public. The Towns Centre Manager suggested that she be contacted if a company displays aggressive behaviour. The Towns Centre Manager will provide companies with feedback from members of the public and Porthcawl Town Council.

Resolved: The Towns Centre Manager to find out who is responsible for the Alcohol Free Zone in John Street.

156. To consider item Minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Committee Meeting held on 10th December 2018

Members considered the Minutes and noted the first event will be 'trial and error'.

Resolved: That EPM Marketing proceeds with organising the Summer Event 2019 on behalf of Porthcawl Town Council up to the agreed cost of £6,110.

157. To consider item Minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee Meeting held on Monday, 10th December 2018

Item 6 – Delegation of Staffing Budget to Town Clerk – delegation for responsibility for organising staffing of Council to deliver statutory and other services etc. as determined by Council.

Resolved to recommend: That the Town Clerk has delegated responsibility for the allocation and spend of the corporate budget (General, Admin and Civic Costs) and the day to day allocation of staffing.

Amendment to recommend: Accept the recommendation, subject to appropriate review/controls being in place.

158. To consider item correspondence Mr Phillip Angel, Bridgend CBC – Proposed Traffic Order

Members discussed correspondence and noted for information.

Resolved: To note for information.

159. To consider item request update on CCTV (Cllr G Walter)

Members were advised a meeting will take place between the CCTV Company and an Officer from BCBC.

It was noted that the power supply should be in place by 19th February 2019.

160. To consider item Welsh Government Community and Town Council Update December 2018

Members decided to defer this item until February Full Council Meeting.

Resolved: Defer to February's Full Council Meeting.

161. To consider item Minutes of the Porthcawl SHOUT Forum held on 7th December 2018 (provided by Cllr N Clarke)

Members agreed to note this report for information only as Cllr N Clarke was not at the meeting. Members agreed that an update would be necessary at the next Full Council meeting.

Resolved: To note for information only. Cllr N Clarke to provide update at next Full Council meeting.

162. To consider item email correspondence from Mr R Colyer, Chairman, Porthcawl SHOUT – Toilets in Porthcawl

Members considered the correspondence from Mr R Colyer.

Members provided background information regarding the closure of the toilets by BCBC and the lack of notice given to Porthcawl Town Council regarding the closure.

Members suggested that the Mayor should write to Mr R Colyer with a response.

Resolved: That the Mayor write to Mr R Colyer with an updated response to his email correspondence.

163. To approve and sign Offer of Grant – Rural Community Development Fund – Tourism Amenity Investment Support Scheme

Members were provided with photos of the location of Newton Beach toilets. Members acknowledged that the Projects Officer had provided a detailed grant application and that a lot of hard work went into this.

Members discussed that Newton Beach will have Blue Flag Status when the toilets are constructed, enhancing the long term vision of Porthcawl.

Resolved: The Mayor to sign the TAIS Grant Approval Letter.

164. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

The meeting concluded at 8.05pm