



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor D Isaac (In the Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, C J Barry, S P Brown, B Carter, D Davies, G Davies, M Davies, E Galsworthy, D L Jarrett, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, D Roberts, L E Smart, W R Smith, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey, P Williams and S Williams

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director of Customer Services), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Mark Thomas (Assistant Director - Chief Executive's), Suzanne Griffiths (Director of Social Services), Lisa Jones (Interim HR Manager), Lorraine Buck (Chief Education Officer), Lee-Anne Leyshon (Corporate Communications Manager) and Ceri Dinham (Senior Communications Officer)

Outside Bodies:

Karl Napieralla (Chair of the Recovery Board)

Ann Taylor (Democratic Services Team Leader), Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer) and Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
378	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence received from Councillors T Chaplin, L A Matthews, B Mansbridge and Raymond Thomas.

		<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor John McCarthy, the newly elected Member for the Penydarren Ward, to his first meeting of Full Council.</p>
379	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor E Galsworthy declared a prejudicial and personal interest in Item 26 (Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme) as he is the Chairman of Merthyr Care and Repair.</p> <p>Councillor B Carter declared a prejudicial and personal interest in Item 26 (Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme) as he is a board member of Merthyr Care and Repair.</p> <p>Councillor D Jones declared a prejudicial and personal interest in Item 26 (Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme) as he is a board member of Merthyr Care and Repair.</p> <p>Councillor B Smith declared a prejudicial and personal interest in item 26 (Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme) as he is a board member of Merthyr Care and Repair.</p> <p>Councillor D Roberts declared a personal interest in item 26 (Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme) as his Company is a sponsor of Ynysowen Rugby Football Club.</p>
380	Royal Navy Veterans	<p>The Deputy Mayor welcomed the Merthyr Tydfil Royal Navy Veterans to the meeting.</p> <p>A framed photograph was presented to the Leader to thank Merthyr Tydfil CBC for their gratitude and financial support enabling the veterans to attend the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire in July 2014.</p>
381	Metro Consortium for Wales	<p>The Leader addressed the Council and introduced Mark Barry from the Metro Consortium who is the authority on the Metro project, adviser to the Welsh Government Minister for Economy, Science and Transport and also adviser and colleague of the Cardiff Capital Region Board.</p> <p>He thanked Mark Barry for attending today and informed Council that, through Mr Barry's support, this Council has been successful in grant funding for the new Bus Station.</p> <p>Mark Barry referred the Council to the Metro Consortium and he outlined the issues of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting more people to more places • Enabling development and regeneration • Delivering a sustainable economically dynamic city region • Improvement of the regional economy • Better connectivity for a successful economy • Connection of the largest, most 'disconnected' population centres • Enhance/enable Strategic Development Sites • Address existing road congestion • Single Integrated Transport System • Design and development challenges/opportunities

		<p>Both the Deputy Mayor and Leader thanked Mr Barry for his informative presentation.</p> <p>Councillor E Galsworthy left the meeting at 6.00 pm due to family commitments.</p>
382	Minutes of meeting Monday, 30 June 2014 of Audit Committee	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Audit Committee held on Monday, 30th June 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
383	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 2 July 2014 of Cabinet	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
384	Minutes of meeting Monday, 14 July 2014 of Scrutiny : Schools	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Schools Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 14th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
385	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 15 July 2014 of Scrutiny : Social Services & Social Regeneration	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 15th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
386	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 July 2014 of Cabinet	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
387	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 July 2014 of Full Council	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
388	Minutes of meeting Friday, 18 July 2014 of Audit Committee	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Audit Committee held on Friday, 18th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
389	Minutes of meeting Monday, 21 July 2014 of Scrutiny : Customer Services	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 21st July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
390	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 22 July 2014 of Scrutiny : Chief Executive (inc. Crime and Disorder)	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Chief Executive (inc. Crime and Disorder) Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>

391	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 23 July 2014 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
392	Minutes of meeting Monday, 28 July 2014 of Rights of Way Committee	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held on Monday, 28th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
393	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 30 July 2014 of Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 30th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
394	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 30 July 2014 of Cabinet	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on Wednesday, 30th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
395	Minutes of meeting Monday, 11 August 2014 of Licensing Committee	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The minutes of the Licensing Committee held on Monday, 11th August 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
396	Corporate Organisational Change	<p>The Leader advised Council that progress is continuing and referred to major improvements within the Scrutiny function and the setting up of both the Transformation Board and Budget Board.</p> <p>He advised that all Members have shown leadership in moving the Authority forward and are fully committed to the changes that are being implemented.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review and evaluation report is accepted and the future actions included in an Organisational Change action plan. • The Defining Success in 2017 document is circulated for discussion and comment to Members and staff and in particular considered in the October Scrutiny Committees and the staff forum. • A further report is placed before Council in October/November 2014 including structure recommendations and outlining how the aspirations for 2017 will be achieved and what the implications will be for the Council especially in relation to staffing and structures.
397	Result of Penydarren By Election and Impact on Political Balance	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Council notes the contents of the report.</p>

398	Amendment to Appointment to Committees 2014/15	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Councillor J McCarthy replaces Councillor D Isaac on the Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.</p>
399	Corporate Complaints Policy	<p>Members were advised of the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 2.3 of the report - it should read 6 months' timescale and not 12 months as stated in the report. • the last paragraph at page 87 of the Policy - it should read that "we have a separate policy to manage situations.....". • For consistency, the word "Tydfil" should be included. <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The new Corporate Complaints Policy, attached as an Appendix to the report, be adopted.</p>
400	Social Services Complaints Policy	<p>For consistency, the word "Tydfil" be included on page 90 paragraph 4.1.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The new Social Services Complaints Policy, attached as an appendix to the report, be adopted.</p>
401	Petitions Received by the Authority	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Council notes the petitions received, as outlined in the report.</p>
402	Election of Trustees (2) to the Board of the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust	<p>The Leader referred Council to the requirement of two Council Members to sit on the Board of Trustees for the new Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust.</p> <p>An amendment was put forward by Councillor Richard Thomas, namely to nominate Councillor G Jones to sit on the Board of Trustees for the new Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust.</p> <p>A vote was taken and the motion failed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Councillors E Galsworthy and B Smith be nominated to act as Trustees for the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust.</p>
403	Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme	<p>Having declared an interest, Councillors B Carter, D Jones, E Galsworthy, D Roberts and B Smith left the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor M Davies also left the meeting.</p>

		<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The request for the allocation of funds, as detailed below, be accepted:</p> <p><u>Plymouth Electoral Division</u> Merthyr Care and Repair - £360.00.</p> <p><u>Merthyr Vale Electoral Division</u> Ynysowen Rugby Football Club - £958.00</p>
404	Business Continuity Management Policy Update	<p>Councillors B Carter, D Jones, E Galsworthy, D Roberts, B Smith and M Davies returned to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The report be deferred.</p> <p>Councillor L Mytton left the meeting at 6.55 pm.</p>
405	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>Councillor H Jones gave a statement with regard to the Authority's 2014 GCSE results.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor advised that there would be no questions or debates.</p> <p>On behalf of the Authority, the Leader thanked Councillor H Jones, Chief Education Officer, Schools Department and Secondary School Heads on driving the agenda to raise standards of attainment within the borough.</p> <p>The Leader also thanked Karl Napieralla of the Recovery Board for his continued support.</p>
406	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	<p>There was a minute silence for Mr Roger Morris, previously the Authority's Chief Executive, who passed away recently.</p>