



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2015

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, T 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, P Williams and S Williams

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Phil Hodgson (Interim Statutory Director of Social Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Interim HR Manager), Mark Thomas (Assistant Director - Chief Executive's), Lorraine Buck (Chief Education Officer), Joyce Slack (Education Services Board Manager), Mark Anderton (Head of Safeguarding, Quality and Performance), Chris Hole (Head of Youth Regeneration and Development), Fran Donnelly (Solicitor), Andrew Mogford (Strategic Business Analyst), Idris Evans (Consultation Co-ordinator), Ceri Dinham (Senior Communications Officer) and Beth Melhuish (Corporate Communications)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer), Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer) and Jayne Overbury (PA to the Mayor)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
970	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Braithwaite and Councillor G Davies.

Death of Former Mayor

The Mayor advised of the passing away of Mr David Phillips, former Councillor and Mayor of the Authority and the Council observed a Minutes Silence.

971	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor E C Galsworthy Declared his Interest in Item 20 – Leisure and Culture Trust – Final Transfer as he is the Council’s Representative on the Board for the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust Limited.</p> <p>Councillor W R Smith Declared his Interest in Item 20 – Leisure and Culture Trust – Final Transfer as he is the Council’s Representative on the Board for the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust Limited.</p> <p>Councillor E C Galsworthy Declared his Interest in Item 23 – Future Provision of the Statutory Youth Service as he is a Trustee of the Treharris Boys and Girls Club.</p> <p>Councillor B E Mansbridge Declared his Interest in Item 23 – Future Provision of the Statutory Youth Service as he is a Trustee of the Treharris Boys and Girls Club.</p>
972	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 16 December 2014 of Scrutiny : Social Services & Social Regeneration	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held 16 December 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
973	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 17 December 2014 of Cabinet	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 17 December 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
974	Minutes of meeting Friday, 19 December 2014 of Cabinet	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 19 December 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
975	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 7 January 2015 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 7 January 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
976	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 7 January 2015 of Full Council	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 7 January 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
977	Minutes of meeting Friday, 9 January 2015 of Scrutiny : Schools	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Schools Scrutiny Committee held 9 January 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>

978	Minutes of meeting Monday, 12 January 2015 of Rights of Way Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held 12 January 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
979	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Budget and Efficiencies Programme 2015-16 Public Consultation Report - Phase 3	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The contents of the report be noted.</p>
980	Treasury Management Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2014/15 In Year Review	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Treasury Management Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy In Year Review Report for 2014/15 be received.</p>
981	Annual Treasury Report 2013/14	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The Annual Treasury Report for 2013/14 be received</p> <p>(b) The actual 2013/14 Prudential and Treasury Indicators be approved</p>
982	Ffos Y Fran Community Fund - Allocation of Funding (9)	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Councillor A Jones Declared his Interest in Paragraph 3.3.1 of the report as he is the Vice President of Dowlais Male Voice Choir and left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Allocations totalling £500k to the following Organisation be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock UK - £500k
983	The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The contents of the report be noted.</p>
984	South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The draft South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan that has been produced jointly by Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Torfaen, and Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councils be agreed and approved.</p> <p>(b) Approval be given for the lead Authority in this project, Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC to incorporate any minor amendments that may develop from recommendations made by these five Councils, through their democratic processes into the draft Plan prior to submission to Welsh Government.</p>

		(c) Following Welsh Government's approval, the South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan will be adopted by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.
985	Local Commissioning Plan for Supporting People 2015-18	Resolved that: The Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan 2015 -18 be approved
986	Proposal to fund part time nursery places in nursery and primary schools	Councillor P Williams left the Meeting at 6.07 pm and returned at 6.15 pm and therefore did not vote on this item. Resolved that: (a) The proposal to fund part-time Nursery Places in Nursery and Primary Schools with effect from 1st September 2015 be approved subject to the Minister's approval of the appropriate changes to the Scheme of Delegation for schools. (b) The proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation be approved and (c) The proposed Transitional Arrangements to the Scheme of Delegation be approved
987	Improving the Quality and Performance of Local Authority Education Services for Children and Young People	Resolved that: The contents of the report be noted. Councillor L E Smart left the Meeting at 6.50 pm.

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 Paragraphs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

988	Organisational Structure 2015	Declaration of Interest All Officers except the Chief Executive left the Meeting for the Consideration of this Item. Resolved that: (a) Appointment to the post as referred to be confirmed. (b) The proposed Organisational Structure be consulted on through Unions and Staff as appropriate.
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		(c) Following consultation a further report be submitted to a Special Council on 11 March 2015 reflecting the consultation feed back, the final Organisational Structure and financial implications and processes and timescales for implementation.
989	Leisure and Culture Trust - Final Transfer	<p>Councillor E C Galsworthy having Declared his Interest in this Item and Item 23 left the Meeting at 7.07 pm.</p> <p>Councillor W R Smith having Declared his Interest in this Item left the Meeting for the consideration of this Item only.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The recommendations as contained within the report to allow for further progress towards the establishment of the Leisure and Culture Trust be accepted.</p>
990	Sale and/or Closure of Dolygaer Outdoor Education Centre	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The recommendations as contained within the report be accepted together with a further recommendation allowing for progress to be made towards disposal of this facility.</p>
991	Outsourcing of Continuing Social Care Service	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The content of the report and public consultation be noted.</p> <p>(b) The recommendation with regard to provision of the Service be approved.</p>

Chair

The Deputy Mayor Councillor D Isaac took the Chair for Item 23 – Future Provision of the Statutory Youth Service as the Mayor Councillor B E Mansbridge had Declared his Interest in this Item. Councillor B E Mansbridge left the Meeting for this Item.

992	Future Provision of the Statutory Youth Service	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The way forward for each Cluster as outlined be approved</p> <p>(b) The efficiency savings as outlined be noted</p>
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Re-Opened Session

993	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>Councillor B Toomey, Leader of the Council gave a Statement to the Council on the Financial Situation.</p> <p>(This Statement can be accessed in full under Supplementary Reports for the Meeting).</p>
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994	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	The Mayor advised that Councillor G Davies was still in hospital.
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