



## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillors H Barrett (Chair)  
M Colbran (Vice-Chair)

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

**Officers:**

C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), E Cooper (Interim Chief Executive), S Jones (Head of Finance), S Walker (Chief Education Officer), J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services), A Owen (Interim Deputy Chief Executive), F Donnelly (H R Manager), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), M Parry (Revenues Manager) and A Lewis (Chief Accountant)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
558	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Gibbs, Councillor S Jago and Councillor T Rogers.
559	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
560	South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority	Carys Kennedy advised that due to the depth and extent of the Presentation at least an hour was required and therefore it had been agreed that this Presentation would not be heard at the Meeting but would be made early in the new year in the form of a Workshop.

561	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
561a	Full Council: 09/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 9 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561b	Full Council: 17/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 17 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561c	Full Council: 23/10/2019	Arising on Minute No 463 – Corporate Sustainability Programme – Budget Reduction Proposals a Member referred to Recommendation 2.18.1 and requested that the recommendation be included in the Minutes in full.  'Recommendation 2.18.1 – The increase in Car Parking Tariffs (from 70p to £1 for 1 hour; from £1.50 to £2 on the 3 hour tariff; from £3.50 to £4 on the all- day tariff; all of these relate to Monday to Friday i.e. no increases to Saturday or Sunday parking tariffs) be <b>not</b> accepted.'  <b>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</b>  The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 23 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561d	Full Council: 06/11/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 6 November 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561e	Cabinet: 23/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 23 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561f	Cabinet: 06/11/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 6 November 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561g	Cabinet: 20/11/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 20 November 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561h	Licensing Committee: 16/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 16 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561i	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 06/11/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 6 November 2019 be accepted as a correct

		record.
561j	Audit: 21/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 21 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561k	Scrutiny : Learning and LGES: 02/09/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee held 2 September 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561l	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 15/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 15 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
561m	Scrutiny : Regeneration and Public Protection: 22/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 22 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
562	The Dying to Work Campaign	Councillor D Roberts referred to the Notice of Motion and proposed the Motion in relation to 'The Dying to Work Campaign' and was seconded by Councillor C Jones.  <b>Resolved that:</b>  This Council resolves that we support the TUC's Dying to Work Campaign so that all employees battling terminal illness have adequate employment protection and have their death in service benefits protected for the loved ones they leave behind.
563	Letter of Apology	Councillor A Barry referred to the Notice of Motion and proposed the Motion in relation to 'Letter of Apology' and was seconded by Councillor K O'Neill.  A Member then referred to Purdah and a detailed response was provided by the Monitoring Officer.  Councillor D Roberts then advised of the timeline of the post as it had appeared on a branch site and that the person who had made the post had done it in error as they thought it was on their own private page. This was then seen by an admin officer of the branch who took down the post and put up an apology for that comment. The admin officer who had made the post was removed as an admin officer and they had now resigned from the Labour Party of their own free will.  Councillor D Roberts further stated that the comment that was made was not representative of the Labour Group, the Constituency Labour Party or the Labour Party as a whole.  After further debate it was

		<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council resolve to write to the Right Honourable Jeremy Corbyn MP the Leader of the National Labour Party (or whoever is the Leader of the National Labour Party) to insist on an apology for the people of Merthyr Tydfil.</p>
564	Revision to the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The revision to the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy for the 2019/20 financial year from a provision based on the Asset Life Equal Instalment Method to one based on the Asset Life Annuity Method be approved.</p>
565	Treasury Management Outturn Report 2018/19	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The Treasury Management Outturn Report for 2018/19 be received  (b) The actual 2018/19 Treasury Indicators be received.</p>
566	Treasury Management Half Year Review Report 2019/20	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Treasury Management Half Year Review Report for 2019/20 be received.</p>
567	Council Tax Base for 2020/21	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) Taking into account the number of properties in each valuation band, discounts, reductions for disabilities and future likely changes in the valuation list that the resolution appended below (Paragraph b) be approved  (b) That pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) and Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendments) Regulations 2004 the number calculated by the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council for 2020/21 shall be 18,400.53 (18,227.63 – 2019/20) and for the area covered by the Bedlinog Community Council for 2020/21 shall be 1,165.23 (1,169.67 – 2019/20)</p>
568	Cabinet Forward Plan	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
569	Petition received by the Authority	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
570	Exempt	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></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</p>

		12A Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.
571	Transfer of Disabled Facilities Grants Service from Housing Services to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The recommendations as contained within the report be accepted.</p>
572	Information Report - Corporate Sustainability Programme - Budget Reduction Proposals - Update	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
573	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p><b>Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement 2020/21</b></p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill Leader of the Council advised the Council that the Provisional Settlement had been announced and indicated total revenue funding for Welsh Local Government of nearly £4.5 billion for 2020/21, an increase to Welsh Government of 4.3% after allowing for transfers into the settlement. The increased settlement included monies to reflect the additional costs associated with teachers' pensions and pay award.</p> <p>Merthyr Tydfil's provisional settlement for 2020/21 is £96.8 million, an increase of 4.8% being the 4th best settlement for Wales.</p> <p>The Leader further advised that a detailed budget report would be prepared for the Full Council Meeting in January 2020 with the final Local Government Settlement being announced on 25 February 2020 with no changes anticipated at this stage.</p> <p>The Leader also thanked everyone for their commitment and support over the past twelve months.</p>
574	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.