

# PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

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### PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: N Clarke (Mayor)

S Aspey	B Lewis
M Chegwen	S Maitland-Thomas
M Clarke	A Harris
T Hill	G Walter
B Jones	P Winstanley
R Lee	R Leonard-Davies
L Tallon-Morris	L Desmond-Williams
A Thomas	M Emmet-Lewis

CLERK: A Thomas

In Attendance: P Bowen (Democratic Services Officer)

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor mentioned that Cllr. Chris Smart had sadly passed away since the last meeting of Council and that he would be sadly missed by all.

The Mayor stated that he had always been happy to give advice to anyone and was always keen to see Council protocols followed.

Also, ex-councillor Brian Davies had also recently passed away.

The Mayor asked for all to be upstanding for a minutes' silence as a mark of respect.

A number of councillors were then able to give their thoughts on the help and advice that Cllr. Chris Smart had given them over the years.

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

Apologies were received from: Cllr C Wintle (Health).

#### **115. To receive Members Declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted**

None.

#### **116. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Resolved:** To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 as a true and accurate record.

**117. To adjourn if necessary to take Public Question Time**

None received.

**118. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (for information purposes only)**

No matters arising.

**119. To adjourn if necessary to receive item Public Question Time**

None.

**120. To note for information Mayoral Engagements and Announcements:**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Inner Wheel Christmas Fayre, Trinity Church, 10.30am  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Service, All Saints Church, 10.30am  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Porthcawl Floral Arranging Society Open Evening, Stage Door, Grand Pavillion, 7.00pm  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Mayor's Fund Committee Fashion Show, Hi-Tide, 6.30pm  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Porthcawl Christmas Event, 11.00am – 4.00pm  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Porthcawl Townswomens Guild Christmas Fayre, Trinity Church, 10.30am  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Porthcawl Cancer Research Christmas Lunch, Hi-Tide, 11.30am  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 'Tools for Self Reliance & Trinity Church 10 Year Celebration Activity', Trinity Church, 4.20pm  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Porthcawl Rotary Young Musician Competition Concert, All Saints Church, 6.50pm (Deputy Mayor)  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Cancer Research Candle Service, All Saints Church, 4.00pm

The Mayor also mentioned the World War 1 service taking place on November 10<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Church at 10.30am which was organised by the Porthcawl Museum.

**121. To consider item a Plastic Free Porthcawl (Cllr A Harris)**

Members discussed Plastic Free Porthcawl. Concerns were raised when putting on festivals, in particular the cost of reusable plastic cups and disposing of them after the event. Also educating householders to become 'plastic free'. Community groups will be set up to help householders to become 'plastic free'. Strong links will be formed with the local community, schools, local businesses', market stalls and other agencies to share best practice and work in a positive way to achieve 'Plastic Free Porthcawl'. This will be taken forward working together with an officer from BCBC. Members also noted the increased amount of plastic found in and around our shores.

**Resolved:** To support Porthcawl in becoming accredited as a Plastic Free Town.

**122. To consider item report Portway Practice Surgery Forum (Cllr N Clarke)**

A member stated Porthcawl will have a first class medical facility with a full complement of staff carrying out minor operations.

At present only patients currently registered at Portway Surgery will be transferred to the new facility.

**123. To consider item provision of male, female and accessible portaloos adjacent to John Street toilets from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 (Cllr G Walter)**

A member thanked Councillors for organising a petition and protest against the closure of John Street toilets.

Members discussed the need for temporary toilets (portaloos or porta cabin).

The location of temporary toilets was discussed. Some suggestions were made: Dock Street, Porthcawl (utilities available) or behind John Street toilets (utilities available) or other locations.

Discussions also took place regarding planning permission for temporary toilets and timescales involved.

**Resolved:                   The Projects Officer to urgently contact companies for availability and costs for temporary toilets. To contact BCBC for any permission required.**

**124. To consider item Street Licensing (Cllr T Hill)**

Members discussed the increase of illegal street charity collectors, particularly at the Elvis Festival and Porthcawl Carnival. Also organisations at John Street Bandstand (AA, RAC and EE) approaching local residents and visitors with well-rehearsed sales pitches. Avoidance by local residents and visitors of these organisations result in loss of business and puts Porthcawl in a bad light.

Members discussed that street sellers should display official badge of their organisation with a valid permit. Enforcement of such is required to avoid repetition of illegal charity collectors.

**Resolved:                   To contact BCBC and inform them that Porthcawl Town Council are very concerned at the number of illegal collectors that collect in our town together with a number who set up a stall i.e. AA. RAC etc. It is putting Porthcawl in a very bad light. To ask the licensing department to seriously look at everyone who has been given permission to collect displaying a badge and carrying a copy of their permit. Asking BCBC to inform PTC when permission has been given to organisations/charities visiting Porthcawl.**

**125. To consider item in view of the detrimental effect upon Porthcawl citizens, and those across the Borough of the proposed toilet closure programme, this council calls for a vote on the matter to be taken by full council at BCBC (Cllr G Walter)**

A member informed council that 54 elected members at BCBC voted on accepting the BCBC budget. They did not vote on whether to close John Street toilets. The

closure of John Street toilets needs to be kept in the news also keeping the pressure on BCBC. It was noted that BCBC have a Cabinet system and it's the Cabinet that would have taken the decision to close the toilets in Porthcawl.

**Resolved:**                    **That the local BCBC member take this forward.**

**126. To consider item correspondence Kelly Watson, Head of Legal and Regulatory Services, Bridgend CBC – (Prohibition and Restriction of waiting and loading and parking places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013 (Amendment No.6) Order 2018**

Members discussed the notice and drawings provided by BCBC. A member stated that BCBC had omitted previously submitted request for double yellow lines behind Beale's Fish & Chip Shop (MAP: Title Ref CA12, REVISION 2).

**Resolved:**                    **To accept the information given in order to take the proposals forward but to contact BCBC highlighting previously submitted request.**

**127. Clerk's Report**

Nothing to report

*The meeting concluded at 8.30pm*