

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: N Clarke (Mayor)

S Aspey	M Chegwen
S Maitland-Thomas	M Clarke
A Harris	T Hill
G Walter	B Jones
P Winstanley	R Lee
C Wintle	R Leonard-Davies
L Tallon-Morris	L Desmond-Williams

CLERK: A Thomas

In Attendance: P Bowen (Democratic Services Officer)

93. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:-

Cllr's B Lewis (Health), M Emmet-Lewis (Health), G Walter (Health), C Smart (Health) and A Thomas (Personal).

94. To receive Members Declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted

Cllr R Lee	Agenda item 13	Personal, Member of Chamber Trade
Cllr L Tallon-Morris	Agenda item 13	Personal, Member of Chamber Trade
Cllr L Desmond-Williams	Agenda item 13	Personal, Member of Chamber Trade
Cllr M Clarke	Agenda item 12	Personal, BCBC Member
Cllr B Jones	Agenda item 12	Personal, BCBC Member
Cllr S Aspey	Agenda item 12	Personal, BCBC Member
Cllr N Clarke	Agenda item 12	Personal, BCBC Member

95. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 13th September 2018.

Resolved: To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 13th September 2018 as a true and accurate record.

96. To adjourn if necessary to take Public Question Time

None received.

97. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September 2018 (for information purposes only).

No matters arising.

98. To note for information Mayoral Engagements and Announcements:

The Mayor went through the engagements.

Engagements and Announcements were noted by members;
Friday, 19 October, Porthcawl Branch of Kidney Wales, Coffee Morning, RAFA Club, 10.30am.

Sunday 21st October, Bridgend Town Council Civic Service, Bridgend United Church, 3.00pm.

Resolved: To note for information

99. To approve and accept Annual Return for the Year End 31st March 2018 following completion of External Audit

Members considered the Annual Return.

Resolved: To approve and accept Annual Return for the Year End 31st March 2018 following completion of External Audit.

100. To consider item Issues Arising Report for Porthcawl Town Council Audit for the Year End 31st March 2018

Resolved: To note report and refer to Finance & Governance Committee meeting for further consideration.

101. To approve item redrafted Mayoral Protocol

Discussion took place regarding wearing the chains of office from event to event. Concern was raised regarding insurance and personal safety.

Resolved: It was agreed to accept the redrafted Mayoral Protocol.

102. To approve item Minutes of the Vision & Budget Seminar held on Wednesday 19th September 2018

Resolved: To approve Minutes of Vision & Budget Seminar and accept all the recommendations.

103. To approve renewal of Open Spaces Society Membership at a cost of £45

Members enquired if Open Spaces can be contacted with queries or questions. The Town Clerk confirmed that questions may be asked.

Resolved: To approve renewal of Open Spaces Membership at a cost of £45.

104. To consider item John Street Toilets – Toilet Strategy, Public Health Wales Act (Cllr S Aspey)

A member wished to show his displeasure to Welsh Government with timescales provided by BCBC – also to state that issues will arise with the Equality Act in terms of disabled friendly toilets. The general public have had access to public conveniences in Porthcawl since 1924 future generations will not have these public conveniences. Porthcawl Town Council to make a strong protest to the Communities Minister.

Resolved: To send a letter of protest to the Communities Minister stating the concerns of Porthcawl Town Council.

105. To consider item correspondence Kelly Watson, Head of Legal and Regulatory Services, Bridgend CBC – upgrading of footpaths 17 and 19 Porthcawl and a small section of footpath 17 Merthyr Mawr to a public bridleway from 17 Merthyr Mawr in an easterly direction for 648 metres.

Members discussed the letter of complaint from The Ramblers Association who are objecting to this upgrading. Members discussed that at present Puddle Lane is used by residents as a cut through to shops, also members of the public using the lane with children's buggies. Concerns were raised that horse riders could look into resident's garden breaching their privacy. Also hygiene issues were discussed (horse droppings) and the removal of droppings.

Resolved: To strongly object to the upgrading of the footpaths

106. To consider item Report from the Chamber of trade Meeting held on 18th September 2018 (Cllr T Hill) and email correspondence from Ms B Hall, Secretary, Chamber of Trade – to reinstate joint meetings.

Members were asked to consider re-instating joint meetings with the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade. Concerns were raised regarding previous meetings of there being no actual outcomes. Agreement was made that an initial meeting will take place to discuss the best way forward. Councillors to attend: Cllr T Hill, West Central, Cllr N Clarke, Nottage, Cllr A Thomas, Newton, Cllr A Harris, Rest Bay.

Resolved: To arrange an initial meeting with the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade and Porthcawl Town Council

107. To approve item Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 27th September 2018

Members were provided with an explanation of designated powers – The Projects Officer to use his initiative with ongoing projects.

4.1 Griffin Park Community Asset Transfer – Designated powers

4.2 Newton Beachside Toilet Projects (Pledge 10) – Designated powers

4.3 Newton Nottage Road (A4106) Pedestrian Crossing – Designated powers

4.4 new Road Speed Humps – Designated powers

4.5 Newton Allotments – Designated powers

4.7 Pavements – Designated powers. Two Councillors to inspect pavements and score using the Scoring Grid.

4.8 Dropped Kerbs – Designated powers

4.9 Harbourside Seat Replacement – Designated powers. Avoid using brass.

Alternative burn in P T C. The Projects Officer to arrange and provide update at meetings.

Resolved: To accept designated powers for projects 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9

108. To approve item redrafted Allotment Contract and Tenancy Guidelines

Resolved: To approve item redrafted Allotment and Tenancy Guidelines.

109. To approve item Minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd October 2018

Discussion took place for each item – Inventory to be kept for Christmas Lights.

Resolved: To approve Minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Committee

110. To consider item email correspondence Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – draft Annual Report.

Members were asked to note this item. Members to respond as individuals if they wish to do so.

Resolved: To note email correspondence

111. To approve item Health & Safety Support

H & S legislation has changed – individuals can be prosecuted if found negligent also heavy fines can be imposed. Porthcawl Town Council must comply with current H & S regulations by protecting staff. Regular feedback from Peninsula will be provided.

Resolved: To approve Health & Safety Support at a cost of £105 per month.

112. To appoint Town Council Governor – Nottage County Primary School

Cllr L Desmond-Williams resigned due to work commitments.

Cllr A Harris agreed to take on the role.

Resolved: To appoint Cllr A Harris as Governor for Nottage County Primary School

113. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm