



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor D Isaac (In the Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, 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, 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, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey, P Williams and S Williams

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director (Place and Transformation) - Deputy Chief Executive), Lorraine Buck (Corporate Director (People and Performance) - Lead Director for Children and Young People), Lisa Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), Dorothy Haines (Chief Officer (Learning) - Chief Education Officer), Steve Jones (Head of Finance - Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Ceri Dinham (Senior Communications Officer), Mark Anderton (Head of Adult Services), Annabel Lloyd (Head of Children's Services), Geraint Morgan (Solicitor), Andrew Mogford (Strategic Business Analyst), Chris Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager) and Zoe Thomas (European & External Funding Support Officer)

Outside Bodies:

Denise Moultrie – Area Manager Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
759	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C J Barry and Councillor T C Lewis.
760	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
761	Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) - findings of Annual Report on Social Services 2014/15	<p>The Chair welcomed Denise Moultrie Area Manager Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales to the Meeting.</p> <p>Denise Moultrie then made a Presentation to the Council on the Merthyr Tydfil Social Services CSSIW Performance Report 2014 – 15 giving details on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings • Leadership and Governance • Adult Services – Key National Priorities: • Prevention and Early Intervention • Integrated Services for older people with complex needs • Areas of progress • Areas for improvement • Children’s Services – Key National Priorities: • Prevention and Early Intervention • Looked after Children • Areas of Progress • CSSIW - National Inspections and Reviews • CSSIW - Follow up Work this year <p>The Mayor then thanked Ms Moultrie for the Presentation and update to the Council.</p>
762	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 14 October 2015 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 14 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
763	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 20 October 2015 of Scrutiny : Social Services	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 20 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
764	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 21 October 2015 of Scrutiny : Joint Scrutiny Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Committee held 21 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
765	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 21 October 2015 of Audit Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 21 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
766	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 21	<p>Resolved that:</p>

	October 2015 of Cabinet	The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 21 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
767	Minutes of meeting Monday, 26 October 2015 of Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 26 October be accepted as a correct record.
768	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 27 October 2015 of Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 27 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
769	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 28 October 2015 of Cabinet	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 28 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
770	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 28 October 2015 of Full Council	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 28 October 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
771	Minutes of meeting Monday, 2 November 2015 of Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 2 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
772	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 4 November 2015 of Cabinet	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 4 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
773	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 4 November 2015 of Full Council	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 4 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
774	Minutes of meeting Monday, 9 November 2015 of Audit Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 9 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
775	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 10 November 2015 of Scrutiny : Regeneration, Planning and Countryside	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Regeneration, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 10 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
776	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 11	Resolved that:

	November 2015 of Licensing Committee	The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 11 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
777	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 11 November 2015 of Licensing Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 11 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
778	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 11 November 2015 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 11 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
779	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 18 November 2015 of Cabinet	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 18 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
780	Minutes of meeting Thursday, 19 November 2015 of Licensing Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 19 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
781	Minutes of meeting Thursday, 19 November 2015 of Licensing Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 19 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
782	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 3 November 2015 of SACRE	Resolved that: The Minutes of the SACRE Meeting held 3 November 2015 be accepted as a correct record.
783	The City Deal	Resolved that: (a) The progress to date and the estimated timescales to get the full agreement of all parties to complete the City Deal be noted (b) The Leader of the Council and Chief Executive work with the other South East Wales Local Authorities to develop a business case for a City Deal be authorised (c) A further update on progress early in the New Year be received
784	Annual Treasury Report 2014/15	Resolved that: (a) The Annual Treasury Report for 2014/15 be received (b) The actual 2014/15 Prudential and Treasury Indicators be approved
785	Treasury Management Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16 In Year Review	Resolved that: The Treasury Management Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy In Year Review Report for 2015/16 be received.

786	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council - Corporate Response to the Casey Report	<p>Councillor L Matthews advised of an amendment to the recommendation.</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The content of the report be noted (b) Once the Action Plan is fully completed it will be reported to Council and referred to Cabinet (c) If approved the Corporate Safeguarding Group will implement the Action Plan which has been developed.
787	Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme	This item was withdrawn.
788	Community Organisation Rental Policy	<p>Councillor D Jones advised of the following amendments to the report:</p> <p>Paragraph 4.3 – The word ‘Council’ be removed from the last sentence and ‘Cabinet’ be inserted instead.</p> <p>Additional paragraphs:</p> <p>4.9 – The terms of the Lease will include an obligation on the Tenant to deliver on the Service Level Agreement. Should it become apparent at any time during the term of the Lease that this is not being delivered, the Tenant will be in breach of the Lease and the Council will have the ability to remedy the situation</p> <p>4.10 – That any Service Level Agreement includes Safeguarding Policy compliance</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <p>The Community Organisation Rental Policy for implementation from the date of this report be adopted.</p> <p>Councillor L E Smart left the Meeting at 6.30 pm.</p>
789	Charitable Rate Relief Policy	<p>A Member advised that in Appendix 1 – Type of Charitable/ Non- Profit Making Organisation – Principal 9 should read ‘Merthyr Tydfil County Borough’.</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <p>The revised Charitable Rate Relief Policy be approved.</p>
790	Council Tax Base for 2016/17	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Taking into account the number of properties in each valuation band, discounts and reductions for disabilities, the following resolution be approved:</p> <p>That 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</p>

		calculated by the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council for 2016/17 shall be 17,896.23 (17,725.11 – 2015/16) and for the area covered by the Bedlinog Community Council for 2016/17 shall be 1075.98 (1007.72 – 2015/16)
791	Help for Pensioners Scheme	Councillor H R Jones left the Meeting at 6.40 pm and returned at 6.41 pm. Resolved that: To continue the scheme as operated in 2015/16 by providing financial support up to a maximum of £50
792	115 High Street	Councillor D Jones advised that Paragraph 4.3 of the report should read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To carry out initial repair works to allow the Scaffolding to be removed at a cost of £314,932 • To carry out works that ensure the building is weatherproof following completion of Stage 1 at a cost of £40,836 • To carry out works to bring the building back into use at a cost of £311,287 Resolved subject to the foregoing that: (a) A Listed Building Repairs Notice be served on the owner of 115 High Street, Merthyr Tydfil (b) Authorisation be granted to seek to (i) acquire 115 High Street, Merthyr Tydfil by any appropriate means, including through negotiation or through Statutory Compulsory Purchase (if considered appropriate by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance) and (ii) negotiate a 'back-to-back sale of 115 High Street, Merthyr Tydfil to a partner to secure the full repair of this Listed Building

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

793	115 High Street - Additional Information	Resolved that: If the request to acquire 115 High Street is approved, a 'back-to-back' sale is negotiated with the named body to fully repair the building and bring back into economic use.
794	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Change Programme - Projects Report 1	Resolved that: The content of the report be noted, the Business Cases at appendix 1 and the recommended options as summarised

		in section 4 of the report be approved.
795	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	Resolved that: A Letter be sent to the Mayor of Paris from the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council expressing the Council's solidarity with the people of Paris.
796	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	No communications were received.