



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 2016

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

Councillors H Barrett, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, B Carter, T Chaplin, D Davies, M Davies, E Galsworthy, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, B E Mansbridge, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, M O'Neill, D Roberts, S Slater, L E Smart, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey and P Williams

**Officers:**

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), Lisa Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), Dorothy Haines (Chief Officer (Learning) - Chief Education Officer), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Alyn Owen (Chief Officer (Community Regeneration)), Steve Jones (Head of Finance - Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Chris Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager), Zoe Thomas (European & External Funding Support Officer) and Beth Melhuish (Corporate Communications), Paul Davies, Sarah Price and Lance Whitley

**Outside Bodies:**

Paul Clement and Dale Stolzenberg – General Dynamics  
John O'Shea – Merthyr College, Paul Gray – Tydfil Training  
Andrea Jones and Tony Daley – Careers Wales  
Petra Kennedy - MTIB

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
990	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown, Councillor H R Jones, Councillor W R Smith and Councillor S Williams.
991	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
992	General Dynamics	<p>The Chair welcomed Paul Clement and Dale Stolzenberg General Dynamics, Paul Gray Tydfil Training, Petra Kennedy MTIB, John O'Shea Merthyr College, Andrea Jones and Tony Daley Careers Wales to the Meeting.</p> <p>Mr Clement then made a Presentation to the Council giving details on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Overview</li> <li>• General Dynamics Corporation</li> <li>• General Dynamics Organisation</li> <li>• About General Dynamics UK</li> <li>• About General Dynamics Mission Systems UK</li> <li>• About General Dynamics Land Systems</li> <li>• Where we are</li> <li>• AJAX Programme</li> <li>• The Family of vehicles</li> <li>• Vehicle assembly and delivery</li> <li>• In Service Support</li> <li>• Merthyr Tydfil facility</li> <li>• Delivering the first UK Assembled Vehicle</li> <li>• Employment Opportunities</li> <li>• Community Engagement</li> </ul> <p>The Leader of the Council and the Mayor then thanked Mr Clement for the Presentation and also the training partners for attending the Meeting.</p>
993	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 6 January 2016 of Full Council	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 6 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
994	Minutes of meeting Monday, 11 January 2016 of Rights of Way Committee	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held 11 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
995	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 12 January 2016 of Scrutiny : Social Services	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 12 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
996	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 13 January 2016 of Licensing Committee	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 13 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
997	Minutes of meeting	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p>

	Wednesday, 13 January 2016 Cabinet	The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 13 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
998	Secondment of a Full Time Trades Union Branch Secretary (Unison)	<b>Resolved that:</b> A full time Trades Union Branch Secretary secondment, initially for 2 years be approved to start from 28 January 2016.
999	Injury Allowances Policy	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Injury Allowances Policy be approved with immediate effect.
1000	Procurement Strategy, Procurement Rules and E-Invoice Policy	<b>Resolved that:</b> (a) The Procurement Strategy be approved (b) The amended Procurement Rules be approved (c) The implementation of the e-invoice policy be approved
1001	Discretionary Housing Payment Scheme	<b>Resolved that:</b> The updated Discretionary Housing Payments Policy outlined in the report be approved.
1002	Adoption of Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the Financial Year 2016/17	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Council Tax Reduction Scheme to commence in April 2016 for the 2016/17 financial year be re-adopted.
1003	Ffos y Fran Intermediate Grant Scheme	<b>Resolved that:</b> The report be received.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Exempt Item(s)**

#### **Resolved that:**

The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 15 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

1004	MTCBC Change Programme - Projects Report 2	<b>Resolved that:</b> (a) In order to remove unnecessary delay in the progression of staff consultation, delegated authority be given to Cabinet to progress and approve all business cases (b) Quarterly Information Reports on progress regarding the MTCBC Change Programme Business Cases be brought to Full Council (c) The content of this report be noted, the business
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		case be considered, appendix 1, and the recommended option as summarised in section 4 of this report be approved
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## **RE-OPENED SESSION**

### **Other Items**

1005	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	Councillor B Toomey Leader of the Council referred to the ESTYN visit and advised that a letter had now been received from Welsh Government giving notice that the Authority were no longer in Special Measures.
1006	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	The Mayor referred to the Holocaust Memorial Service that was taking place later.