

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 14th MARCH 2019

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: N Clarke (Mayor)

S Aspey	B Lewis
M Clarke	S Maitland-Thomas
L Desmond-Williams	R Smith
M Emment-Lewis	L Tallon-Morris
A Harris	A Thomas
T Hill	G Walter
B Jones	

CLERK: A Thomas

In Attendance: P Bowen (DSO)

193. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr R Lee (Personal)
Cllr R Leonard-Davies (Personal)
Cllr C Wintle (Personal)
Cllr P Winstanley (Personal)

194. To receive item Presentation Porthcawl 10k – Naomi Warner/Steve Brace

Steve Brace, Event Director of Run for Wales gave a presentation for the forthcoming 10k Race at Porthcawl.

The race starts and ends at The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

The race date is Sunday, 7th July 2019, the event opens at 8am. The race starts at 10am and ends 12.05pm. There will be a Toddler Dash at 12.10pm followed by a Family Friendly Run at 12:30, the event closes at 2pm.

Entries so far are 2186. Steve Brace indicated that 4000 runners would be the maximum.

Bilingual letters will be sent to residents with timings of the race and any road closures. Adequate signage will be in place with an efficient Traffic Management

Plan in place. Advance warning signs will be placed in central locations in Porthcawl.

There will be 1 drink station – if numbers increase then the amount of drink stations will increase. All used plastic bottles will be recycled and any rubbish left will be cleaned up after the event.

An 'App' is available for mobile phones – each runner can be tracked via their unique chip. Drones will be used during the event to capture the race.

Public transport: Buses will be clearly marked to ensure participants of the race and their friends/family can use public transport with ease.

195. To consider item Introduction and update Sgt. D. Rees – South Wales Police

The Mayor welcomed Sgt Rees to the meeting.

Sgt Rees provided information on his current team: 3 PC's and 6 PCSO's. He acknowledged there had been problems with homelessness in John Street toilets which had now been resolved.

Sgt Rees provided information on Porthcawl; application for a Night Club at The Cabin Bar which the Police had declined.

Sgt. Rees gave a brief description of policing in Porthcawl.

Sgt Rees acknowledged that there had been problems with advertising of PACT meetings which he will resolve by ensuring that every Councillor has advanced notice of PACT Meetings.

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

Cllr M Clarke	Agenda Items 9, 13 & 19	BCBC Member
Cllr N Clarke	Agenda Items 9, 13 & 18	BCBC Member
Cllr B Jones	Agenda Items 9, 13 & 19	BCBC Member
Cllr M Chegwen	Agenda Item 9	
Cllr S Aspey	Agenda Items 9 & 13	BCBC Member
Cllr T Hill	Agenda Items 10 & 18	
Cllr S Maitland-Thomas	Agenda Items 10 & 14	Organiser of Newton Fest
Cllr L Desmond-Williams	Agenda Item 18	

197. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 14th February 2019

Resolved: To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 14th February 2019 as a true and accurate record.

198. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th February 2019 (for information purposes only)

No matters arising.

199. To adjourn if necessary to receive item Public Question Time

Members of the public present didn't wish to ask questions.

200. To note for information Mayoral Engagements and Announcements

Members noted the Mayoral engagements.

201. To consider item correspondence P. Kestle, Property, Bridgend CBC – Sandy Bay License for Events Space

To be known as 'Sandy Bay Community Space'.

Council approved the signing of a licence to allow Porthcawl Town Council to operate the circa 6.5 acres at Sandy Bay.

Town Clerk to finalise some points with Philipa Kestle (BCBC). Authorisation to be sought from BCBC to allow for a small amount of ground works for the site to be levelled and in particular the two areas of earth bunding that are a throwback from its days as a caravan park. Agreement also to be sought that there is no expectation that BCBC will require the earth bunds to be reinstated at the end of PTC licensed periods. No earth will be removed from site.

Council further approved the potential use of an area for a BMX Park. It will be for any interested parties to inform the Town Clerk and then prepare an application for consideration by Council.

Resolved: To sign the lease subject to clarification of points raised regarding the licence.

202. To consider item email correspondence S Maitland-Thomas – permission to use Newton Green for Newton Fest, Saturday 24th August 2019

Cllr S Maitland-Thomas left the room.

Councillors discussed the possibility of the use of Newton Green for the Newton Fest.

