

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THURSDAY 8th JULY 2021

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

T Hill

M Chegwen

M Clarke

N Clarke

M Emmet-Lewis

A Harris

B Jones

R Lee

B Lewis

J Manley

S Maitland Thomas

J Pratt

R Smith

L Tallon-Morris

TOWN CLERK: K Grabham

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK: S Watkins

62. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr L Desmond-Williams, Cllr M Rock

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

None received.

64. To confirm and sign minutes of the Meeting of the Special Council held on the 22nd June 2021

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 22nd June 2021 as a true and accurate record.

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

None received.

66. To note for information – Mayoral announcements & engagements

The Mayor informed members of the engagements that she has attended to date and Cllrs noted the upcoming engagements.

67. To consider item – Update on Aldi Proposal for Salt Lake Car Park, Porthcawl – Cllr J Manley

Cllr J Manley updated members on the proposal for Aldi at Salt Lake Car Park informing members that this is the first Aldi store of this design. The remit included commissioning a local artist. There will be a 114 car parking spaces in total, 5 disabled, 7 parent and child and 2 click and collect. No car park costs with 90 minutes free parking. Creation of 40 jobs with an average wage of £9.40 per hour. The store is hoping to open in late 2023.

Cllr L Tallon-Morris thanked Cllr Manley for the update and informed members that he was glad that the project is now moving forward.

Resolved: Cllrs noted the update provided by Cllr J Manley

68. To consider item – Update on the Local Development Plan – Cllr A Harris

Cllr A Harris updated members on the workshop provided by Planning Aid Wales on the 1st July 2021. 7 Cllrs from PTC attended the workshop. There was a lot discussions around regeneration and parking in Porthcawl and it was agreed that a parking strategy is required for Porthcawl. There are going to be 9,702 homes in Bridgend.

Cllr B Jones informed members that he does not believe that the LDP consultation is meeting the minimum requirement for a consultation process.

Cllr L Tallon-Morris informed members that he feels that Porthcawl would benefit from a train station.

Cllr N Clarke highlighted that Cllrs need to be making constituents aware of the LDP consultation. If Porthcawl want to be heard on their views, they need to submit a response to the LDP consultation.

Cllr L Tallon-Morris suggested that a form be printed off and delivered to each resident of the town.

Cllr T Hill reminded members that the item this is evening is to note the update.

The Clerk informed members that Cllr N Clarke has requested a special meeting to discuss the LDP and that the date was to be set.

Cllr J Manley agreed with Cllr B Jones with regards to how BCBC are conducting the LDP consultation. Cllr Manley informed members that she has submitted a FOI request to BCBC for a copy of equality impact assessment that BCBC should have conducted.

Cllr L Tallon-Morris proposed that at the special meeting for the LDP that PTC discuss how the Council can engage with members.

Cllr N Clarke proposed that a letter is sent to BCBC to inform that PTC are dissatisfied with how the LDP consultation is being carried out.

Resolved: For both proposals to be considered at the special meeting for the LDP Consultation

Cllr J Pratt requested for it to be noted that he abstained from voting.

Cllr N Clarke requested for it to be noted that she abstained from voting.

Resolved: Members noted the content of the update.

69. To consider item – Update by BCBC Member

Cllr N Clarke provided an update to members on the progress of Cosy Corner and the grant application process that BCBC have had to go through with Visit Wales. Cllr N Clarke explained that a strict criteria had been stipulated by Visit Wales. The proposal is for retail units, a changing place changing room, an office for the Harbour Master and community space for use by community groups. The building will have solar panels and will included public toilets. It is hoped that the proposal will go planning for approval October 2021, March 2022 for contractors to be on site and by December 2022 for contractors to be off site to comply at with the rules set by EU funding.

Cllr B Jones stated that he finds the proposal unimaginative.

Cllr N Clarke informed members that the funding dictates what can be placed Cosy Corner.

A lengthy discussion ensued where members felt that PTC should be able to put forward ideas on what we would like to see at Cosy Corner.

Cllr N Clarke read the project brief to Cllrs.

Resolved: Members noted the content of the update.

70. To consider item – Queens Platinum Party 2022 – Cllr M Emmet-Lewis

Cllr M Emmet-Lewis would like to bring forward the plans for the Queens Platinum Party 2022 and suggested that every 96 year old should have a cream tea on the Council and every baby and person turning 96 on the day should be awarded a certificate or a medal like the Council did in the millennium.

Cllr J Pratt informed members that the Queens Platinum event is not something that we will see again in this life time and that the Council take part in the celebrations.

Cllr M Emmet-Lewis proposed that the item should be taken to a working group or back to Promoting Porthcawl Committee and that plans should not be left to the last minute.

Resolved: For the Queens Platinum Event to be placed on the next Promoting Porthcawl agenda.

71. Town Clerks Reports

a) Payments for Authorisation

The Clerk introduced the report requesting Councils permission to pay the invoices listed at appendix a. The Clerk drew member's attention to two invoices. BCBC invoice for the rates at the Porthcawl Community Hub, the Clerk requested that the invoice is put on hold while the invoice is looked in to. Auditing Solutions invoice the Council were quoted for 2 days work at a cost of £950.00, however the audit took longer than anticipated to complete and has resulted in the Council being invoiced for 4 days work.

Resolved: For all payments to be made apart from BCBC invoice for the rates at the Porthcawl Hub.

72. b) CAT Transfer request – Suffolk Place Old Play Area

The Clerk introduced the report and explained that 02nd June 2021 Cllr T Hill presented to Promoting Porthcawl Committee her wish for a CAT transfer process to be undertaken on the Old Play Area at the back of Suffolk Place. The idea being for the area to be transformed in to a community garden or a community space. Promoting Porthcawl committee resolved to recommend to council.

Resolved: For the recommendation by Promoting Porthcawl Committee to be accepted and for an expression of interest from is completed and submitted to BCBC.

Members voted to go in to a confidential session in line with (Admissions to Meetings Act 1960) In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the following agenda item.

c) Newton Play Park Equipment Quotes

The Clerk informed members of Council that the Members of the Promoting Porthcawl committee have been looking at quotes for Newton Play Park Equipment. On the 02nd June members of Promoting Porthcawl Committee resolved to recommend for the quote from company 1 be accepted.

Resolved: For Company 1 (Dragon Play) be awarded the contract for Newton Play Park.

Meeting concluded at 8.28pm