

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2022

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: M Chegwen (Mayor)

B Davies	M Jones
M Emment-Lewis	J Monks
N Farr	J Pratt
T Hill	M Rock
B Jones	J Strong
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LOCUM TOWN CLERK: C John
IN ATTENDANCE: S Watkins, K Sutton

7. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor's S Maitland Thomas and E Jones

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

Cllr J Pratt	Items 5,6 & 7	Member of BCBC
Cllr N Farr	Items 5,6 & 7	Member of BCBC

9. To confirm and sign minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2022

Page 3 delete duplicate wording 'Cllr J Pratt'.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 19th May 2022 as a true and accurate record with the above amendment.

10. To consider item – Report from Bridgend County Borough Council Members

Cllr Pratt advised that he had attended a Member briefing for the Porthcawl Members where an informative discussion was held regarding the Porthcawl Regeneration which was designed for the new Councillors.

The detailed design work has been completed for the new Metro Link bus terminus which is to be located on the eastern side of the Portway. Cllr Pratt advised that he was reassured by BCBC that the metro link buses would not be turning around on the road and that they would be transferring through. These details were not previously made available on the planning application. The planning application of 12th December is pending a decision by the local planning authority. The proposed metro link is due to be delivered utilising Cardiff Capital Region grant funding consists of new four-way bus terminus and a single enclosed structure together with associated highways, alterations, landscaping and public ground works. The new metro link once completed will enhance public transport links to Pyle train station and in turn the wider South Wales metro network in addition to enhancing and improving public transport facility and accessibility in and out of Porthcawl.

The Aldi development is in working progress which should be completed by Summer 2023 excluding the internal works. The roof structure will be of a green moss material.

There is a proposed large multi storey car park to be placed on Hillsboro car park. BCBC plans are not to have a concrete structure but a car park with an architecturally attractive façade.

The proposed development at Cosy Corner consists of a new Harbour Master office, buildings for community use, changing places public conveniences and some retail. It was advised that the Sea Cadets are currently in discussions with BCBC and the RNLI would have the same access as they currently have.

BCBC acquired Sandy Bay land by Compulsory Purchase Order in 1947.

Porthcawl Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) was published by BCBC in August 2021 and formally submitted to Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW). The CPO application was followed by a period of consultation between 21st October 2021 and the 26th November 2021 and the wider range of representation submitted to PEDW which included Porthcawl Town Council views. PEDW have confirmed that the CPO is subject to a public enquiry at the beginning of 2023.

Porthcawl Appropriation Plan that includes Sandy Bowl - Appropriation is Council asking as to whether they can change the use of this land as it currently sits. It is currently used for leisure purposes and BCBC want to transfer it to housing and leisure. The consultation is due to go back to Cabinet in August 2022 to seek authorisation to confirm or not confirm the appropriation as appropriate.

It was approved by BCBC Cabinet March 2022 to provide a framework to shape the development within the future regeneration area based on the delivery of circa 1,100

new homes across the Porthcawl waterfront. It includes extensive open space, and doubling Griffin Park along the Eastern Promenade.

Cllr B Jones advised that the fairground is proposed to be re-located on the eastern side of Sandy Bay close to Rhych Point in terms of a travelling fair between April to October, 181 days a year.

Cllr M Rock asked as to whether or not BCBC would be able to receive any funding from the Supermarket development for the proposed play park at Cosy Corner. Cllr B Jones advised that the revenue from the Aldi supermarket has been set aside for the Eastern Promenade and for the new roadworks. Cllr B Jones advised that a million pound grant has been sourced by BCBC from Visit Wales for the development of Cosy Corner.

11. To consider item – Appropriation of Land BCBC (Cllrs J Pratt, N Farr & J Strong)

Cllr J Strong and Cllr N Farr suggested that another letter be drafted and sent to BCBC in relation to the proposed development at Salt Lake and Sandy Bay.

Cllr B Jones suggested maintaining the objections as the land should be used as leisure and not for development of housing.

Cllr N Farr and Cllr B Jones suggested that a leaflet drop be delivered to each home in Porthcawl providing links to the library in order for residents to have a say of what happens in Porthcawl. Members were aware that there would be cost implications involved for the leaflet production.

Members are keen to see the development of Sandy Bay and would like to see a mix of residential and leisure facilities/retail developed in this area.

Following discussion:-

Resolved: Cllr J Strong to develop an information leaflet to explain how to object or support the appropriation of land which is to be initially circulated to all Councillors prior to printing. Printed leaflets to be delivered to each house in Porthcawl by Councillors, and their friends and family.

Resolved: Members agreed a budget of up to £2000 for the printing of the leaflets in relation to the Appropriation of Land.

12. To consider item – Capital Asset Transfer Griffin Park (K Sutton – Facilities Manager)

It was advised that the backing paperwork for this agenda item had been provided to all Councillors prior to the Full Council meeting.

The Facilities Manager, Kristian Sutton, advised that Councillors are not agreeing to sign the contract at this meeting but are required to make a decision as to whether or not to go ahead with the transfer only at this meeting.

The Locum Clerk advised that she had liaised with the Property Department and Guy Smith and that she had received confirmation re the following:-

Term 3 – Rent – Peppercorn Rent will be set at £1.00

Term 5 – Use – Town Council will be able to hire the facility for community related activities. It is understood that the premises will not be used as business.

