

# PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

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### PRESENT:

#### COUNCILLORS:

T Hill

M Clarke

N Clarke

B Jones

M Emmet-Lewis

A Harris

R Lee

B Lewis

M Chegwen

M Rock

L Tallon-Morris

L Desmond-Williams

S Maitland Thomas

J Manley

J Perren

J Pratt

*The Mayor read out a motion prior to the meeting commencing:- The Local Government Act 1972 s 112(5) states that 'Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) above, a parish or community council may appoint one or more persons from among their number to be officers of the council, without remuneration.'*

It was agreed that Cllr A Harris would take the minutes of the meeting.

Facilities Manager Kristian Sutton attended the meeting.

### **166. To receive apologies for absence**

None received.

### **167. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest in respect of the business to be transacted**

Cllr M Clarke

Items 6 and 8

Personal, Member of BCBC

Cllr N Clarke

Items 6 and 8

Personal, Member of BCBC

Cllr B Jones

Items 6 and 8

Personal, Member of BCBC

Cllr M Emmet-Lewis

Items 9 and 10

Member of Twinning Assoc.

Cllr B Lewis

Items 9 and 10

and Member of Chamber of Trade

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Cllr R Lee	Item 9	Member of Twinning Assoc.
Cllr T Hill	Item 10	Chamber of Trade Representative
Cllr L Desmond-Williams	Item 10	Chamber of Trade Representative
Cllr L Tallon-Morris	Item 10	Member of Chamber of Trade

**168. To confirm and sign minutes of Full Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Resolved:** Dates to be amended from 2022 to 2021 and the words “with the above amendment” to be removed from minutes 153, 154, 155, 156 and 157. To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as a true and accurate record with the above amendment.

**169. To adjourn, if necessary to take Public Question Time**

No public questions.

**170. For information – Mayoral Events & Engagements**

**Resolved:** To note for information.

**171. To approve item – Precept for Porthcawl Town Council for 2022/2023 at £393,400**

A recorded vote was requested and seconded.

Members queried and discussed items within the Precept.

Cllrs Jones and Desmond-Williams lost Zoom connection but were able to vote over the telephone.

Votes for; Cllr J Manley, Cllr A Harris, Cllr J Pratt, Cllr M Emmet-Lewis, Cllr B Lewis, Cllr Maitland Thomas, Cllr J Perren, Cllr L Tallon-Morris, Cllr R Lee, Cllr M Chegwen, Cllr M Rock

Votes against; Cllr Jones, Cllr Desmond-Williams

Abstain Cllr M Clarke, Cllr N Clarke.

**Resolved:** To approve Precept for Porthcawl Town Council for 2022/2023 at £393,400.

**172. To receive update from BCBC Member**

Cllr M Clarke provided an update and reminded members that the ward boundaries will change for the Local Elections in May.

Cllr B Jones and Cllr L Desmond-Williams re-joined the meeting via Zoom.

**173. For information – Correspondence received from K Watson, Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, BCBC – Bridgend County Borough Council (Prohibition and restriction of waiting and loading and parking places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013 (Amendment No.17) Order 2021**

**Resolved:** To note for information.

**174. To consider correspondence received from the Mayor of Saint-Sebastien-sur-Loire – dissolution of the twinning committee in the town of Saint-Sebastien-sur-Loire**

Members noted that the twinning charter remains in place and expressed hope that the committee in France will be reconvened in the future.

**Resolved: To note for information.**

**175. To consider correspondence received from Porthcawl Chamber of Trade-Cancelled Choir at the Bandstand**

Cllr Hill asked Deputy Chair of Promoting Porthcawl Cllr M Emmet-Lewis to read out a statement which was for information only.

Members expressed disappointment that the event did not go ahead and suggestions were made for lessons learnt including pro-forma with contacts etc. to be shared and questions were asked regarding control of the electricity supply to the Bandstand.

During the discussion Cllr Hill warned Cllr Desmond-Williams and requested that she be muted twice. When Cllr Desmond-Williams interrupted Cllr Emmet-Lewis and ignored Cllr Hill's request for order, Cllr Chegwen proposed that she be removed from the meeting under standing order 2b, this was seconded by Cllr Emmet-Lewis. Cllr M Clarke advised that no vote was required, however a majority of councillors had already voted in favour and it was resolved to remove her from the meeting. Cllr Desmond-Williams was on the same Zoom connection as Cllr B Jones. Cllr B Jones was therefore also removed from the meeting at this point.

**Resolved: To send a letter to the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade and to Sussed.**

**176. To consider item – Playground Equipment for Newton and Griffin Park Playgrounds (Facilities Manager)**

Kristian Sutton, Facilities Manager gave verbal report stating funding is available from various sources to replace and refurbish play equipment. Members discussed different sources of funding and what is actually required.

**Resolved: Facilities Manager to investigate what equipment is actually needed, identify potential new sites for play equipment within the town and identify funding sources including S106, BCBC match funding, National Lottery grants and Coastal Charity grants and the time constraints related to each source.**

**177. Town Clerk Reports:-**

**a) Payments for Authorisation**

**Resolved: Facilities Manager to provide report for February full council meeting identifying potential procurement savings.**

**Resolved: For payments to be made as per appendix 12 a.**

***Members agreed to go into a closed session. (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the next agenda items.***

*Kristian Sutton left the meeting.*

**178. To receive (verbal) staffing update (Cllr M Chegwen)**

Chair of Staffing committee Cllr M Chegwen provided update.

**Resolved: To note that emails will be sent to all councillors to advise when officers are off work and when they are due to return.**

Meeting concluded at 8.59pm