



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor M Davies (**In the Chair**)

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

Officers:

Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director (Place and Transformation) - Deputy Chief Executive), Lorraine Buck (Corporate Director (People and Performance) - Lead Director for Children and Young People), 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), Fran Donnelly (H R Manager), Judith Jones (Head of Planning and Countryside), Justin Waite (Planning Policy Officer), Annabel Lloyd (Head of Children's Services), Ryan Barry (Tourism Officer) and Ceri Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), Liz French (Revenue)

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
172	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Davies, Councillor L E Smart and Councillor Raymond Thomas.

173	Declarations of Interest	<p>The Council were advised of an extra allocation of Biffa Monies in relation to Trelewis Bontnewydd OAP Association that would be considered under Item 21 on the agenda.</p> <p>Councillor G Jones Declared his Interest in allocation of Biffa Monies – Trelewis Bontnewydd OAP Association.</p> <p>Councillor M O'Neill Declared his Interest in Item 21 – Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme as he is a Governor of Pen-Y-Dre High School.</p> <p>Councillor W R Smith Declared his Interest in Item 21 – Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme as he is a Governor of Pen-Y-Dre High School.</p> <p>Councillor C Tovey Declared his Interest in Item 21 – Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme as he is a Governor of Pen-Y-Dre High School.</p>
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Retirement

Councillor B Toomey Leader of the Council advised that this was the last Meeting of Full Council for Lorraine Buck Corporate Director People and Performance and thanked Lorraine Buck for everything she had done for the Learners of the County Borough and conveyed his best wishes for the future.

Councillor H R Jones Cabinet Member for Learning also paid tribute to Lorraine Buck for her contribution to Education in the County Borough.

174	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 18 May 2016 of Annual General Meeting	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 18 May 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
175	Minutes of meeting Monday, 23 May 2016 of Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 23 May 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
176	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 25 May 2016 of Licensing Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 25 May 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
177	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 31 May 2016 of Scrutiny : Regeneration, Planning and Countryside	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Regeneration, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 31 May 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>

178	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 1 June 2016 of Cabinet	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 1 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
179	Minutes of meeting Monday, 6 June 2016 of Audit Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 6 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
180	Minutes of meeting Monday, 13 June 2016 of Licensing Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 13 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
181	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15 June 2016 of Cabinet	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 15 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
182	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15 June 2016 of Full Council	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 15 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
183	Minutes of meeting Monday, 20 June 2016 of Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 20 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
184	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 22 June 2016 of Licensing Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 22 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
185	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 22 June 2016 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 22 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
186	Minutes of meeting Monday, 27 June 2016 of Rights of Way Committee	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held 27 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
187	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 28 June 2016 of Scrutiny : Social Services	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 28 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
188	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 29 June 2016 of Cabinet	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 29 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
189	Minutes of meeting	Resolved that:

	Tuesday, 7 June 2016 of SACRE	The Minutes of the SACRE Meeting held 7 June 2016 be accepted as a correct record.
190	Making the Census Count	<p>The Leader, Councillor B Toomey referred the Council to the Notice of Motion ' Making the Census Count'.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>This Council supports the campaign of The Royal British Legion (RBL) and that the Chief Executive writes to The Royal British Legion supporting the initiative and to the Office of National Statistics to request that the new questions proposed by The Royal British Legion be included in the 2021 Census.</p>
191	Amendment to Electronic Signature Direction	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services to sign the amended Direction (attached as Appendix 1) to include Council Tax Reduction claims under the following regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 11 of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 • Schedule 10 to the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for State Pension Credit) Regulations 2006 • Schedule 9 to the Council Tax Benefit Regulation 2006 • Schedule 8 to the Council Tax Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for State Pension Credit) Regulations 2006 • Part 4 of Schedule 12 Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013
192	Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme	<p>Councillor G Jones, Councillor M O'Neill, Councillor W R Smith and Councillor C Tovey having Declared their Interest in this item left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Councillor P Williams advised the Council that the following further request had been received:</p> <p>Bedlinog Electoral Division</p> <p><i>Trelewis Bonthewydd OAP Association</i> <i>£1306.00</i></p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The following funds be allocated:</p> <p>Gurnos Electoral Division</p>

		<p><i>Pen-Y-Dre High School Sports Facilities</i> £1,000.00</p> <p>Bedlinog Electoral Division</p> <p><i>Trelewis Bontnewydd OAP Association</i> £1306.00</p>
193	Replacement Merthyr Tydfil Local Development Plan (2016-2031) - Delivery Agreement	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The Replacement Merthyr Tydfil Local Development Plan (2016 – 2031) Delivery Agreement be approved</p> <p>(b) The Delivery Agreement be submitted to the Welsh Government for agreement</p> <p>(c) Delegation of authority to the Leader and Portfolio Member for Regeneration, Planning and Countryside in consultation with the Corporate Director Place and Transformation to authorise any amendments to the Delivery Agreement be agreed.</p>
194	New Merthyr Tydfil Destination Management Plan 2016-18	<p>The Council viewed a promotional Film of the County Borough.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The new Destination Management Plan be approved</p> <p>(b) The creation / realignment of thematic Sub Groups to deliver the Destination Management Plan be approved</p> <p>(c) The continual process of partnership working to deliver the Destination Management Plan be approved</p>
195	Annual Report on Social Services 2015/16	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
196	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>The Leader Councillor B Toomey then gave the following address to the Council:</p> <p>‘Proud to celebrate our Diversity</p> <p>Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, together with all County Borough Councils in Wales, is proud to celebrate the diversity of our communities. This County Borough Council has a historic tradition of tolerance which has been at the heart of our civil society.</p> <p>Welsh Councils have been at the forefront of welcoming asylum seekers and refugees from all parts of the world for many years. All Councils value the contribution they have made - and continue to make - to society.</p> <p>Merthyr Tydfil’s workforce, especially in areas such as health and social care, have been enriched by the presence</p>

		<p>of people from countries across the EU providing essential support to our communities.</p> <p>On Friday 8th July the BBC reported that more than 3,000 hate crimes and incidents were reported to police between 16-30 June, an increase of 42% on 2015, National Police Chiefs' Council figures show. At the peak in offending on 25 June, 289 offences occurred across the UK.</p> <p>It is therefore important that Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council continues to monitor the situation among its communities and readies itself against any rise in hate crimes or abuse by those who might use the recent EU referendum as cover to seek to divide our communities.</p> <p>As quoted in Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council's Strategic Equality Plan for 2016-2020, "<i>Our Equalities Vision for Merthyr Tydfil is a place where diversity is valued and respected and everyone can participate, flourish and have the opportunity to fulfil their potential free from discrimination and prejudice</i>".</p> <p>The Council will work towards achieving this vision through our role as a community leader, service provider, commissioner and employer and we will work in partnership to reduce inequalities and to improve the well-being of the County Borough.</p> <p>The Council will use its leadership role to promote equality and diversity and share ideas and good practice with partners and other service providers. We will continue to refine and develop our services, including respective monitoring systems, to help us gain a better understanding of our staff and the wider communities and to enable us to meet everyone's diverse needs.</p> <p>This Council, together with our public sector colleagues, will remain fully committed to supporting integration and will continue to promote tolerance among and within our communities across the County Borough and throughout Wales'.</p>
197	To receive communications from Her Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received.