

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD (ELECTRONICALLY) ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER 2021

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

T Hill

M Clarke

M Emmet-Lewis

A Harris

R Lee

B Lewis

M Rock

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 observed the meeting.

151. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from: Cllr's N Clarke, L Desmond-Williams and D Fussell

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

Cllr M Clarke

Cllr S Maitland Thomas

Cllr T Hill

Items 10 and 12

Item 13

Item 14

Personal, Member of BCBC

Member of Veterans Hub

Chamber of Trade Representative

153. To confirm and sign minutes of Full Council meeting held on the 11th November 2021

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 11th November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

154. To confirm and sign the minutes of the ‘Special’ Full Council meeting held on 16th November 2021

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 16th November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

155. To confirm and sign the minutes of the ‘Special’ Full Council meeting held on 22nd November 2021

Amendments requested to minute 142 by Cllr M Clarke who read out a statement.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Pratt requested recorded vote. Cllr Lee confirmed that he seconded the proposal and it was acknowledged that the request was agreed by council.

Cllr M Clarke’s statement claimed that the Mayor had proposed a motion, however, the motion was contained within the agenda, the Mayor simply moved to vote.

It was agreed to accept minutes with additional notes to be taken back to the Assistant Clerk to update. Cllr M Clarke voted against.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 22nd November 2021 with the following words added after the sentence Cllr Pratt requested a recorded vote, “Cllr Lee seconded the proposal for a recorded vote and council resolved to carry out a recorded vote. The Mayor moved to vote on the motion as written on the agenda.”

156. To confirm and sign the minutes of the ‘Special’ Full Council meeting held on 25th November 2021

Cllr M Clarke asked to be noted that he abstained from voting on this item.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 25th November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

157. To confirm and sign the minutes of the ‘Special’ Full Council meeting held on 30th November 2021

Cllr M Clarke abstained from voting on this item.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 30th November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

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

No public questions.

159. For information – Mayoral Events & Engagements

Resolved: To note for information.

160. To consider correspondence received from Gill Lewis, Interim Chief Officer, BCBC – Precept Request for 2022/23 – Porthcawl Town Council

Members were advised that Council has been granted an extension to 14th January to submit precept request.

Resolved: To add Precept to Full Council agenda of January 2022 meeting.

161. To receive update from BCBC Member

Cllr M Clarke informed other members that BCBC are encouraging the uptake of the Covid vaccine within its own workforce. Further business support is expected from Welsh Government.

Recycling arrangements for the Christmas period are on the website.

A member asked why Kier will not speak to him when he calls them on behalf of residents due to GDPR and has this been raised at BCBC council meetings? Cllr M Clarke advised that there are “mop-up” crews who will pick up any missed streets and to contact Clean Up the County for assistance.

162. For information – Bridgend County Borough Council (Clos y Mametz, Porthcawl) (Derestriction) (20 MPH Speed Limit Zone) Traffic Order 2021

Cllr M Clarke advised that other streets in the town with proposed traffic orders had been omitted due to objections from local residents.

Resolved: To note for information.

163. To consider item – Porthcawl Veterans Support in the town (as deferred from the Full Council meeting held on 14th October 2021)

Members were reminded that Council has previously resolved to hand back the Hub building in Griffin Park to BCBC and that the building is now scheduled for demolition.

Members were advised that BCBC has initiated a clearance of the building, which has stopped for now, but there are still items belonging to Porthcawl Town Council and to the Veterans group that need to be removed before demolition can commence.

A member asked whether other local charities in Porthcawl such as SAFA and the Royal British Legion are able to assist with the Veterans Hub and requested that Council adds information to their website on relevant local organisations.

Noted that the Facilities Manager and Assistant Clerk are to identify items belonging to Council and organise removals before the building is demolished.

Proposal by Cllr S Maitland Thomas to arrange a meeting with the Veterans and the Council to identify the groups needs and discuss how the Council can support them. Seconded by Cllr Emment-Lewis.

Resolved: To arrange a meeting with the Veterans and the Council to identify the groups needs and discuss how the Council can support them.

164. To consider item – Support for the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade Christmas Window Competition initiative with provision of the prize money amounting to £175.00 (1st prize £100, 2nd prize £50, 3rd prize £25)

Cllr Hill declared an interest and spoke only to provide information including confirmation of the names of the winners.

Cllr Clarke proposed that council provides the prize money of £175 as requested.
Seconded by Cllr Maitland-Thomas

Resolved: To provide prize money of £175.00 to the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade.

165. Town Clerk Reports:-

a) Payments for Authorisation

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

b) Media Screen Storage Quotation

Resolved: To accept quotation for the Media Screen Storage at the cost of £540.00.

Meeting concluded at 7.55pm