



MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor K Gibbs (In the Chair)

Councillors J Amos, H Barrett, A Barry, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, B Carter, D Chaplin, M Colbran, C Davies, L Davies, D Hughes, D Isaac, C T Jones, D Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, L Mytton, K O'Neill, G Richards, D Roberts, T Rogers, D Sammon, T Skinner, W R Smith, J Thomas, G Thomas, I 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), Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Lisa Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), Sue Walker (Chief Education Officer), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Andrew Mogford (Business Change Manager), Jeremy Ashdown (H R Manager), Ceri Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), Beth Melhuish (Corporate Communications Officer), Sue Gow (Environmental Health Manager), Suzanne Davies (LSB and Partnerships Manager), Paul Jones (Environmental Cleansing and Enforcement Manager), Mike Parry (Revenues Manager), Julian Pike (Housing and Community Safety Manager) and Jemma Rough (Environmental Officer)

Outside Bodies:

Angela Jones – Public Health Wales

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
809	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown, Councillor E C Galsworthy and Councillor S Jago.
810	Declarations of Interest	Councillor I Thomas Declared his Interest in Item Five – Council Tax Resolution 2018/19 as he is a Member of the Bedlinog Community Council and has been granted Dispensation to Speak and Vote.
811	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings.
811a	Full Council: 31/01/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 31 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811b	Full Council: 07/02/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 7 February 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811c	Cabinet: 24/01/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 24 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811d	Cabinet: 07/02/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 7 February 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811e	Cabinet: 21/02/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 21 February 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811f	Audit: 12/02/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 12 February 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811g	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 31/01/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 31 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811h	Licensing Committee: 04/12/2017	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 4 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.
811i	Licensing Committee: 14/02/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 14 February 2018 be accepted as a correct record.

811j	Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP: 15/01/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 15 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811k	Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 22/01/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 22 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811l	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 17/10/2017	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 17 October 2017 be accepted as a correct record.
811m	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 13/02/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 13 February 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
811n	Scrutiny : Social Services: 23/01/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 23 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
812	Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2018/19 – State of the Council Debate	<p>Councillor K O'Neill Leader of the Council addressed the Council and advised that a copy of his full report was available in the Members Lounge.</p> <p>The Leader then gave an overview of the Council and thanked all Members, Officers and Staff of the Authority for their continued support, particularly in such difficult times of decreasing finance and for delivering high performing services for the Citizens of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough.</p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill then referred the Council to the 'Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2018/19 – State of the Council Debate' report and moved the recommendations as contained within the report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Council Tax increase of 4.15% for 2018/19 ('Band D' of £1,500.47) for the County Borough Council be approved (b) The Budget Requirement of £117.461 million for 2018/19 (Net Revenue Budget) be approved (c) A further utilisation of £69,000 from the Budget Reserve for 2018/19 be approved (d) The core funded Capital Programme of £37.142 million for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22 be approved (e) The Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 (including the Treasury Management Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/19) be

		<p>approved</p> <p>(f) The Prudential Indicators contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved with authorisation for managing and monitoring the authorised limit and operational boundary delegated to the Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>(g) The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2018/19 as detailed in Paragraph 8.7 of the report be approved</p> <p>(h) The Chief Finance Officer's comments relating to the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves be noted</p>
813	Council Tax Resolution 2018/19	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The formal Statutory Council Tax resolutions 2018/19 as outlined in Appendix 1 and summarised in Paragraph 5.1 of the report be noted and approved</p> <p>(b) The South Wales Police Authority approved precept for 2018/19 of £4,226,287 for the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council area be noted</p> <p>(c) The Bedlinog Community Council approved precept for 2018/19 of £22,000 for the Community Council area be noted</p> <p>(d) The Welsh Government 2018/19 Non Domestic Rate for Wales of 51.4 pence in the £ be noted</p>
814	Joint Working Agreement Business Plan – Cardiff Capital Region City Deal	<p>The Chief Executive referred the Council to the 'Joint Working Agreement Business Plan – Cardiff Capital Region City Deal' report.</p> <p>A Member then proposed that an invitation be extended to a representative of the Board to make a Presentation to Full Council.</p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that he would ask the Director and Chair to attend a Meeting of Full Council.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The Joint Working Agreement (JWA) Business Plan (CCR Strategic Business Plan) attached as Appendix A to the report be approved</p> <p>(b) That an invitation be extended to the Director and Chair to attend a Meeting of Full Council</p>
815	Cwm Taf Wellbeing Plan	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Cwm Taf Well-Being Plan as provided in Appendix 2 of the report be received and approved.</p>
816	Council Tax Discounts for Long Term Unoccupied Properties	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The retention of the current 50% discount in the 2018/19 financial year in respect of Long Term Unoccupied Properties as defined in Class C of Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended be approved. (See Appendix B of the report).</p>

		<p>(b) The determination to apply no discount in the 2018/19 financial year in respect of Long Term Unoccupied Properties as defined by Classes A and B of Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by approved. (See Appendix B of the report).</p> <p>(c) The determination to apply no premium in the 2019/20 financial year in respect of Long Term Unoccupied Properties, and Unoccupied and Furnished Dwellings be approved. (This position to be reviewed in 2018 in relation to financial year 2020/21).</p>
817	Taff & Crescent Street, Merthyr Vale Acquisition & Clearance Resolution To Make a Compulsory Purchase Order	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) A compulsory Purchase Order be proceeded with</p> <p>(b) The Council continue to pursue the acquisition of the remaining privately owned homes on Taff and Crescent Street with a view to concluding as many purchases as possible by mutual agreement with the owners ahead of any Compulsory Purchase Order</p>
818	Fixed Penalty Notices for the Unauthorised Deposit of Waste	<p>Councillor H Barrett referred the Council to the 'Fixed Penalty Notices for the Unauthorised Deposit of Waste' report.</p> <p>A Member then proposed that a further report be submitted to Full Council or Scrutiny indicating the success of the proposals.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The serving of Fixed Penalty Notices for small scale Fly Tipping be approved</p> <p>(b) The Fly Tipping Fixed Penalty Notices set at the maximum level of £400 with no discount for early payment be approved</p>
819	Repayable Funding Award from Welsh Government to Deliver Private Sector Housing Loan Products	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Welsh Government Offer and Terms and Conditions for the Loans Fund (Total value - £717,520.35) be accepted. The resource required to administer the three loan products shall be explored by the Chief Officer for Community Regeneration.</p>
820	Public Consultation on Draft Air Quality Management Area Action Plan	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>A twelve week period of Public Consultation be agreed on the Draft Action Plan, in particular to seek views on the Engineering/Traffic Management changes which are potential solutions for bringing about a reduction in the levels of Nitrogen Dioxide to an acceptable level.</p>
821	Development of the Merthyr Tydfil Local Commissioning Plan for Supporting People	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>

	2018-19	
822	Ffos-y-Fran Intermediate Fund	Resolved that: The report for Information be received.
823	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
824	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.