



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor K Gibbs (In the Chair)

Councillors J Amos, A Barry, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, S P Brown, B Carter, D Chaplin, M Colbran, C Davies, L Davies, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, L Mytton, K O'Neill, G Richards, D Roberts, T Rogers, D Sammon, T Skinner, W R Smith, G Thomas, I Thomas, J Thomas, S Thomas and C Tovey

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), Ellis Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), Lisa Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Sue Walker (Chief Education Officer), Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Alyn Owen (Chief Officer (Community Regeneration)), Jeremy Ashdown (H R Manager), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Ceri Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), Beth Melhuish (Corporate Communications Officer), Andrew Mogford (Strategic Business Analyst), Gregg Edwards (Customer and Corporate Support Manager) and Mike Parry (Revenues Manager)

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
612	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H Barrett, Councillor E C Galsworthy and Councillor D Jones.

613	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor C Davies Declared his Interest in Item Seven – Biffa Community Awards as he is the Secretary of Galon Uchaf and Penydarren Community Association.</p> <p>Councillor P Brown Declared his Interest in Item Four – Dispensation for Extended Absence – Councillor Paul Brown as he is the subject of the report.</p>
614	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings.
614a	Full Council: 22.11.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 22 November 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614b	Full Council: 13.12.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 13 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614c	Cabinet: 13.12.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 13 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614d	Standards: 17.11.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Standards Committee held 17 November 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614e	Audit: 27.11.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 27 November 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614f	Special Audit: 1.12.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Special Audit Committee held 1 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614g	Scrutiny: Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 28.11.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 28 November 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614h	Scrutiny: Regeneration and Public Protection: 5.12.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 5 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614i	Scrutiny: Social Services: 12.12.2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 12 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
614j	Rights of Way:	Resolved that:

	18.12.2017	The Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held 18 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.
615	Dispensation for Extended Absence - Councillor Paul Brown	<p>Councillor P Brown having Declared his Interest in this item left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Councillor Paul Brown be granted dispensation for extended absence from all Meetings in his role as Councillor for Cyfarthfa Electoral Division up to and including 30 May 2018.</p>
616	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018/19	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Council Tax Reduction Scheme adopted for 2017/18 be re-adopted for the 2018/19 financial year commencing in April 2018.</p>
617	Primary School Competition for Design of #Shwmaeronment Logo	<p>Councillor L Mytton referred the Committee to the Primary School Competition for Design of #Shwmaeronment Logo' report.</p> <p>A Member then referred to Appendix 1 and questioned the correctness of the 90%+ figure in the report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Council's proposed arrangements for the Primary School Competition to design a logo for #Shwmaeronment be approved.</p>
618	Biffa Community Awards	<p>Councillor C Davies having Declared his Interest in this item left the Meeting for this Item.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Biffa monies be allocated as follows:</p> <p><i>Penydarren Electoral Division</i></p> <p>Galon Uchaf and Penydarren Community Association - £1,000</p>
619	Exempt - Section 100	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 15 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
620	Report 3a - Customer Services Roles – Vacant Posts	<p>Councillor A Barry referred to 'Report 3a – Customer Services Roles – Vacant Posts' and advised of a correction in Paragraphs 2.3, 4.3 and 5.1.</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p>

		<p>(a) The vacant post referred to in Paragraph 2.1 of the report be removed from the Council's Staffing Structure</p> <p>(b) The vacant post referred to in Paragraph 2.2 of the report be removed from the Council's Staffing Structure</p> <p>(c) The vacant post (as corrected) referred to in Paragraph 2.3 of the report be removed from the Council's Staffing Structure</p> <p>(d) The reduced hours for the post referred to in Paragraph 2.4 of the report be approved and that element be removed from the Council's Staffing Structure</p>
621	Report 3b - Reconfiguration of the Customer Services	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Option 2 as outlined in the report and the review as described in Paragraph 5.3 of the report be approved.</p>
622	Report 3c - Reconfiguration of the Customer Services	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Option 2 as described in Paragraph 5.2.2 of the report be approved.</p>
623	Report 3d - Reconfiguration of the Customer Services	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Option 3 as described in Paragraph 5.4 of the report be approved.</p>
624	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
625	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.