



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : REGENERATION, **PUBLIC PROTECTION AND** **HOUSING MEETING**

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors L Davies (Chair)
G Lewis (Vice-Chair)

Councillors M Colbran, K Gibbs, J Thomas and S Thomas

Cooptees:
H Hopkins (Public)

Other Councillors in Attendance:
G Thomas (Cabinet Member) and T Rogers (Cabinet Member)

Officers:
C Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager),
P Lewis (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager), A Evans
(Community Regeneration Officer), Z Thomas (European &
External Funding Support Officer) and M Purnell (Performance
and Scrutiny Officer)

Outside Bodies:
Chief Inspector Naomi Drew, Inspector Mark Saunders and
Inspector Mike Rudall (South Wales Police)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION

116	Apologies for Absence	<p>No apologies for absence were received.</p> <p>Co-optee Observers</p> <p>Rebekah Stone and Andrew Millar Co-opted Members were in attendance as observers for items one to seven.</p>
117	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	<p>No Declarations of Interest were made.</p>
118	Update from South Wales Police	<p>The Chair welcomed Chief Inspector Naomi Drew, Inspector Mike Rudall and Inspector Mark Saunders South Wales Police to the Meeting.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Drew advised the Committee of progress to date in relation to Anti Social Behaviour.</p> <p>Inspector Rudall then gave an overview of the work undertaken in Merthyr Tydfil and the key findings over the period of the Pandemic giving details and statistics in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Matters • Anti Social Behaviour – Nuisance, Personal, Crime Types • Crime incidents • Safety Concerns • Damage <p>Inspector Rudall also gave comparative figures and the incidences of Covid related breaches and the demand across the County Borough together with the age ranges of those involved.</p> <p>Details were also given on the procedures followed in relation to Anti Social Behaviour and an explanation given of Stages one to three.</p> <p>Inspector Rudall also gave information in relation to Off Road Bikes and the deployment of Drones and the tools available to make things better for both residents and visitors.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by South Wales Police and the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update requested on the delivery of Crime Prevention Kits • Date of when South Wales Police are moving into the Bus Station and explanation of where this fits in with the strategic planning for the Town • <i>(Chief Inspector Drew confirmed the date as Monday 16 August 2021)</i> • The issue of Off Road Bikes – What powers do the Police have in relation to this issue – Is work undertaken with RSL's

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern regarding bikes on the 'Greenie' – Is there a suitable alternative location where bikes can go • Education and engagement with people in relation to the use of off road bikes • What is the process undertaken by the Police when 101 calls are received – What are the average call waiting times <p>Inspector Saunders then gave a detailed overview in relation to the type and number of calls received and the effect of Covid.</p> <p>Inspector Saunders also gave details of the ways in which the public can contact the Police other than by telephone and gave details of the 'Digital Desk'</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by South Wales Police and the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of a campaign and communications in relation to the 'Digital Desk' • How long is the response time for matters reported via Twitter • What is the figure for calls abandoned via the 101 number • What is the percentage figure for call back within the four hours • Is there direction on the 101 number on other ways to report • Could callers be advised where they are in the queue <p>The Chair then thanked South Wales Police for attending the Meeting and the Presentation and update to the Committee.</p>
119	Work Programme 2021-2022	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the Forward Work Programme.</p> <p><i>Change of Committee Date</i></p> <p>The Chair then requested that the Meeting scheduled for 2 November 2021 be moved to 16 November 2021.</p> <p>The Committee then agreed that the date of the Meeting in November be moved to 16th November 2021.</p> <p>The Chair then suggested that the UK Community Renewal Fund be considered at the 21 September 2021 Meeting and Chris Long advised that this could be done.</p> <p>The Committee then agreed that the UK Community Renewal Fund be considered at the 21 September 2021 Meeting.</p>
120	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow	<p>The Chair advised that there was no update on this item.</p>

	Up Actions	
121	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected in detail on the update and Presentation that had been given by South Wales Police.
122	Any Other Business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.

Exempt

Resolved that:

The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

123	Update on the Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area and Glebeland Site	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Update on the Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area and Glebeland Site' report and an update was given on the report by the Officers.</p> <p>Questions were then raised on the report by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the Cabinet Members and the Officers.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p>
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