



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING

# **SCRUTINY :** **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES** **AND PUBLIC PROTECTION** **MEETING**

**MONDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Roberts (In the Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, J McCarthy, S Slater, W R Smith and Raymond Thomas

Councillor D Jones – Cabinet

**Cooptees:**

Robert Holdaway and Nicola Mahoney

**Officers:**

Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director (Place and Transformation) - Deputy Chief Executive), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Jane Sellwood (Central Librarian), Steve Peters (Head of Public Protection), Justin Davies (Solicitor), Sue Gow (Environmental Health), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services) and Ewan McWilliams (Corporate Performance Manager), Paul Davies (Environmental Services)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer) and Howard Jones (Scrutiny Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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**Welcome**

The Chair welcomed Mrs N Mahoney Co-opted Member to her first Meeting. The Chair also advised that he had conveyed his thanks to Mr B Lewis former Committee Member.

583	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L E Smart.
584	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	<p>Mrs N Mahoney Declared her Interest in Item Four – Update on the review of Community Safety Functions at MTCBC as she was employed by an Organisation named in the report.</p> <p>Mr Robert Holdaway Declared his Interest in Item Four – Update on the review of Community Safety Functions at MTCBC as he was the Chair of the Town Ward PACT Meeting.</p>
585	Fly Tipping Enforcement	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor D Jones, Ellis Cooper, Cherylee Evans, Paul Davies, Sue Gow, Steve Peters, Justin Davies and Mark Thomas to the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor D Jones referred the Committee to the 'Fly Tipping Enforcement' report and gave a definition of Fly Tipping to the Committee.</p> <p>Sue Gow then referred to the report in detail and together with Councillor Jones and the Officers responded to the following questions raised by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of Side Waste</li> <li>• Black bags being left on the street</li> <li>• Collection by Merthyr Valleys Homes</li> <li>• Dumping of litter on open spaces</li> <li>• Collection of dumped black bags</li> <li>• Litter spilling from ripped black bags</li> <li>• Timescales</li> <li>• Issuing of Permits for the Civic Amenity Site</li> <li>• Statutory Responsibility</li> <li>• The number of staff to deal with fly tipping</li> <li>• What is being done to discourage Fly tipping</li> <li>• Court convictions</li> <li>• Problems with Leaves</li> <li>• Partnership working</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed and commented on the issues as set out in the report.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>

586	Update on the review of Community Safety Functions at MTCBC	<p>Councillor D Jones referred the Committee to the 'Update on Review of Community Safety Functions of MTCBC' report.</p> <p>Councillor W R Smith left the Meeting at 3.07 pm and returned at 3.10 pm.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by Councillor Jones and the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership Workshops</li> <li>• Community Trigger</li> <li>• Community Safety Landscape Chart</li> <li>• Mechanisms to feed in SIP</li> <li>• Anti Social Behaviour</li> <li>• Resources</li> <li>• Partnership co-operation and participation</li> <li>• Funding</li> <li>• Working with Regeneration Section to apply for Funding</li> <li>• Meeting Statutory Crime and Disorder obligations</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed and commented on the issues as set out in the report.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Officers for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>
587	Annual Return: Fifth Assessment Framework for Welsh Public Library Standards 2014/15.	<p>The Chair welcomed Jane Sellwood to the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor D Jones referred the Committee to the 'Annual Return: Fifth Assessment Framework for Welsh Public Library Standards 2014/15' report.</p> <p>Jane Sellwood then led the Committee in detail through Appendix 1 – Welsh Government MTCBC Annual Assessment Report and gave an update on the Service.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to by Councillor Jones and the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing Levels</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed and commented on the issues as set out in the Annual Assessment Report.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>

588	Task and Finish Group(s) Feedback	<p>The Chair thanked the Officers for the recent tour of the facility at Pentrebach and referred to the questions that had been raised following the tour.</p> <p>Councillor Jones advised that he would be responding in full to the Committee on the questions arising from the tour.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised and were responded to by Paul Davies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of vehicles being used</li> <li>• Timing of Routes – Could vehicles be sent to another route</li> <li>• Collection points</li> </ul>
589	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>The Chair advised that there was no update in relation to this item.</p>
590	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair and the Committee reflected in detail on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting.</p>
591	Forward Work Programme	<p>The Committee considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that RSL's be invited to attend a future Committee Meeting to discuss Fly Tipping.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that a Task and Finish Group be convened in relation to Review of Community Safety.</p>
592	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>