



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY, 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Isaac (In the Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, S P Brown, B Carter, T Chaplin, D Davies, M Davies, E Galsworthy, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, B E Mansbridge, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, M O'Neill, D Roberts, S Slater, L E Smart, W R Smith, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey, P Williams and S Williams

**Officers:**

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director (Place and Transformation) - Deputy Chief Executive), Lorraine Buck (Corporate Director (People and Performance) - Lead Director for Children and Young People), Geraint Morgan (Solicitor), Lisa Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), Dorothy Haines (Chief Officer (Learning) - Chief Education Officer), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Steve Jones (Head of Finance - Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development), Mark Anderton (Head of Adult Services), Annabel Lloyd (Head of Children's Services), Ewan McWilliams (Corporate Performance Manager) and Beth Melhuish (Corporate Communications)

**Outside Bodies:**

Colin Davies (Wales Audit Office) and Justine Morgan (Wales Audit Office) and Jeremy Evans (Wales Audit Office)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
184	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Raymond Thomas.
185	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
186	How Effective is Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in addressing Hate Crime amongst Adults with Disabilities	<p>Tomas Evans, Student at the University of South Wales presented to the Mayor his Research Findings on 'How effective is Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in addressing hate crime amongst adults with disabilities'.</p> <p>The Council then viewed a film of Tomas's journey from his hospitalisation as a child through to receiving a Degree from the University of South Wales in Sociology and Criminology.</p> <p>The Leader then paid tribute to Tomas and wished him the very best for his future studies.</p> <p>The Mayor then thanked Tomas for a copy of his research findings and extended his congratulations and best wishes for the future.</p>
187	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 27 May 2015 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 27 May 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
188	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 3 June 2015 of Cabinet	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 3 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
189	Minutes of meeting Friday, 5 June 2015 of Licensing Committee	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 5 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
190	Minutes of meeting Monday, 15 June 2015 of Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 15 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
191	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 16 June 2015 of Scrutiny : Social Services	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 16 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
192	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 17 June 2015 of Cabinet	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 17 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
193	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 17 June	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p>

	2015 of Full Council	The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 17 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
194	Minutes of meeting Monday, 22 June 2015 of Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection	A Member advised that Councillor C Barry and Councillor D Jones Cabinet Members were present at the Meeting.  <b>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</b>  The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 22 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
195	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 24 June 2015 of Licensing Committee	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 24 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
196	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 24 June 2015 of Licensing Committee	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 24 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
197	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 24 June 2015 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	Resolved that:  The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 24 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
198	Minutes of meeting Monday, 29 June 2015 of Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Committee held 29 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
199	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 30 June 2015 of Scrutiny : Regeneration, Planning and Countryside	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Regeneration, Planning and Countryside Committee held 30 June 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
200	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 1 July 2015 of Cabinet	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 1 July 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
201	Minutes of meeting Monday, 6 July 2015 of Audit Committee	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 6 July 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
202	Annual Improvement Report	The Mayor welcomed Colin Davies, Justine Morgan and Jeremy Evans from the Wales Audit Office to the Meeting.  Colin Davies referred the Council to the Annual Improvement Report and made a Presentation referring in

		<p>detail to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Context of the report</li> <li>• Corporate Assessment Focus</li> <li>• Vision and Strategic Direction</li> <li>• Governance and Accountability</li> <li>• Use of Resources</li> <li>• Collaboration and Partnership</li> <li>• Managing Improvement</li> <li>• Performance and Outcomes</li> <li>• Overall Conclusions</li> <li>• Corporate Performance Culture</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul> <p>The Leader then thanked Colin Davies for the Presentation and referred to the analysis that had been presented.</p> <p>The Leader also thanked all the Members and staff for their assistance to the Wales Audit Office.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader then referred to the Presentation and in detail to the recommendations.</p> <p>Colin Davies then responded to the Leader and Deputy Leader.</p> <p>The Mayor then thanked Colin Davies, Justine Morgan and Jeremy Evans for attending and the Presentation to the Council.</p>
203	Review of Coroner Service	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The current Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys and Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Coroner Areas be merged into a single combined Coroner Area to cover the six Local Authority areas of Powys, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Merthyr Tydfil, Bridgend, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan</li> <li>(b) The Part-Time Coroner posts which currently cover Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys and Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Coroner Areas be made into a single Whole – Time Coroner position for the new Coroner Area following the merger</li> <li>(c) Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council is designated as the Relevant Authority to continue to accommodate the Coroner and continue to provide the existing administrative support functions to the Service</li> <li>(d) Costs be apportioned on a population ratio basis (already established within the Powys, Bridgend and The Glamorgan Valleys Coroner Area)</li> </ul>
204	Delegated Authority - Taxi Licensing	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Delegated authority be given to both the Public Protection and Housing Manager and to the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance so that either of them separately may</p>

		determine applications to re-license drivers and vehicles made one day after the expiry of the previous licence.
205	Annual Scrutiny Report 2014-15	<b>Resolved that:</b> The report be received and the contents noted.
206	Petition Received by the Authority	<b>Resolved that:</b> The petition be received and noted.
207	Wales Retail Relief Business Rates Scheme 2015-16	<b>Resolved that:</b>  (a) The implementation of the Wales Retail Relief scheme in accordance with the rules described in the report be approved (b) Sections 47(1)(a) and S47(3) (Discretionary Relief) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 will apply as regards the hereditaments described in the report in accordance with the rules described in relation to those hereditaments. It is reasonable for the Council to make this decision having regard to the interests of persons liable to pay Council Tax set by the Council
208	Annual Report on Social Services 2014-15	<b>Resolved that:</b> The contents of the report be noted.
209	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no urgent business or correspondence.
210	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	No communications were received from the Mayor.