



MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 2020

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

Councillors J Amos, A Barry, C J 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, I 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), M Price (Revenue Officer) and C Burns (Corporate Services)

Outside Bodies:

H Goddard (Audit Wales) and N Hollis (Audit Wales)

M Morgan* (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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Minutes Silence

The Council observed a Minutes Silence for Tom Lewis former Councillor and Mayor who had sadly passed away.

The Council also agreed that condolences be sent on behalf of the Council to his family.

228	Apologies for Absence	No apologies for absence were received as all Members were present.
229	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
230	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
230a	Full Council: 4 November 2020	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 4 November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
230b	Cabinet: 4 November 2020	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 4 November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
230c	Scrutiny: Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 2 November 2020	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 2 November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
231	Statement of Accounts 2019-20	Resolved that: (a) The Audited Statement of Accounts for 2019/20 being the financial year ended 31 March 2020 be approved (b) The Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 be approved
232	Letter of Representation 2019-20	Resolved that: Representations regarding the 2019/20 Financial Statements be approved and communicated to the Appointed Auditor.
233	Council Tax Base for 2021/22	Resolved that: Pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) and Council Tax (Prescribed class of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendments) Regulations 2004, the number calculated by the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council for 2021/22 shall be 18,430.74 (18,400.53 – 2020/21) and for the area covered by the Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council for 2021/22 shall be 1,167.51 (1,165.23 – 2020/21).

234	Raising Aspirations, Raising Standards	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The Raising Aspirations, Raising Standards (RARS) Strategy 2020- 2025 be approved</p> <p>(b) The actions in Sections 7 and 8 of the report be approved.</p>
235	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p><i>Mass Testing</i></p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill Leader of the Council referred to Mass Testing and the challenges faced and paid tribute to all the Elected Members, Officers, the Organisations involved and the people of Merthyr Tydfil.</p>
236	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	<p>The Mayor extended Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p>