



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2014

**PRESENT:** Councillor B E Mansbridge (In the Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, C J Barry, S P Brown, B Carter, T Chaplin, D Davies, M Davies, E Galsworthy, D Isaac, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, D Roberts, L E Smart, W R Smith, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey and P Williams

**Officers:**

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director of Customer Services), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Interim HR Manager), Lisa Curtis Jones (Head of Children's Services) and Lee-Anne Leyshon (Corporate Communications Manager)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer) and Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
766	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T C Lewis and Councillor S Williams.
767	Declarations of Interest	Councillor B Carter Declared his Interest in Item 22 – Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme – Abercanaid Community School as he was a Governor of the School.  Councillor H R Jones Declared his Interest in Item 22 – Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme – Abercanaid Community School as he was a Governor of the School.

		Councillor G Lewis Declared his Interest in Item 22 – Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme – Abercanaid Community School as he was a Governor of the School.
768	Minutes of meeting Monday, 13 October 2014 of Scrutiny : Customer Services	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee held 13 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
769	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 14 October 2014 of Scrutiny : Chief Executive (inc. Crime and Disorder)	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Chief Executive Scrutiny Committee held 14 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
770	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15 October 2014 of Licensing Committee	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 15 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
771	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15 October 2014 of Licensing Committee	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 15 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
772	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15 October 2014 of Full Council	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 15 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
773	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15 October 2014 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 15 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
774	Minutes of meeting Monday, 20 October 2014 of Rights of Way Committee	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held 20 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
775	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 22 October 2014 of Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group Meeting held 22 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
776	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 22 October 2014 of Cabinet	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 22 October 2014 be accepted as a correct record.
777	Minutes of meeting Monday, 3 November 2014 of Audit Committee	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 3 November 2014 be accepted as a correct record.

778	Minutes of meeting Monday, 3 November 2014 of Scrutiny : Schools	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Schools Scrutiny Committee held 3 November 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
779	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 5 November 2014 of Cabinet	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 5 November 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
780	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 5 November 2014 of Full Council	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 5 November 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
781	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 12 November 2014 of Objections and Appeals Sub Committee	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Objections and Appeals Sub Committee held 12 November 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
782	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 12 November 2014 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 12 November 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
783	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 4 November 2014 of SACRE	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the SACRE Meeting held 4 November 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
784	Merthyr Tydfil CBC - Interim Senior Management Structure - Community Services Directorate	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The further interim arrangements for the management of Social Services and the role of Statutory Director of Social Services be agreed</li> <li>(b) The roles mentioned in Paragraph 1.4 of the report be allocated such delegated powers as are contained in the Scheme of Delegation applicable to each area of service delivery</li> </ul> <p>A Member then referred to Paragraph 2.2 of the report and advised that Lisa Curtis Jones had been appointed as Head of Children's Services and he welcomed Mrs Curtis Jones to her first Meeting as Head of Children's Services.</p> <p>The Chief Executive also advised the Council that Mr Philip Hodgson had been appointed as the Interim Statutory Director of Social Services.</p>
785	Strategic Workforce Plan	<p>Arising on the Strategic Workforce Plan 2014-17 a Member referred to Paragraph 4 – Merthyr Tydfil County Borough and advised that in relation to the pregnancy rate the information was incorrect as the figures had come down and that in relation to residents over 65 the figure in the</p>

		<p>report was the increase figure and not the number of residents.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Strategic Workforce Plan 2014 -17 be approved</li> <li>(b) The monitoring of delivery of the Action Plan within the Transformational Programme be approved</li> <li>(c) Delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Chief Executive's Directorate and Interim H R Manager to make such changes as are appropriate to the Strategic Workforce Plan.</li> </ul>
786	Amendments to MTCBC Constitution	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The amendments to the Constitution as shown in Appendix 1 be noted</li> <li>(b) The amendments to the Constitution as proposed in paragraphs 1.4.2 and 1.4.3 of the report be agreed</li> <li>(c) The Constitution be amended to reflect the changes</li> </ul>
787	Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme	<p>Councillor B Carter, Councillor H R Jones and Councillor G Lewis having Declared their Interest in this item left the Meeting for this item.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The request for the allocation of £500.00 to Abercanaid Community School be approved.</p>
788	Council Tax Base for 2015/16	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) regulations 1995, as amended by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) and Council Tax (Prescribed class of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendments) regulations 2004, the number calculated by the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council for 2015/16 shall be 17,725.11 (17,629.02 – 2014/15) and for the area covered by the Bedlinog Community Council for 2015/16 shall be 1007.72 (966.98 – 2014/15).</p>
789	Non Domestic Rates - Revaluation Rate Relief (Allocation to Viable and Vibrant Places Enterprise Project)	<p>A Member referred the Council to the report and advised of the following addition to Paragraph 1.5:</p> <p>The Business rates revaluation was postponed by Welsh Government from 2015 to 2017. However, the funding is not specifically limited to this purpose. It may also so be used to further other economic development priorities identified by the Authority.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Revaluation Rate Relief Scheme as outlined within the report in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 be adopted</li> </ul>

		(b) It is reasonable for Council to make this decision having regard to the interests of persons liable to pay Council Tax set by the Council
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**Exempt**

**Resolved that:**

The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

790	Project Riverside	<b>Resolved that:</b> (a) The proposed expenditure be approved (b) The application for further funding be approved
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**Re-opened Session**

791	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Leader updated the Council on the current situation in relation to voluntary Mergers.
792	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	The Mayor advised that there were no communications.