

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

**SOUTH WALES POLICE AND
CRIME PANEL MEETING**

THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor R Smith (In the Chair)

Councillors D De'Ath, K Lloyd, A Moore, P B Smith, P Rees, S Rees-Owen and R Young

Co-optees:

Mr Melvin Jehu and Mr Martyn Jones

Officers:

Simon Jones (Senior Solicitor) and Howard Jones (Scrutiny Officer) and Rebecca Walsh (Legal Department)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from the following: Councillor Ernie Galsworthy (Chair) Councillor Gareth Sullivan (Committee Member)
2	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest noted.
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 th January 2017 be accepted as an accurate record.

4	Public Questions	<p>The Chair explained the note on the agenda regarding receiving questions from members of the public. The Chair read the note out for the members of the public who were present and advised that those wishing to ask questions must adhere to these rules.</p> <p>A member of the public asked a question regarding a statement handed in at the December 2016 meeting. The person requested a response to the statement. The Chair advised that he would speak with the relevant officer and seek a response. No timescale was given for the response to be provided. A copy of the guidance on Public Questions was provided to the member of the public who asked the question.</p>
5	Review of Work Programme	<p>The Chair advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner would not be in attendance today as there were no agenda items for the Commissioner to address.</p> <p>The purpose of the agenda item was to enable Members to discuss the work undertaken by the Panel, identify any lessons learned, and to suggest any future priorities and direction.</p> <p>The Chair opened the agenda item by asking the Panel if anyone wanted to put forward any items for discussion. The Panel discussed various topics and then the Chair reiterated the main points from the discussion. The following areas are being suggested by the Panel for inclusion as part of the future work programme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raising profile of the Panel. 2. Looking at the 12 areas as detailed in the Commissioner’s Police and Crime Plan - headed “what partners are telling us” and select a champion from the Panel for each one. 3. Writing to the Policing Minister to reiterate that the financing regarding the capital city should be revised. 4. The Panel should be more robust and challenging in asking questions and holding to account. <p>The Chair drew the meeting to a close at 12:25pm.</p> <p>Mr Jehu and Mr Martyn Jones wished all the Panel members good luck for the forthcoming elections.</p>
6	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	None