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**TOWN CLERK: TOWN MAYOR:**

**P G Davy Cllr M Prew**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN COUNCIL HELD BY REMOTE ACCESS ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Present:**

Councillors P J Bevan, M Downes, C Elsbury, J Grenfell, S Kent, C Lewis, J Pettit, M Prew, D Roberts

**Apologies:**

Councillors J Fussell, A Broughton Pettit, P Reed

**In Attendance:**

P G Davy, Town Clerk

**44 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH JULY 2024**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 15th July 2024 were received and confirmed. As the meeting was held by remote access the minutes will be signed by the Mayor as soon as practical.

**45 MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 35 There had been no response from the PCC in respect of off road bikes and in view of latest reports of problems at Gallager Retail Park it was agreed to write again to the PCC.

There had been no response from CCBC concerning the future of the flagpoles adjacent to the Cenotaph. However Members had made an informal arrangement to have access for flag flying. Councillor J Grenfell agreed to produce a calendar of flag days and a list of new flags that would need to be purchased for the consideration of the Town Council.

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**46 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

A written report had been received from Gwent Police. There had been an increase in ASB at Gallager Retail Park and Pontygwindy Road involving off road bikes. Patrols have been increased in these areas and information has been sought from the public to identify the riders / bikes. An individual has been repeatedly begging and harassing customers outside Home Bargains and has been issued with a Community Protection Notice preventing the person from returning.

Members raised the following:

* RTA on Nantgarw Road
* Parking on the pavement adjacent to the Kings Arms, to be referred to CCBC

**47 TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor outlined his recent engagements:

* Twinning Event
* Twinning Association Meeting
* Megaday
* Kick boxing fund raising event at Asda
* Mount Carmel 150 years celebration
* Castel to Castel fund raising event for Velindre
* Presentation of prizes at Wales Strongest Man at Caerphilly Rugby Club
* Visit to Church View Home

**48 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Concern was again raised about the state of the Virginia Park development and the amount of rubbish that had collected. Other locations where litter was a problem was the pedestrian footpath between Bronrhiw Avenue and Mountain Road and around the Castle View lake. There was ongoing pollution issue on the Nant Aber which was being dealt with by Welsh Water / CCBC.

**49 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Combined CIL / Events Working Group

It was noted that the planning for the Christmas Lights switch on was underway. The ESAG notification form and application for road closure of the Twyn had been submitted to CCBC. The 5 local primary schools had been contacted to confirm whether their choirs would be participating in this year’s event. It was noted that the ice skating rink at Owain Glyndwr playing fields would open on the same evening as the Christmas Lights switch on.

It was resolved:

1 To approach CCBC about delaying the opening of the ice skating rink until Saturday

16th November, or alternatively to provide additional stewards in the town centre for the

Friday evening and to contribute to any additional traffic management requested by ESAG.

2 To accept the recommendation from the Working Group that the annual CIL receipts should continue to accrue in the restricted reserves pending new project proposals.

3 Having regard to a gap of 5 years it was agreed in principle that the fireworks display at Caerphilly Castle should be reinstated in due course subject to agreement with Cadw. It was further agreed that the resource implications for planning and managing a large scale event would have to be reviewed and reflected in future budget planning, and that this would be referred to the Events Working Group.

**50 PLANNING MATTERS**

A list of all the planning applications received since the last Town Council in July 2024 was included on the agenda as confirmation of consultation by the Local Planning Authority. The applications are circulated as soon as received from CCBC on an individual basis and it is for Members to identify any matters they wish to raise before the expiry of the 21 day consultation period. No comments have been made on any of the applications listed.

**51 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved.

2 Bank account balances were noted.

**52 CORRESPONDENCE**

A request had been received to put a memorial plaque on a bench in Crescent Road originally provided by the Town Council. It was agreed to support the request subject to the applicant meeting all costs with the plaque and its installation on the bench.

**53 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There was a request to invite the Cowsheds to present their consultation findings to a future meeting of the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm