



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2018

PRESENT: Councillors C Tovey (Chair)
H Barrett (Vice-Chair)

Councillors J Amos, A Barry, C J Barry, B Carter, D Chaplin, M Colbran, C Davies, J Davies, L Davies, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, D 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 and S Thomas

Officers:

C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), E Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), S Jones (Head of Finance), S Walker (Chief Education Officer), C Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), A Owen (Chief Officer (Regeneration and Public Protection)), A Mogford (Business Change Manager), F Donnelly (H R Manager), A Lloyd (Head of Children's Services), S Peters (Head of Public Protection and Housing) and J Overbury (PA to the Leader and Mayor's Office)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
528	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown and Councillor H R Jones.
529	Declarations of Interest	Councillor K Gibbs Declared his Interest in Item Eight – Housing Renewal Policy as he has an Interest in the Policy.
530	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
530a	Full Council:	Resolved that:

	24/10/2018	<p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 24 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p> <p>A Member also requested an update on Minute No: 457 – Winter Night Shelter 2018 – 19 and was responded to in detail by the Chief Officer Community Regeneration.</p>
530b	Cabinet: 24/10/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 24 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530c	Cabinet: 07/11/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 7 November 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530d	Audit: 29/10/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Audit Meeting held 29 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530e	Standards: 19/10/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Standards Committee held 19 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530f	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 03/10/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 3 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530g	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 31/10/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 31 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530h	Rights of Way: 22/10/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held 22 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530i	Licensing Committee: 31/10/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 31 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530j	Scrutiny : Regeneration and Public Protection: 30/10/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 30 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
530k	Scrutiny : Social Services: 18/09/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p>

		The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 18 September 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
530l	Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 23 /07/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 23 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
530m	Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 10/09/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 10 September 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
530n	Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 22/10/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 22 October 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
531	Support the Lucy's Law Campaign	Notice of Motion Councillor T Skinner led the Council Members through the Notice of Motion. Resolved that: (a) The Council adds its support to the National Campaign to ban and outlaw third party puppy sales (b) The Council adds its name to a growing list of supporting Organisations and will pro-actively highlight the campaign to residents across the County Borough (c) The Leader of the Council writes to the Welsh and UK Governments supporting the call for urgent action on this matter.
532	With Rule 4.01.16 (B) - Council 7th November 2018 - Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23 - Update 1	Notice of Motion The Leader of the Council Councillor K O'Neill led the Council Members through the Notice of Motion. Resolved that: A further report on the Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Update 1 with amended recommendations be presented to Council on the 21 November 2018 for consideration.
533	Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Update 1	Councillor A Barry referred the Members to the 'Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Update 1' report and proposed a Recorded Vote on the recommendations as contained within the report. The Monitoring Officer advised that a Recorded Vote had to be supported by five Councillors.

Five Councillors then supported the proposal for a Recorded Vote.

Councillor D Roberts then made the following statement:

The Labour Group are not voting against the recommendation set out on page 56. However, we want it recorded that we do not support areas of the Plan but we understand the Local Authority must update and present its Medium Term Financial Plan. When the full budget process starts and the full budget line is presented, we will then Scrutinise everything as we do not believe this is necessary here tonight.

As previously mentioned that enough time is allowed so debate can be had when setting the budget and enough time to revisit this should the budget not be approved.

We don't want a repeat of last year so to be clear we have concerns at some of the cuts identified within the Medium Term Financial Plan and understand that this is just a snap shot of where we are at this moment in time and that this may change when the budget setting process takes place.

The Monitoring Officer then proceeded to take a Recorded Vote on the following Proposals:

- (a) The implications of the Provisional Local Government Settlement for 2019/20 outlined in Section 5 of the report and Appendices 1 and 2 be noted and accepted
- (b) The Cabinet recommended Corporate Additional Demands outlined in Section 6 of the report and Appendix 3 be approved subject to Scrutiny Committee deliberation
- (c) The Cabinet recommended Corporate Budget Reductions outlined in Section 7 of the report and Appendix 4 be approved subject to Scrutiny Committee deliberation
- (d) The Cabinet recommended Schools Budget Reductions outlined in Section 8 of the report be approved subject to appropriate consultation, Scrutiny Committee deliberation and further report to Cabinet and Council

Councillor	For the Motion	Against the Motion
Julian Amos	X	
Howard Barrett	X	
Andrew Barry	X	
Chris Barry	X	
Paul Brown	Absent	Absent
Brent Carter	X	
David Chaplin	X	
Malcolm Colbran	X	
Chris Davies	X	
Jeremy Davies	X	
Lee Davies	X	

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534	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) Draft Annual Report	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The content of the Draft Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) for 2019/2020 be noted</p> <p>(b) Comments be forwarded to Democratic Services for collation and forwarding on to the IRPW before the consultation deadline on Tuesday 27 November 2018</p>																																																																					
535	Housing Policy Renewal	<p>Councillor K Gibbs having Declared his Interest in this Item left the Chamber for the consideration of this Item.</p> <p>Councillor G Thomas referred the Members to the 'Housing Renewal Policy' report together with the Paper that had been tabled in relation to 'Addendum to the Approval Process in relation to the Housing Renewal Policy Background Paper'.</p> <p>Councillor G Thomas then proposed the recommendation as contained within the report.</p> <p>A Member then proposed an amendment to the motion in that the report be deferred to the next Council Meeting for a more detailed report.</p> <p>A vote was then taken on the amendment and the amendment was carried.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p>																																																																					

		The item be deferred.
536	Annual Report on Social Services 2017-2018	Resolved that: The report for Information be received.
537	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
538	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	The Mayor advised that he had received communication from a member of the Dowlais British Legion conveying thanks for the help received by the British Legion from the Council and the Councillors over the years.