

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THURSDAY, 10th December 2020

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:	B Jones (Mayor)	
	M Chegwen	T Hill
	M Clarke	B Lewis
	N Clarke	J Pratt
	M Emment-Lewis	R Smith
	A Harris	L Tallon-Morris
	S Maitland-Thomas	C Wesgate
	L Tallon-Morris	C Wintle

INTERIM CLERK: S Watkins

161. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from: Cllr's R Lee and L Desmond-Williams

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

Cllr J Pratt	Agenda item 6 (3c)	Personal Interest, Proposal put forward
Cllr T Hill	Agenda item 10	Personal Interest, Member of Chamber of Trade
Cllr M Emment-Lewis	Agenda items 6 (3c) Agenda item 7 (3)	Personal Interest, Family frequent play park Personal Interest, Member of Inner Wheel
Cllr B Lewis	Agenda item 7 (3)	Personal Interest, Member of Rotary Club

163. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 12th November 2020

Resolved: To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 12th November 2020 as a true and accurate record.

164. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 12th November 2020 (for information purposes only).

No matters arising.

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

There were two members of the public present, however, no questions were raised.

166. To consider item – Minutes of the Vision & Budget Seminar meeting held (electronically) on 17th November 2020

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Vision & Budget Seminar meeting held (electronically) on 17th November 2020.

167. To consider item – Minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Committee meeting held (electronically) on 24th November 2020 (attached)

Cllr B Lewis joined the meeting.

It was advised that some issues had been experienced with the Christmas lighting this year and discussed that consideration should be given to looking into the festive lighting for 2021 at the next Promoting Porthcawl Committee meeting.

Cllr's M Emmet-Lewis & B Lewis declared an interest in agenda item 3a of the Promoting Porthcawl minutes as Members of the Porthcawl Rotary Club.

Members suggested that when responding to the Porthcawl Rotary Club to advise them to perhaps apply for funding from the local Council in Pyle.

It was agreed to amend the resolved to recommend under 3(a) of the Promoting Porthcawl minutes so that it reads:-

'To not to award a grant of £5,000 to the Porthcawl Rotary Club'

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Committee meeting held (electronically) on 24th November 2020 with the above amendment.

168. To consider item – Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held (electronically) on 26th November 2020

It was discussed that a special Full Council meeting may be called, if necessary, to discuss drawings from the appointed John Street Toilets Architect in order that all Council members can be updated of the project progress. Discussions took place surrounding the appointment paperwork including costings for the John Street Toilets Architect and agreed that the Clerk would seek the paperwork in the office. It was agreed that a special meeting of Operations committee should be held to discuss information obtained.

Cllr J Pratt advised that a meeting to discuss the gate installation at the Coastwatch Tower had not taken place as yet but will report back to Council once a meeting has been held.

A Member advised that 'the works' outlined in the minutes referred to the Porthcawl Community Hub flooring and that the match funding offered would come from the CAT Transfer fund.

It was agreed to amend the resolved to recommend wording on agenda item 8 of the Operations Committee meeting so that it reads:-

'That Council investigates the options to match fund the repairs for the Porthcawl Community Hub with BCBC, however to avoid any bureaucratic delays Porthcawl Town Council is prepared to pay costs initially in the full knowledge that funding from BCBC may be lost'.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held (electronically) on 26th November 2020 with the above amendment.

169. To consider e-mail correspondence received from Mr J Strong – All Wheel Park Facility – Pump Track for Porthcawl (attached)

Members were in full support of the All Wheel Park Facility – Pump Track for Porthcawl. Members were reminded that Porthcawl Town Council do not own any land and that some difficulties may be encountered in finding a suitable site to house the Pump Track. Ask Jamie to come to a FC meeting to provide a presentation.

Resolved:- That the Clerk invites Mr Strong to attend a Full Council meeting to provide a presentation so that Council can be provided with more detail of the proposal.

