



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL  
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County Borough Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 2021

**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, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, D Jones, H R Jones, M Jones, G Lewis, L Mytton, 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:**

C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), E Cooper (Interim Chief Executive), A Owen (Interim Deputy Chief Executive), S Jones (Head of Finance), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), S Walker (Chief Education Officer), J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services), A Mogford (Head of Corporate Services), F Donnelly (H R Manager), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), A Stephens (Cabinet Policy Officer), G Edwards (Central Services Manager) and J Eyre (Safeguarding)

M Morgan\* (Democratic Services Officer) and M Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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### **Minutes Silence**

The Council observed a Minutes Silence followed by a round of applause in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore who had sadly passed away.

357	Apologies for Absence	No apologies for absence were received.
358	Declarations of Interest	Councillor L Mytton Declared her Interest in Item 6 – Cabinet Portfolio Functions of the Council Leader as she is Leader of the Council and holds the Cabinet Portfolio for Learning and LGES.
359	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
359a	Full Council: 06/01/2021	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 6 January 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
359b	Full Council: 20/01/2021	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 20 January 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
359c	Cabinet: 06/01/2021	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 6 January 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
359d	Cabinet: 23/12/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 23 December 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
359e	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 18/11/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 18 November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
359f	Scrutiny : Regeneration and Public Protection: 19/01/2021	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 19 January 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
359g	Scrutiny : Learning and LGES: 11/01/2021	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee held 11 January 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
359h	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 12/01/2021	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 12 January 2021 be accepted as a correct record.
359i	Scrutiny : Social Services: 17/11/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held

		17 November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
359j	Democratic Services Committee: 23/11/2020	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Democratic Services Committee held 23 November 2020 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
360	Revenue Budget 2021/22	<p>Councillor A Barry referred the Council to the 'Revenue Budget 2021/22' report and proposed recommendations 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 as outlined in the report with an amendment to recommendation 2.6 due to the withdrawal of Service Efficiency Proposal – Ref 31 – Household Waste Recycling Centres.</p> <p>Councillor D Roberts then proposed deferral of the following Service Efficiency Proposals:</p> <p>Ref 26 – Transport – Removal of School Transport (Edwardsville)</p> <p><b>Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>Councillor A Barry and Councillor J Thomas then Declared their Interest in Ref 26 – School Transport as they undertake a School Contract and left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Ref 28 – Grounds Maintenance – Deletion of Tractor</p> <p>After receiving an update from Judith Jones on this matter Councillor D Roberts retracted his proposal in relation to Ref 28 – Deletion of Tractor</p> <p>Ref 29 – Street Cleansing – Contracts</p> <p>Ref 30 – Fleet Management – Removal of Fleet Van</p> <p>Debate then ensued on the report with questions raised by the Members being responded to in detail by the Officers.</p> <p>Councillor L Mytton then referred to the original proposal of Councillor A Barry and proposed recommendations 2.1 to 2.5 as outlined within the report and recommendation 2.6 as amended by Councillor Barry and the further amendment to recommendation 2.6 due to Service Efficiency Proposals Ref 26, 29 and 30 being deferred.</p> <p>A vote was then taken on the Motion and it was</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The implications of the Provisional Local Government Settlement for 2021/22 outlined in Section 5 and Appendices 1 to 3 be noted and accepted</li> <li>(b) The net 'Additional Demands' of £623,000 outlined in Section 5 and Appendix 4 be approved</li> <li>(c) The 'Capacity Exercise' proposals totalling £705,000 outlined in Section 5 and Appendix 5 be</li> </ul>

		<p>approved</p> <p>(d) The 'Corporate Vacancy Factor' increase of £150,000 outlined in Section 5 be approved</p> <p>(e) The release of £350,000 from 'Employee Severance Costs' outlined in Section 5 be approved</p> <p>(f) The 'Service Efficiencies' outlined in Section 5 and Appendix 6 be approved subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>Ref 31 – Household Waste Recycling Centres – Proposal Withdrawn</p> <p>Ref 26 – Transport – Removal of School Transport (Edwardsville) - Proposal Deferred</p> <p>Ref 29 – Street Cleansing – Contracts - Proposal Deferred</p> <p>Ref 30 – Fleet Management – Removal of Fleet Van - Proposal Deferred</p> <p>Councillor J Amos entered the Meeting at 5.50pm.</p>
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### **Agenda Items**

The Mayor advised that Item 6 – Cabinet Portfolio Functions of the Council Leader would be taken as the next item.

361	Appointment and Amendment to the Structure of Cabinet	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The creation of a new Cabinet Portfolio with responsibility for Transformation and Commercialisation be approved</p> <p>(b) The making of the necessary amendments to the Constitution to provide for this position by the Monitoring Officer be approved</p>
362	Cabinet Portfolio Functions of the Council Leader	<p>Councillor L Mytton having Declared her Interest in this item left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The amendment of the Constitution to permit the Leader of the Council to carry out the functions of a Portfolio Member be approved</p> <p>(b) The Council's Constitution be amended to reflect (a) above be approved</p>
363	Preparation for Adulthood – Transition Policy	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The 'Preparation for Adulthood – Transition Policy' be approved.</p>
364	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>

365	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.
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