

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2019

In attendance:

Councillor Mrs R. Matthews (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Ms K. Arthur, Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Miss L. Clarkson, G. Davies, Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, J. Killick, A. Lang, R. Mills, Mrs N. P. Parrish

Also in attendance:

Ms Judith Paget and Mr Julian Hayman – Aneurin Bevan Health Board

Mr Tom Moody – South Wales Argus

Officers in attendance: Ms J. Wright, Mrs C. Challenger

348. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

349. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Byrne, M. Ford, Mrs J. E. Jones, R. F. Overton, B. Rapier, N. Simons, B. Taylor JP, Mrs J. Taylor

RESOLVED: that the Apologies be noted.

350. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, R. Mills and Mrs N. P. Parrish declared an interest on any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: that the declarations of interest be recorded.

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351. **Speaker**

Members welcomed Judith Paget Chief Executive Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Mr Julian Hayman from Aneurin Bevan.

Ms Paget gave an up-to-date presentation on the progress of the Grange University Hospital and stated she would also try to answer the questions that had been sent to her within the presentation. Report attached as an appendix to the minutes.

RESOLVED: that Ms Judith Paget and Mr Julian Hayman be thanked for their comprehensive presentation.

352. **Chairman's Announcements**

16th February 2019

Leader and Vice-Chair of Council attended an Art Exhibition at Torfaen Museum

RESOLVED: that the Leader and Vice-Chair of Council be thanked for attending the event.

353. **Full Council**

Members received and considered the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30th January 2019.

The Assistant Clerk referred to minute 321 Playing Field Regulations Consultation and informed members that she had received a response from Ms J. Giatra, Community Environment Officer to state that the consultation period has been extended and will now close at 5.00 pm on the 15th March 2019. Once the consultation period has ended they will be meeting with Pontypool RFC to run through various questions that have been raised throughout the consultation period and they will then be able to provide us with a response to the queries raised.

In respect of minute 324 the Deputy Leader apologised that there had been some cross purpose when

discussing the item on Pontypool Toilets and asked that the minute be amended to read “In light of this the Council agreed that the contribution be lowered to £5,000 for future years” and that the resolution to state “that the Council lower the contribution made to Torfaen County Borough Council to £5,000; to take effect in 2019/2020.

RESOLVED: (i) that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 30th January 2019 be confirmed as a true record subject to minute 324 being amended as outlined above.

(ii) that the information in relation to minute 321 be noted.

354. **Policy & Finance**

Members received the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on the 6th February 2019.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee be confirmed as a true record.

355. **Planning & Environment**

Members received the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on the 13th February 2019. In respect of minute 346 the Vice-Chair of Planning asked that the wording be amended to read that there may be HGV lorries travelling on this road.

In respect of minute 347 the Assistant Clerk informed members that Sian Watkins from Torfaen had not replied as of yet in respect of the information the Clerk had requested in respect of doggy bins. It was therefore agreed that this item be placed on the next Planning & Environment meeting.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee be approved as a true record subject to minute 346 being amended as outlined.

(ii) that Doggy Bins be placed as an item on the next Planning & Environment Committee.

356. **Planning Applications**

Members received and considered Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Applications. In respect of planning application 19/P/0095 it was agreed that the Assistant Clerk contacts Torfaen County Borough Council for more detailed information for the ward members.

RESOLVED: that observations as outlined be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council and that Torfaen be contacted as outlined above.

357. **Independent Remuneration for Wales**

The Council received part of the Annual Report from the IRPW in relation to payments for towns and community councillors for 2019-2020. A member asked if this was the full document. The Assistant Clerk informed members that she thought that this was only part of the Annual Report as she believed that the full document was very weighty. It was therefore agreed that she sends a link to all members in respect of accessing the full document and any members wishing to have a paper copy to let her know.

The Deputy Leader supported by Council asked the Finance & Events Manager to clarify the position with payroll in regard to members paying tax on expenses and if members should be paying tax on general expenses.

RESOLVED:

(i) that part of the Annual Report in relation to payments for town and community councillors for 2019-2020 be received and noted.

(ii) the Assistant Clerk to send the full link to members in respect of the IRPW report.

(iii) that the Finance & Events Manager contact payroll as outlined above.

358. **Wood Chipper**

The Council was asked to consider donating the unused wood chipper at the Task Force unit to Greenmeadow Community Farm. Council unanimously agreed to donate the wood chipper.

RESOLVED: that the wood chipper at the Unit be donated to Greenmeadow Community Farm.

359. **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.

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