

16th June 2020

Dear Sir/Madam, Annwyl Syr/Fadam,

You are hereby summoned to attend the virtual **FULL COUNCIL** meeting to be held over teams on **Wednesday 24th June at 6.30 pm.**

Gofynnir drwy hyn i chi fynychu yn Rhith Gyfarfod yn **6:30, ym DYDD MERCHER 24 Mehefin 2020**

Yours faithfully/ Yr eiddoch yn gywir



Mrs Ruth Tucker

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL/ CLERC I'R CYNGOR

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies**
To receive apologies and accept reasons thereof.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare any interests they may have on any of the items to be discussed
3. **Annual Meeting**
 - (i) To note that the Annual meeting will take place later in the year before 31/12/2020
 - (ii) To approve that all positions on the Council and Committees including representatives on outside bodies be rolled over and the situation be reviewed monthly
 - (iii) To approve the dates of meetings subject to Government Advice on Covid 19 (attached: pages 1- 4)

4. **Full Council**
To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 20th February 2020 (attached: pages 5 – 15)
5. **Policy & Finance**
To approve the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday 4th March 2020 (attached: pages 17 – 25)
6. **Accounts**
The Accounts of the Council for 2019/2020 will be approved at the next Council meeting in July.
7. **Receipts & Payments**
To approve the receipts and payments for March (attached: pages 27 – 31)
8. **Credit Card Payments**
To approve the credit card payments made as follows (attached page 33)
9. **Plenary Powers**
To approve observations made in conjunction with the Clerk. (attached: pages 35 – 38)
10. **Planning Determinations**
To receive planning determinations (attached: pages 39 – 46)
11. **Planning Applications**
To receive and consider the following planning applications (attached: pages: 47 – 48)
12. **Co-option**
Co-option of a Councillor to the New Inn Upper Ward (attached: page 49)
13. **Events**
 - (i) To receive a report on cancelled events, those still taking place and those in abeyance (attached: pages 51 – 53)
 - (ii) To approve the figure of £11,922.13 from Festival Lighting excluding VAT for renewing the cost of the lights for an additional year and £19,709.56 from SEC plus VAT for the cost of erecting the lights and trees for 2020, total £31,631.69
14. **IT & Telephony System**
To receive a report on the new IT and telephony system. (attached: pages: 54 – 58)

15. **Local Voluntary Funding**

- (i) To approve the release of £500.00 from each Councillor's LVF pot to help with the Foodbanks in Pontypool s2 of the Local Gov Act 2000 under the power of well-being.
- (ii) To approve the virement of £500.00 from the General Fund to each members Local Voluntary Funding pot.
- (iii) To approve a payment of £10,000 to the foodbanks in Pontypool. Refer Cllr Mrs Gaynor James, Leader of the Council
- (iv) To approve the following Local Voluntary Funding (attached: pages (59 – 63)

Councillor Mrs G. E. James

Plas-y-Garn Residential Home - £200.00

Torfaen Museum - £250.00

All Creatures Great and Small - £500.00

Councillor G. Davies

Garnsychan Partnership - £500.00

Abersychan Ward Scarecrow Competition - £50.00

Councillor N. Byrne

Abersychan Ward Scarecrow Competition - £50.00

Councillor Ms. K. Arthur

Abersychan Ward Scarecrow Competition - £50.00

Councillor Miss L. Clarkson

Abersychan Ward Scarecrow Competition - £50.00

[Please note that the LVF applications have been vetted by the Finance & Events Manager]

16. **Torfaen Playschemes**

To approve the sum of £29,000 towards the 2020 Torfaen Playschemes and £2,500 additional support for art and craft activities to be distributed to children across Pontypool. Report attached: pages 65 – 66)

17. **Cheque Signatories**

To confirm current signatories of cheques to continue for 2020-2021 (namely Cllrs Mrs G. James, J. Killick, Mrs R. Matthews and Mrs N. P. Parrish)

18. **Official Signatories**

To confirm and authorise three Members to sign official documents on behalf of the Council, namely the Chair and Vice-Chair of Council and Leader, Councillors Mrs R. Matthews, Ms K. Arthur and Mrs G. E James respectively.

19. **Section 2/Local Government Act 2000 and s.137 LGA 1972**
To resolve to make payments under Section 2 Power of Well Being and s.137 Local Government Act 1972 in accordance with the guidance issued from Senedd Cymru.
20. **Payments of Special Allowances/Members Allowances**
(i) To confirm a £500.00 payment to at least 1 member of the Council for specific responsibility and to select up to 4 others for which the Council can award £500(as per Determination 41 of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales report for 2019).
(ii) To confirm payment of £150 to all members unless the Clerk has been informed otherwise (as per Determination 40)
(iv) To approve all other Determinations relating to payments and allowances to Community and Town Councils. (as previously agreed when Council adopted the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
21. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
22. **Establishment Committee**
To approve the minutes of the Establishment Committee held on 4th March 2020 (attached: pages 67 – 69)
23. **Training**
To consider and approve a report on training. (attached: pages 71 – 72)

To: All Councillors