



MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES,** **PLANNING AND** **COUNTRYSIDE MEETING**

MONDAY, 5TH JULY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors D Sammon (Chair)
D Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillors M Colbran, J Davies, L Davies and C T Jones

Cooptees:

J McCarthy (Public), P Star (Public) and T Butler (Youth Forum Representative)

Other Councillors in Attendance:

Councillor D Hughes

Officers:

J Jones (Chief Officer Planning and Neighbourhood Services), L Emerson (Asset Management Principal Officer), M Purnell (Performance and Scrutiny Officer) and S Lyons (Performance and Scrutiny Officer)

M Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
108	Apologies for absence	No apologies for absence were received.
109	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were received.

	(including whipping declarations)	
110	Asset Management Plan	<p>Lisa Emerson provided a brief introduction to the Asset Management Plan.</p> <p>The following questions and comments were raised by Committee and answered in detail by the officers:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is 'Valleys Life'? • Page 15 Disposal Programme – land adjacent to Tai Mawr Road, should this read Tai Mawr Lane? • Clarification sought on Central Bus Station – flood zone issues need to be resolved. • Clarification sought on Page 13 – Self-build Wales Scheme and the use of council owned properties. • Item 4.1 - Who is drafting the documents? • Appendix 1 Corporate Management Plan - clarification sought on dates quoted 2020/25 & 2021/26 • Are there are other local authorities who own assets in Merthyr Tydfil. • 21st century schools programme – has this been updated, if it has, who is dealing with it? • Plots of land sold off – who deals with the actual mechanics of the sale, are there particular conditions that they have to adhere to when plots are sold? • Do we look at applying for planning permission on land before selling the plots to increase the value? • CAMP – fixed play stock improvement – is there a report or continual assessment on this throughout the Borough? • CIL – can this be used for playgrounds and how is this accessed? • Clarification sought around member involvement with regard to the property review and disposal of land. • LDP land set aside for housing, can this then be removed? • Clarification sought on Land Transfer Prototcol. • 100% clawback on land – does the Local Authority have a duty of care with regard to fly tipping?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification sought on the ecology issues on land rear of Edward Street, Trevor Close. • Clarification sought on money allocation from CIL to Wards. <p><u>Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Background Paper – would have been easier if listed by Ward and also there are gaps towards the end. • Ward by Ward map would have been useful. <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p>
111	Planning Process & Public Involvement at Meetings	<p>The Chair raised the matter of a further workshop, which he felt was now not necessary. He advised he would prepare an email on behalf of Committee outlining the proposals and concerns.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p>
112	Committee Work Programme 2021-22	<p>Discussion took place regarding the relocation of recycling and fly tipping.</p> <p>The Chair requested that the Scrutiny Officer seek clarification on what service areas fall under which Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Committee approve the Draft Forward Work Programme.</p>
113	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>The Chair updated Committee regarding a task and finish group to discuss black bin charges.</p> <p>Discussion took place between the Members and Officers regarding public involvement in Planning Committee.</p> <p>The Chair requested Members vote on this matter and all were in agreement with the following:</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>An informal meeting to discuss the detail to be held between Officers, Cabinet Member and Planning Committee Members.</p> <p>J Jones to prepare a report for the next Planning Committee around the planning process and public involvement in meetings.</p>

114	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the matters that had been discussed at the meeting.
115	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair agreed that the matter of changing the date of the next meeting be discussed.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>A re-scheduled date be arranged.</p>