



## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors H Barrett (Chair)  
M Colbran (Vice-Chair)

Councillors A Barry, B Carter, D Chaplin, C Davies, J Davies, L Davies, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, D Jones, H R Jones, M Jones, G Lewis, L Mytton, K O'Neill, G Richards, D Roberts, T Rogers, D Sammon, T Skinner, W R Smith, J Thomas, G Thomas, S Thomas and C Tovey

**Officers:**

C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), E Cooper (Interim Chief Executive), S Jones (Head of Finance), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), S Walker (Chief Education Officer), J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services), A Owen (Interim Deputy Chief Executive), F Donnelly (H R Manager), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), A Taylor (Head of Democratic Services), A Stephens (Cabinet Policy Officer), D Chaffe (Highways and Fleet Manager), C Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager), C Morris (Highways & Engineering) and Z Thomas (European & External Funding Support Officer), D Jones (IAS)

**Outside Bodies:**

James Brown (Managing Director – The Urbanists)

M Morgan\* (Democratic Services Officer), M Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer) and M Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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### Minutes Silence

The Council observed a Minutes Silence for Helen Thomas, former Local Authority Councillor, a Member of the Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council and the Standards Committee who had sadly passed away.

87	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Amos, Councillor C Barry and Councillor I Thomas.
88	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor L Mytton Declared her Interest in Item 7 – The Cyfarthfa Foundation as she was nominated as a Director and Trustee.</p> <p>Councillor G Thomas Declared his Interest in Item 7 – The Cyfarthfa Foundation as he was nominated as a Director and Trustee.</p>
89	Merthyr Strategic Valley Hub: Placemaking Plan 2019-2035	<p>The Chair welcomed James Brown, Managing Director The Urbanists to the Meeting.</p> <p>James Brown then made a Presentation to the Members in relation to the 'Merthyr Strategic Valley Hub: Placemaking Plan 2019-2035' and the work that had been undertaken on behalf of the Council over the past eighteen months and gave further details in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Progress</li> <li>• Core Ambitions</li> <li>• The Master Plan</li> <li>• Links to Post Covid Recovery</li> <li>• Summer 2019</li> <li>• Analysis / Future Proofing</li> <li>• Work to Date – Work Completed – Placemaking Plan – Delivery Plan</li> <li>• Life in 2035 – Vision for the Future – Thinking about shifting forces</li> <li>• Ready for the Future – The world in 2035 – Predict – Respond – Adapt</li> <li>• Core Ambitions</li> <li>• The Recipe for Success</li> <li>• Tourism Capital of the Valleys and Beacons – Centre of adventure – Tourism – Industrial – Political Heritage</li> <li>• A Low Carbon Town</li> <li>• Low energy use – Renewable Energy – Low Environmental Impact – Adaptability</li> <li>• A Destination for Services</li> <li>• High quality Public Services</li> <li>• A Waterside Town</li> <li>• Opportunity to be a better Waterside Town – Location on the banks of the River Taff</li> <li>• A Smart Town</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Digital fluent Town</li> <li>• An inclusive engaging public realm</li> <li>• A Town with an inviting public realm</li> <li>• People feel safe, welcomed and uplifted</li> <li>• A Resilient Town</li> <li>• A wide variety of activities – Resilient to change- Able to adapt to a rapid changing world</li> <li>• The Master Plan</li> <li>• Town – A series of themed areas</li> <li>• Northern Gateway – Southern Gateway – Merthyr Waterside – St Tydfil's Centre- Interchange Corridor – Other projects</li> <li>• Links to Post Covid Recovery</li> <li>• Threats</li> <li>• Economic impact post furlough</li> <li>• Communities lack resilience</li> <li>• Opportunities</li> <li>• Homes and Neighbourhoods</li> </ul> <p>Councillor K O'Neill Leader of the Council then thanked Mr Brown for the Presentation.</p> <p>The Mayor also thanked Mr Brown for attending.</p>
90	Merthyr Strategic Valley Hub: Placemaking Plan 2019– 2035	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The content of the Merthyr Strategic Valley Hub: Placemaking Plan 2019-2035 be approved</p> <p>(b) The actions identified in Section 5 of the report be approved</p>
91	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
91a	AGM: 09/09/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held 9 September 2020 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
91b	Full Council: 26/02/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 26 February 2020 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
91c	Full Council: 04/03/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 4 March 2020 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
91d	Cabinet: 26/02/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 26 February 2020 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
91e	Cabinet: 04/03/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 4 March 2020 be</p>

		accepted as a correct record.
91f	Cabinet: 15/07/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 15 July 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91g	Cabinet: 16/09/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 16 September 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91h	Licensing Committee: 27/02/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 27 February 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91i	Licensing Committee: 24/06/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 24 June 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91j	Audit: 09/03/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 9 March 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91k	Audit: 03/08/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 3 August 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91l	Standards: 24/01/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Standards Committee held 24 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91m	SACRE: 10/03/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of SACRE held 10 March 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91n	Scrutiny: Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 25/02/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 25 February 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91o	Scrutiny: Regeneration and Public Protection: 03/03/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Meeting held 3 March 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
91p	Scrutiny: Social Services: 21/01/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 21 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.