170. To consider e-mail correspondence received from Bridget Hall, Porthcawl Chamber of Trade – Chamber of Trade Christmas Window Competition 2020 (attached)

Resolved:- To contribute the same amount as 2019 (£175.00) to the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade towards their Christmas Window Competition 2020.

171. To consider item – To accept One Voice Wales Model Protocol on Member/Officer Relations (attached)

Resolved: To adopt the One Voice Wales Model Protocol on Member/Officer Relations as presented.

172. To consider item – To accept One Voice Wales Confidentiality Policy (attached)

Resolved: To adopt One Voice Wales Confidentiality Policy as presented.

173. To consider item – Amendments to Standing Orders (attached) (copy of current Standing Orders held under separate cover for information) (Cllr R Smith)

It was suggested that under exceptional circumstances the Clerk should have the delegated authority to put any additional items on the agenda.

It was agreed that going forward members of the public can continue to ask ad hoc questions at the Full Council meeting. It was further agreed members of the public can also provide a question in writing at least three or four working days prior to the meeting should they wish to receive an answer to their question from the Mayor at the Full Council meeting.

Members agreed that no amendments should be made to the planning committee.

Resolved: To amend the Council Standing Orders as outlined above.

174. To consider item – SatNav Diversion Sign, Newton Nottage Road (Cllr J Pratt)

It was proposed that some signage could be installed to inform large vehicles of alternative routes around Newton village. Members were reminded that the Highways, including signage installation falls under the remit of BCBC.

Resolved: That Cllr Pratt be authorised in principle to liaise with a Borough Member of Porthcawl Town Council and subsequently that the Borough Member is authorised to liaise with Officers of BCBC to implement some sort of vehicle diversion signage in Newton village to take this forward.

175. To consider item – Newton Nottage Road Crossing (Cllr B Jones)

Resolved: To defer this item to the next Operations committee meeting.

176. To consider item – Current committee vacancies:-

- Operations (2 vacancies) C Wesgate
- Planning (2 vacancies) No Members
- Promoting Porthcawl (1 vacancy) J Pratt
- Staffing (1 vacancy) L Tallon-Morris

Resolved: That Councillors C Wesgate, J Pratt and L Tallon-Morris fill the committee vacancies as outlined above.

177. To consider item – Community Asset Transfer, Griffin Park (attached) (Cllr B Jones)

Members were reminded that the CAT Transfer had been previously agreed by Council and the Clerk is to take this forward.

Resolved: To note the Community Asset Transfer Plan for Griffin Park, and that the park will be guided and developed through the Promoting Porthcawl committee.

178. **To consider item – Tender for replacement play equipment Griffin Park in partnership with BCBC. PTC pledge financial implications for PTC £4k and budgeted (Cllr B Jones)**

Resolved: To approve this item.

179. **To consider item – Approval for Town Clerk to progress a tender for the additional equipment Newton Play Park as and when budget is confirmed**

Resolved: To approve this item.

180. **To consider item – Investigate establishing a Porthcawl Youth Council (Cllr B Jones)**

Members discussed ideas and were fully supportive of this proposal.

Resolved: A small cross party task group be implemented. The agreed Councillors for the group consist of Cllr's J Pratt, L Tallon-Morris, A Harris, C Wesgate.

181. **To approve item – Office Staff operating days over Christmas and New Year period.**

It was discussed that the operating days over the festive period should be in line with BCBC in line with previous years. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain the operating days of BCBC over the festive period and circulate this information to all Councillors.

182. **Clerk's report**

Members were informed that a letter for the Precept Request for 2021/22 for Porthcawl Town Council had been received in the office and that the deadline on the letter to submit the precept requirement to BCBC is no later than 6th January 2021. However, upon request to BCBC, they have kindly extended this deadline and Council are able to submit their Precept Request on 15th January 2021 at the latest following the Full Council meeting.

Meeting closed 9.18pm