Resolved: That permission be granted to use Newton Green for Newton Fest, on Saturday 24th August 2019 with the normal conditions.

203. To renew Membership One Voice Wales 2019 – 2020 at a cost of £2525

Members discussed the One Voice Wales membership.

It was also mentioned that the clerk is a member of the SLCC which is a cost to the council.

Resolved: To continue with One Voice Wales membership and discontinue the SLCC membership when it becomes due.

204. To consider item Town and Community Council Forum Meeting (Cllr L Desmond-Williams)

Members were provided with an overview of The Future of Town & Community Councils. The Town Clerk was provided with a Draft Booklet of The Bridgend Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) listing 172 sites candidate sites.

It was stressed that candidate sites are being reviewed at the moment and that just because they have been put forward did not mean that they would go ahead. The sites will be reviewed by BCBC in the first instance and then the final say on which sites are accepted will be decided by a planning inspector.

205. To consider item email correspondence K. Watson, Head of Legal and Regulatory Services, Bridgend CBC – Salt Lake Car Park Off Street Parking Places Civic Enforcement Order

Members noted the proposed times of Salt Lake Car Park, Porthcawl: 0800 hours – 2100 hours (operational every day of the week). Members queried previous information from BCBC where it had been stated that all car parks had to operate the same hours.

Resolved: To note the proposed opening hours and to contact BCBC regarding clarification of previous information that all BCBC car parks are required to operate the same opening hours.

206. To consider item email correspondence Mr Don Tickener, Porthcawl Civic Trust – request to meet with the Town Council to discuss Regeneration in Porthcawl

Members were concerned about time constraints at Full Council meetings. Inviting many groups at the same time is not practical for a Council meeting.

Resolved: That a letter is sent to Civic Trust suggesting that they call a meeting to invite representatives from other organisations to attend along with Councillors in order to discuss regeneration.

207. To consider item Report Porthcawl SHOUT meeting (Cllr N Clarke)

Members discussed the report regarding primary care and health services from April 1st when the County Borough move from ABMU to the Cwm Taf Health Area.

There will be no changes to health services for now, however there is no guarantee in the future that services would not change in the future.

Resolved: Members noted the report.

208. To consider item Criminal Activities in Porthcawl and Policing (Cllr L Tallon-Morris)

Members were informed that an online petition (Porthcawl First, Facebook) was set up to campaign for the re-opening of Porthcawl Police Station, so far there has been 600 signatures.

It was stated that PTC could not support the online petition, however a letter should be drafted to the Police Commissioner to support the re-opening of Porthcawl Police Station and include all residents' concerns regarding crime in Porthcawl.

Resolved: To draft a letter to the Police Commissioner supporting the re-opening of Porthcawl Police Station and express support for the online petition.

209. To approve item payment of invoices relating to Touch Information Screens in Porthcawl at a total cost of £30,000.00

Members noted the invoices and agreed payment.

Resolved: To pay invoices totalling £30,000.00.

210. To consider item approval of Truck Gathering Festival on Sandy Bay, 10th - 11th August 2019

Members discussed the event and queried the date of the Truck Gathering – need certainty of the date. Licence and insurance issues were also discussed.

Resolved: Clerk to inform Mr Edwards that permission for use of the Community Space for a Truck Gathering Festival is approved subject to providing the necessary assurances and agreement from ESAG.

211. To consider item approval to transfer Griffin Park Youth Service Community Building (portacabin) to Porthcawl Town Council with a budget of £2000.00

Griffin Park Building to be known as 'The Griffin Community Hub'

Council approved the transfer of the sectional building known as the Wellbeing Hall to PTC. PTC will take responsibility for building insurance, installing broadband and WIFI plus erecting suitable new signage.

Porthcawl YMCA has formally declared an interest in running the building under a Service Level Agreement (SLA) which would include handling all usage of the building and ensuring that all revenue costs are covered. A budget of £2000 was approved.

Resolved: To approve/accept the transfer of Griffin Park Youth Service Community Building (portacabin) to Porthcawl Town Council with a budget of £2000.00 for building insurance, installation of broadband plus erection of suitable signage.

212. Clerk's Report

Update on benches and pavement projects.

The Town Clerk stated that benches and pavement projects are still on the agenda and have not been overlooked.

The Town Clerk also stated that Councillors can attend Council Meetings except Staffing.

The meeting concluded at 8.55pm