91q	Scrutiny: Social Services: 10/03/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 10 March 2020 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
91r	Scrutiny: Learning and LGES: 06/01/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee held 6 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
91s	Scrutiny : Learning and LGES: 24/02/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee held 24 February 2020 be accepted as a correct record</p>
92	Agile And Home Working Policy	<p>Councillor A Barry referred to the 'Agile and Homeworking Policy' report and moved the recommendation at Paragraph 2.1 of the report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised in relation to the Policy and Councillor A Barry stated that he would welcome Scrutiny looking at the Policy.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Agile and Homeworking Policy be approved.</p>
93	The Cyfarthfa Foundation	<p>Councillor L Mytton and Councillor G Thomas having Declared their Interest in this Item left the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill led the Members through 'The Cyfarthfa Foundation' report and moved the recommendation at Paragraph 2.1 of the report. This motion was then seconded.</p> <p>Councillor D Roberts advised that the Labour Group agreed with the project but felt it appropriate for a Labour Group Member to sit as a Director and Trustee.</p> <p>Therefore, he proposed that Councillor Gareth Lewis be added to the nominations for Director and Trustee.</p> <p>Carys Kennedy then advised that it had been agreed at Council in September that there be two nominations and therefore an extra Member nomination could not be made.</p> <p>Councillor D Roberts then proposed that Councillor G Lewis be appointed instead of either Councillor G Thomas or Councillor L Mytton as he felt there should be Labour representation on the Board. This motion was then seconded.</p> <p>Councillor G Lewis having been nominated for appointment to the Board Declared his Interest in the Item and left the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill then advised that the recommendation reflected a gender balance and Labour did not have a</p>

		<p>female Councillor. Councillor G Thomas was also the Cabinet Portfolio lead Member.</p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill concurred that the Labour Group were supportive and guaranteed regular updates.</p> <p>A vote was then taken on the amendment that Councillor G Lewis and Councillor G Thomas or Councillor L Mytton (One Independent Member and One Labour Member) be appointed as Directors and Trustees and this amendment fell.</p> <p>A vote was then taken on recommendation 2.1 in the report and it was</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Councillor Geraint Thomas and Councillor Lisa Mytton be appointed as Directors and Trustees.</p>
94	Gulley Sucker Business Case	<p>Councillor D Hughes referred the Members to the 'Gully Sucker Business Case' report and proposed the recommendations at Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 of the report. This motion was then seconded.</p> <p>Questions were then raised on the report by the Members and were responded to in detail by the Officers and Councillor D Hughes.</p> <p>Councillor B Carter then moved the following amendment to the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) That Council Lease Hire a new Gully Sucker to bring the Service back in House be approved</li> <li>(b) That Council also source and appoint a Contractor with immediate effect to operate the Gully Sucker be approved</li> <li>(c) A further report be presented to Council at the 4 November 2020 Meeting giving a report on progress and a Cost Analysis</li> </ul> <p>This amendment was then seconded.</p> <p>Further debate then ensued and a vote was taken on the amendment and the amendment fell.</p> <p>A vote was then taken on recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 in the report and it was</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Business Case attached to the report and Option 3 (In House Gully Service – Lease Hire) be approved</li> <li>(b) A further report be presented to Council detailing the full costs of the approved Option</li> </ul>
95	Merthyr Tydfil Adult Community Learning	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p>

	(MTACL) Partnership Future Delivery and Welsh Government Funding 2020/21	<p>(a) The Delivery Framework Appendix B be approved</p> <p>(b) The financial implications be noted and the increase in the Net Budget to reflect the uncontrollable growth caused through Grant changes by Welsh Government be approved</p> <p>(c) A full cost recovery approach for supporting and processing accredited outcomes on behalf of partners / services be implemented</p>
96	MTCBC Annual Scrutiny Report 2019-2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
97	Consultation Responses - Amendment of Opening Times of Day Service Provision	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
98	Annual Report on Social Services 2019-2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
99	Update on Young People's Participation: Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum (MTBWYF) and Office of Youth Mayor	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
100	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
101	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.