Term 6 – Repair & Maintenance – The Town Council will be solely responsible for the repairs and maintenance of the facility. It is understood that CAT funding could be applied for to enable all necessary works to be carried out.

Term 13 – Existing Users – The Bowls Club will apply to the Town Council for their use of part of the Pavilion and the bowls green for the forthcoming year – the Bowles Club will be charged for this hire.

Whilst the Town Council are happy to hire the use of the part of the building to the Bowls Club this will not preclude the Town Council from utilising the rest of the building to ensure it is used to its full potential.

Term 14 – The Town Council will charge for hire for community use at current local rates.

Term 21 – Annual Inspection – It is accepted that specific annual inspection dates cannot be provided in advance but the Town Council would ask that reasonable notice is given in advance.

The Facilities Manager advised that Griffin Park is not one item it is split into two halves. The southern half of the park is on a yearly lease of the regeneration project and the top half is on a five-year lease with the intention of transferring straight to Porthcawl Town Council. The Facilities Manager further advised that the PTC costs are significantly lower than BCBC running costings.

The Facilities Manager advised that in the pack that Councillors had received it explains the structural layout and use of the building. The intention of taking over the building is to generate a community building and also prove costs savings.

Following discussion:-

A recorded vote was requested and is as follows:-

For: M Chegwen, B Davies, M Jones, M Emmet-Lewis, J Monks, N Farr, J Pratt, T Hill, M Rock, J Strong and J Jones

Against: Cllr B Jones

Councillors gave thanks to the Facilities Manager for his hard work for providing information to Members.

Resolved: That Porthcawl Town Council proceeds with the transfer of Griffin Park.

13. To consider item – Newton Nottage Road Crossing (Cllr N Farr)

Cllr N Farr advised that this project has been an ongoing issue for over 10-15 years and that herself and Cllr Walter had liaised with BCBC regarding this. BCBC had advised that they were awaiting documentation from Porthcawl Town Council. Cllr N Farr requested copies of the historic Porthcawl Town Council documentation.

It was discussed that it was contracted between BCBC and the Medical Centre to place an unmanned zebra crossing on Newton Nottage Road prior to any works commencing on their new building. Cllr B Jones advised that he would forward the documentation he has relating to onto the Town Clerk.

Following discussion:-

Resolved: That the background documents in relation to the Newton Nottage Road crossing are provided to Cllr N Farr and Cllr G Walter (BCBC).

14. Future Publication of Town Council Election Results (Cllr M Rock)

The outcome of Town Council elections are not widely publicised by BCBC and the results were found on social media.

Following discussion:-

Resolved: Within 24 hours of future Council elections that the results are placed in the public domain.

Resolved That the Clerk starts negotiations with the Electoral Services, BCBC about a more efficient way for them to announce the successful election candidates and that the Town Council explores ways in which we can better advertise election results.

Cllr B Jones left the meeting at 8.41pm

15. E-mail from member of public regarding Cenotaph at All Saints Church

Members were in agreement that the Cenotaph needs to be refurbished and updated.

Cllr M Chegwen suggested the removal of the chippings and placing a concrete path around the Cenotaph and that permissions would initially need to be sought for this from the Church.

Following discussion:-

Resolved: That Cllr Pratt bring costings for the refurbishment and updating of the Cenotaph back to the next Town Council meeting for further consideration.

16. E-mail from M Gallagher – Support for Swifts

Resolved: Porthcawl Town Council to support a swift friendly town.

17. **Public Path Diversion Order – Diversion of Footpath 12 Porthcawl**

Resolved: To note for information.

18. **Correspondence – Whittinghams Solicitors – John Street Public Toilets, Porthcawl**

The Locum Clerk advised that she had liaised with the Solicitor and run through the details with Members.

Cllr M Chegwen evoked standing order 10x to extend the meeting.

Resolved: To defer this item to the next Full Council meeting.

19. **To consider draft Public Participation Policy**

It was noted in the policy that members of the public are able to ask a question if they wish to do so but are not able to engage in debate.

Resolved: To accept the Public Participation Policy as presented.

20. **Training for Councillors**

The Locum Town Clerk advised that One Voice Wales have produced a training package. There are two options; Councillors can either undertake the training individually online which means that Councillors have to do the training which is part of the Local Government Act and have to provide evidence of their training or alternatively there is bespoke training available for a collective Council. Members were reminded that it is imperative that all Councillors have the required mandatory training.

Resolved: The Clerk to proceed with organising bespoke training for Councillors with One Voice Wales.

21. **Clerk's Report**

The Locum Clerk advised that the required forms have been submitted for Newton Fayre and will be going ahead as done historically.

The Locum Clerk confirmed that Council are now in receipt of the Sand Bay Lease and have liaised with the Truck Gathering organiser. Documentation is to be submitted in due course from Mr Edwards.

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 item.

22. For information – Information in response to correspondence from J Jaafar, Clerks Room, London (pink paper item)

For information for Members the Locum Clerk read out the contents of the holding letter and advised that the appointed Solicitor would be responding substantively to the complainants by 17th June 2022.

Meeting concluded at 9.12pm