



MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 2019

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, M 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), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), A Mogford (Head of Corporate Services), F Donnelly (H R Manager), D Cross (Principal Planning Officer), S Gow (Environmental Health Manager), C Hole (Head of Community Wellbeing), G Morgan (Solicitor), H Roberts (Group Leader Development Control) and V Robst (Corporate Communications Officer)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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Welcome

The Chair welcomed Councillor Michelle Jones Cyfarthfa Ward Member to her first Council Meeting.

1024	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H R Jones.
1025	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor D Isaac Declared his Interest in Item four – Proposed Residential Development on Land at East Street and Union Street, Dowlais – P/18/0330 as he had a pre determined Interest in the item.</p> <p>Councillor C Barry Declared his Interest in Item four – Proposed Residential Development on Land at East Street and Union Street, Dowlais – P/18/0330 as he had a pre determined Interest in the item.</p> <p>Councillor H Barrett Declared his Interest in Item four – Proposed Residential Development on Land at East Street and Union Street, Dowlais – P/18/0330 as a Board member is a personal friend.</p> <p>Councillor D Roberts Declared his Interest in Item five – Pay Policy Statement 2019/2020 as his wife works for the Local Authority.</p>
1026	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
1026a	Full Council: 04/03/2019	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 4 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1026b	Full Council: 20/03/2019	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 20 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1026c	Cabinet: 04/03/2019	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 4 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1026d	Cabinet: 20/03/2019	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 20 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1026e	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 13/03/2019	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 13 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1026f	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 21/03/2019	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 21 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1026g	Licensing Committee:	<p>Resolved that:</p>

	10/01/2019	The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 10 January 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026h	Licensing Committee: 10/01/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 10 January 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026i	Licensing Committee: 13/03/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 13 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026j	Scrutiny : Joint Committee:28/02/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Committee held 28 February 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026k	Audit: 28/02/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 28 February 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026l	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 26/02/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 26 February 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026m	Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP: 04/03/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 4 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026n	Scrutiny : Learning and LGES: 08/04/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee held 8 April 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026o	Scrutiny : Regeneration and Public Protection: 05/03/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 5 March 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026p	Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 21/01/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Neighbouring Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee dated 21 January 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
1026q	Scrutiny : Social Services: 22/01/2019	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 22 January 2019 be accepted as a correct record.

1027	<p>Proposed Residential Development on Land at East Street and Union Street, Dowlais – P/18/0330</p>	<p>Councillor H Barrett, Councillor C Barry and Councillor D Isaac having Declared their Interest in this item left the Chamber for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Councillor D Hughes referred the Council to the ‘Proposed Residential Development on Land at East Street and Union Street Dowlais – P/18/0330’ report and circulated to the Members a plan of the proposed site where he had marked by hand the vision splays.</p> <p>Carys Kennedy advised that the Officers had not had the opportunity to view this document and enquired if this Plan was available in the Planning Department to which Councillor Hughes replied in the affirmative.</p> <p>Councillor D Hughes then referred to the recommendations as contained within the report and the extra document that he had circulated illustrating the vision splays and moved that as the proposal did not meet Regulations that the application be rejected.</p> <p>This motion for refusal was then seconded.</p> <p>In response to queries in relation to the additional document the Planning Officer then gave details of the Documents held by the Planning Department and advised that in relation to Building Regulations they did not incorporate visibility splays as this was a matter for the Highways Department and that no issues had been raised by the Highways Department from a safety point of view.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Members on the application and were responded to in detail by the Officers.</p> <p>A Member then proposed that a Full Council Fact Finding Visit be convened but this motion was not seconded.</p> <p>Geraint Morgan then advised that any reasons for refusal of the application had to be clear and had to be based on sound Planning Principles and based on Policy. If the Council decided to refuse the application the developer had the right of Appeal and outlined the three different ways an Appeal could be dealt with. As the Officers had recommended approval of the application the Officers would not attend the Appeal to represent the Council and therefore Councillors would have to attend any hearing / inquiry on behalf of the Council. He also gave details of how costs may be awarded at an Appeal.</p> <p>Observations were then made by Members on the application.</p> <p>A Member then recommended that the application be refused on the three grounds as outlined in Paragraph 3.2 of the report.</p> <p>Carys Kennedy then advised that if the motion was to refuse the application then clear reasons for refusal had to be given and asked that the reasons be put forward.</p>
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1028	Pay Policy Statement 2019/2020	<p>Councillor D Roberts having Declared his Interest in this item left the Chamber for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Pay Policy 2019-20 to be implemented from 1 April 2019 be approved (b) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Human Resources for any future amendments to this statement, in consultation with the Portfolio Member be approved.
1029	Local Toilet Strategy	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Toilet Strategy (to be published on the Council website on or before 31 May 2019) be approved (b) Establishing a Task and Finish Group to take forward the proposals contained in the Strategy be approved (c) The Council will publish an interim progress report setting out the steps taken in accordance with this Strategy every two years commencing from when the Council last published or two years from the date of the last post-election review of this Strategy. Publication of the review is required within six months be noted.
1030	Petition – Old General Hospital	This item was withdrawn.
1031	Statement of Wellbeing and Focus on the Future: Wellbeing in our Community	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The ‘Statement of Wellbeing’ and ‘Focus on the Future: Wellbeing in our Community’ documents be approved.</p>

1032	Ombudsman Annual Letter	Resolved that: The report for Information be received.
1033	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
1034	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.