

Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting
held on Monday, 17th June 2019

Present: Cllr's S Aspey, S Maitland-Thomas, B Jones, R Lee & G Walter

Clerk: Mrs A Thomas

In attendance: Mrs P Bowen (DSO)
Mr D Lynn (PO)

1. To elect a Chairperson for Year 2019 – 2020.

It was proposed and seconded and resolved that Cllr S Aspey be the Chairperson for 2019 – 2020.

2. To elect a Vice Chairperson.

It was proposed and seconded and resolved that Cllr R Lee be the Deputy Chairperson for the Year 2019 – 2020.

3. Apologies for absence.

No apologies received.

4. Declarations of Interest.

None.

5. To consider and approve item Terms of Reference – to include discussion on structure of future meetings of the Committee.

Members went through the Terms of Reference. Members were in agreement that they were relevant to the Operations Committee.

Resolved to recommend: **To approve item Terms of Reference (as attached).**

6. To confirm calendar of meetings for 2019 – 2020.

Members acknowledged that meetings are scheduled bi-monthly and agreed to continue this format.

Members were keen to meet before the Summer Recess to continue to manage the ongoing and ad hoc operations of the Town Council.

The Town Clerk to send convenient dates to Councillors for the next meetings, preferably the fourth Thursday of the month.

7. To consider item Report of the Projects Officer – John Street Toilets.

Members considered the report from the Projects Officer. The PO highlighted:

5.0 Report On Condition

5.4 Surroundings Walls of Former External Urinal Block – The surveyor has highlighted that coping should be installed on the perimeter walls. However, should the Town Council resolve to install a Changing Places unit at the rear of the building it will be necessary to demolish this disused urinal block.

Members raised concerns: possible woodworm, underground open pipes, ongoing maintenance costs and lack of investment for a long period of time. Members also agreed that some costs should be made by BCBC.

Members agreed that the toilets must be kept open for visitors and residents and remain committed to a long term plan for John Street toilets.

Members concluded that an initial meeting with key staff (BCBC, CADW & Welsh Government) would be advantageous to secure the long term plan for John Street toilets. Also to explore all options to keep toilets open by exploring all funding streams available.

Following discussion

Resolved to recommend:

Porthcawl Town Council remain committed to the long term future of toilet facilities within the town.

- a) To meet with Bridgend CBC to discuss the contents of the report and proposed future of John Street toilets. Cllrs B Jones, S Aspey and R Lee, alongside the Projects Officer and Clerk to meeting with Guy Smith, Zak Shell and Sue Tomlinson.**
- b) To approach CADW and other sources to explore potential support available**
- c) The PO to draft a logical programme of progression for the toilets**

To review item in four months.

8. Clerk's Report.

Nothing to report.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm