



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor D Isaac (In the Chair)

Councillors 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, L Mytton, M O'Neill, D Roberts, S Slater, W R Smith, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey and P 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), Fran Donnelly (H R Manager) and Vicky Robst (Corporate Communications)

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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Minutes Silence

The Council observed a Minutes Silence for Mr John Reddy former Mayor and Councillor who had recently passed away.

1134	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H Barrett, Councillor K Moran, Councillor L E Smart and Councillor S Williams.
1135	Declarations of Interest	Councillor D Jones, Councillor J McCarthy, Councillor D Roberts, Councillor Raymond Thomas and Councillor C Tovey Declared their Interest under the Additional Item – Trade Waste Enforcement – Removal of Discretionary Early Payment Discount as each Councillor owned a Business in the County Borough.
1136	Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2016/17 - State of the Council Debate	<p>Councillor B Toomey Leader of the Council circulated to the Council a copy of his Leader's report for 2016 and advised that the Report would be available on the Website.</p> <p>The Leader then gave an overview of the achievements of the Departments of the Council and thanked the staff and Councillors for their invaluable contribution.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Council Tax increase of 3.5% for 2016/17 ('Band D' of £1,400.07) for the County Borough Council be approved (b) The Budget Requirement of £114.245 million for 2016/17 (net revenue budget) be approved (c) The revisions to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 be approved (d) The Corporate Budget Strategy and Transformational Change Programme in addressing the Medium Term Financial Plan projected budget deficits be noted (e) The Minister for Public Services' direction in respect of flexible use of Capital Receipts to finance Revenue Costs of Service Reform be noted (f) The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2016/17 be approved on the following basis (whilst subject to review) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Regulatory Method – Historical debt liability at 31 March 2007 (ii) Asset Life Method – Capital expenditure financed by borrowing from 1 April 2007 (g) The Chief Finance Officer's comments relating to the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves be noted (h) The proposed reporting of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 (incorporating the Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators) to Council on 23 March 2016 be noted
1137	Council Tax Resolution 2016/17	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The formal Statutory Council Tax resolutions 2016/17 as outlined in Appendix 1, and

		<p>summarised in Paragraph 5.1 of the report be noted and approved</p> <p>(b) The South Wales Police Authority approved precept for 2016/17 of £3,719,760 for the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council area be noted</p> <p>(c) The Bedlinog Community Council approved precept for 2016/17 of £20,500 for the Community Council area be noted</p> <p>(d) The Welsh Government 2016/17 Non Domestic Rate for Wales of 48.6 pence in the £ be noted</p>
1138	School Admission Arrangements 2017-2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The School Admissions Policy 2017/18 attached at Appendix A be approved in line with the Statutory requirement to determine the Policy by 15 April 2016</p> <p>(b) The proposed changes to catchment areas of Caedraw Primary/Twynyrodyn Primary with effect for school admissions from September 2017 be approved</p>
1139	ADDITIONAL ITEM: Trade Waste Enforcement - Removal of Discretionary Early Payment Discount	<p>Councillor D Jones, Councillor J McCarthy, Councillor D Roberts, Councillor Raymond Thomas and Councillor C Tovey having Declared their Interest in this item left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Councillor C Barry led the Council through the report and recommended an addition to the recommendation.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>In order to maximise the deterrent of businesses not complying with their duty of care in respect of Waste and failing to produce documents to include Waste Transfer notes the discretionary early payment discount be removed from Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN'S) issued pursuant to S34A of the Environmental Protection Act 1090 with immediate effect.</p>
1140	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
1141	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received.