



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

## WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 2014

**PRESENT:** Councillor B E Mansbridge (**In the Chair**)

Councillors C J Barry, R Braithwaite, B Carter, T Chaplin, D Davies, G Davies, M Davies, E Galsworthy, D Isaac, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, D Roberts, W R Smith, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey, P Williams and S Williams

**Officers:**

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

**Outside Bodies:**

Anna Morgan – WLGA  
Gareth Williams – Chair Recovery Board

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer), Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer) and Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
504	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H Barrett, Councillor P Brown and Councillor L E Smart.  The Council were advised that Councillor L Mytton would be arriving later.

505	Declarations of Interest	Councillor E C Galsworthy and Councillor W R Smith Declared their Interest in Item 20 – Leisure and Culture Trust as they were the Council’s Representatives on the Board of the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust Ltd. As such they have a dispensation to speak and vote on the matter.
506	Equalities Update	<p>The Mayor welcomed Anna Morgan, Training Advisor Equalities and Social Justice Team, WLGA to the Meeting.</p> <p>Ms Morgan referred the Council to the Equalities Act 2010 and the Role of Elected Members and gave details in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Public Sector Equality Duty</li> <li>• The Public Sector Duty – April 2011</li> <li>• Who is Protected</li> <li>• What are the Specific Duties in Wales</li> <li>• What is an Equality Impact Assessment</li> <li>• Member Champions Role</li> <li>• What are the Benefits</li> <li>• WLGA Equalities Champions Programme</li> <li>• Equality Champions Development Programme</li> <li>• Want/Need more information</li> <li>• Summary</li> </ul> <p>Councillor G Davies entered the Meeting at 5.45 pm.</p> <p>The Leader then thanked Ms Morgan for the Presentation and referred to the vacancy in relation to the Equalities Champion and advised that Councillor E C Galsworthy would now be the new Champion.</p> <p>The Mayor then thanked Ms Morgan for attending and the Presentation to Members.</p>
507	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 27 August 2014 of Licensing Committee	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 27 August 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
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509	Minutes of meeting Monday, 1 September 2014 of Scrutiny : Customer Services	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Customer Services Scrutiny Meeting held 1 September 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
510	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 2 September 2014 of Scrutiny : Chief Executive (inc. Crime and Disorder)	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Chief Executive’s Scrutiny Committee held 2 September 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>

511	Minutes of meeting Monday, 8 September 2014 of Scrutiny : Schools	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Schools Scrutiny Committee held 8 September 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
512	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 9 September 2014 of Scrutiny : Social Services & Social Regeneration	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held 9 September 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
513	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 10 September 2014 of Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group Meeting held 10 September 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
514	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 10 September 2014 of Cabinet	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 10 September 2014 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
515	Merthyr Tydfil Single Integrated Plan 2013-2017 - Revised for 2014 - 2015	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The revised Merthyr Tydfil Single Integrated Plan 2014 -15 as provided through the 'Background Papers' link be approved.</p>
516	Annual Performance Report 2013/14	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The Annual Performance Report 2013/14 be approved.</p> <p>(b) The Leader in consultation with the Chief Executive be given Delegated Powers to make necessary amendments to the Annual Performance Report 2013/14 to reflect updated information when available.</p>
517	Disclosure and Barring Service Policy and Procedure	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Disclosure and Barring Service Policy and Procedure be agreed.</p>
518	Merthyr Tydfil Central Bus Station - Response to Petition	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The petition be noted and ensure that the points raised are included as part of the design stage.</p>
519	Time to Change Wales - Mental Health Campaign	<p>Councillor L Mytton entered the Meeting at 6.15 pm.</p> <p>Councillor Mytton was unable to vote on this issue as she had not been present for the whole item.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Time to Change Wales (TTCW) Organisational pledge be agreed and a plan of action to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination in the workplace be developed.</p>

520	Business Continuity Management Policy	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The implementation and adoption of the new Business Continuity Management Policy be approved.</p>
521	Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>Councillor L Mytton Declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the item as she was the Minute Secretary for the Vaynor Community Forum and left the Meeting for this item.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The request for the allocation of funds be approved as follows:</p> <p>£500.00 - Vaynor Community Forum</p>
522	Help for Pensioners Scheme 2014	<p>The Council were advised of an amendment to the recommendations as contained within the report.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Pensioner Grant continuing for 2014/15 but reduced to a maximum of £50 be approved</li> <li>(b) A qualifying date of meeting the eligibility criteria of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 be approved</li> <li>(c) That a report be Presented to Council on this issue next year for consideration</li> </ul>
523	Leisure and Culture Trust	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>This item be deferred.</p>
524	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>The Leader updated the Council in relation to:</p> <p>Wales Audit Office Corporate Assessment Estyn Monitoring Visit</p>
525	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	<p>The Mayor advised that there were no communications.</p>