



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors M Colbran (Chair)
D Sammon (Vice-Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, 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, T Skinner, W R Smith, G Thomas, I Thomas, S Thomas and C Tovey

Officers:

E Cooper (Chief Executive), C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), A Owen (Deputy 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), F Donnelly (H R Manager), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), A Taylor (Head of Democratic Services), A Stephens (Cabinet Policy Officer), R James (Information Security Officer / Clerk to Bedlinog & Trelewis Community Council), S Gow (Environmental Health Manager), C Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager), M Rivers (Business Change) and S Lewis-Abbott (Housing and Supporting People Manager)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
313	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Amos and Councillor J Thomas.

314	Declarations of Interest	Councillor M Jones Declared her Interest in Item 6 – Capacity Exercise – Phase 2 as her husband works in the Council Tax Department.
315	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
315a	Full Council: 08/09/2021	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 8 September 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
315b	Cabinet: 08/09/2021	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 8 September 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
315c	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 01/09 2021	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 1 September 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
315d	Governance and Audit: 06/09/2021	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee held 6 September 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
315e	Scrutiny : Social Services: 07/09/2021	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 7 September 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
315f	Scrutiny : Learning and LGES: 13/09/2021	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee held 13 September 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
315g	Scrutiny : Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre: 14/09/2021	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny Committee held 14 September 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
315h	Scrutiny : Regeneration, Public Protection and Housing: 21/09/2021	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Regeneration, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Committee held 21 September 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
316	Cyber Resilience Strategy 2021-2024	Resolved that: The implementation of the Cyber Resilience Strategy 2021-2024 be approved.
317	Annual Performance Report 2020-21	Councillor L Mytton led the Council in detail through the 'Annual Performance Report 2020-21'.

		<p>A Member then referred to the following errors in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring Well-being – 2019-2020 should read 2020-2021 • Case Study – New Lease of Life – ‘Pole’ should read ‘Poll’ <p>These corrections were accepted.</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <p>The Council’s Annual Performance Report be approved.</p>
318	Capacity Exercise - Phase 2	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Councillor M Jones having Declared her Interest in this item left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Councillor L Mytton led the Council in detail through the ‘Capacity Exercise – Phase 2’ report.</p> <p>A Member referred to a correction in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1- ‘Principle’ should read ‘Principal’ • Paragraph 3.10 – Should read ‘September’ not ‘October’ <p>These corrections were accepted.</p> <p>Tributes were then paid to Sue Gow for her work with the Authority and best wishes were extended to Sue Gow on her Retirement.</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The proposed investment requirements detailed in Schedule 1 Part A in Appendix 1 be approved (b) The detail outlined in Schedule 1 Part B in Appendix 1 be noted (c) The proposed Housing Structure in Appendix 2 be approved
319	Tech Scheme (Merthyr Tydfil Rewards)	<p>Councillor A Barry led the Council in detail through the ‘Tech Scheme (Merthyr Tydfil Rewards)’ report.</p> <p>Questions were raised on the report by the Members with a Member asking how much the employees contribution would be paid into the Pension Scheme and Steve Jones advised that he would need to make the calculation and come back to Councillors on this.</p> <p>Another Member then enquired if staff and Councillors could be advised of what schemes were available and Fran Donnelly advised that she would circulate a link to the Councillors giving details of what schemes staff could access.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p>

		The introduction of the Tech Scheme administered by ICOM Rewards be approved.
320	2023 Review of Parliamentary Boundaries – Initial Proposals	<p>Councillor A Barry led the Council in detail through the ‘2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Initial Proposals’ report and recommended in relation to Paragraph 2.2 that ‘submissions be received by 28 October 2021’ be added.</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <p>(a) The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales Initial Proposals report for the 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales be noted</p> <p>(b) The Council considers the recommendations contained within the initial report and the Leaders of each Political Group and the Independent Members provide comments to the Democratic Services Department by the 28 October 2021 for collation and return to the Boundary Commission for Wales.</p>
321	Petition Received by the Authority	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
322	Local Toilet Strategy Interim Progress Review	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
323	Annual Report on Social Services 2020-21	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
324	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
325	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.