



MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillors D Sammon (Chair)
M Colbran (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: A Barry, B Carter, L Davies, J Davies, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, J Jenkins, C Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, M Jones, P Layton, G Lewis, L Minett-Vokes, L Mytton, G Richards, D Roberts, J Scriven, W R Smith, M Symonds, G Thomas, I Thomas, J Thomas, S Thomas, C Tovey and A Williams-Price

Officers:

E Cooper (Chief Executive), C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), 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 Policy and Improvement), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), H Brown (Human Resources), C Hole (Head of Community Wellbeing), C Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager), M Rivers (Senior Change Management Officer), V Robst (Corporate Communications Officer) and A Taylor (Head of Democratic Services)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer), M Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer), M Phillips (Democratic Services Officer) and E Galeozzie (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
182	Apologies for Absence	No apologies for absence were received as all Members were present.

183	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor L Davies Declared his Interest in Item 4 – Notice of Motion – Leisure Trust as he works for the Trust.</p> <p>Councillor D Roberts Declared his Interest in Item 4 – Notice of Motion – Leisure Trust as he is a Trustee and has Dispensation to Speak and Vote.</p> <p>Councillor M Jones Declared her Interest in Item 4 – Notice of Motion – Leisure Trust as she is a Trustee and has Dispensation to Speak and Vote.</p>
184	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
184a	Full Council: 06/07 2022	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Meeting held 6 July 2022 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
184b	Cabinet: 06/07/2022	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 6 July 2022 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
184c	Cabinet: 26/07/2022	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 26 July 2022 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
184d	Cabinet: 10/08/2022	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 10 August 2022 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
184e	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 29/06/2022	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 29 June 2022 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
184f	Rights of Way: 13/07/2022	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held 13 July 2022 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
184g	Governance and Audit Committee: 18/07/2022	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee held 18 July 2022 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
184h	Scrutiny : Corporate Support and Resources: 28/06/2022	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Corporate Support and Resources Scrutiny Committee held 28 June 2022 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
184i	Scrutiny : Regeneration, Public	<p>Resolved that:</p>

	Protection and Housing: 05/07/2022	The Minutes of the Regeneration, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Committee held 5 July 2022 be accepted as a correct record.
184j	Scrutiny : Learning and LGES: 20/06 2022	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee held 20 June 2022 be accepted as a correct record.
184k	Scrutiny : Social Services: 21/06/2022	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 21 June 2022 be accepted as a correct record.
184l	Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 27/06/2022	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 27 June 2022 be accepted as a correct record.
185	Leisure Services	<p><i>Notice of Motion – Leisure Services</i></p> <p>Councillor L Davies having Declared his Interest in this item left the Council Chamber for the Consideration of this item.</p> <p>Councillor K Gibbs referred the Council to the Notice of Motion as detailed at Item Four of the agenda in relation to the Leisure Services and read out the Motion in full.</p> <p>This Motion was then seconded by Councillor B Carter.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by Members on the Notice and were responded to by Members.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer also gave advise in relation to procedure.</p> <p>A Member then suggested an amendment to the Motion and another Member indicated that they would support this amendment.</p> <p>However, this suggestion of an amendment was not accepted by the Members who had submitted the Motion.</p> <p>Considerable debate then ensued on the Motion.</p> <p>A Vote was then taken on the Motion as detailed in Item Four of the agenda and it was</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Local Authority open Formal Consultations with the General Public, Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust, Trade Unions and all relevant Stakeholders with the overarching objective to return Leisure Services back under the control of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council. A full report on the results of the Consultation to be presented at Full Council no later than 11 January 2023.</p>

186	Safer and Cleaner Streets	<p><i>Notice of Motion – Safer and Cleaner Streets</i></p> <p>Councillor D Jones referred the Council to the Notice of Motion as detailed at Item Five of the agenda in relation to Safer and Cleaner Streets and read out the Motion in full.</p> <p>This Motion was then seconded by Councillor B Carter.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by Members on the Notice and were responded to by Members.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer also give advice on procedure and legislation.</p> <p>A Member then made a suggestion for an amendment to the Motion but this amendment was not accepted by the Members who had submitted the Motion.</p> <p>Considerable debate then ensued on the Motion.</p> <p>A vote was then taken on the Motion that the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Implement a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to include the enforcement of penalties for Dog Fouling etc (b) Reinstate the Dog Warden Post (c) Take a tougher approach to Fly Tipping which includes the Removal Enforcement and Penalties for Fly Tipping on privately owned land (d) Remove all Charges for Pest Control Services to residents of the County Borough <p>The Vote was tied – Fifteen for and Fifteen against.</p> <p>The Mayor then gave his Casting Vote against the Motion and therefore the Motion fell.</p>
187	Playgrounds and Parks	<p><i>Notice of Motion – Playgrounds and Parks</i></p> <p>Councillor D Jones referred the Council to the Notice of Motion as detailed at Item Six of the agenda in relation to Playgrounds and Parks and read out the Motion in full.</p> <p>The Motion was then seconded by Councillor G Lewis.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by Members on the Notice and were responded to by Members.</p> <p>Considerable debate then ensued on the Motion.</p> <p>A Vote was then taken on Motion that the Council:</p> <p>Proposes the implementation of a Structured Plan to ensure that all Playgrounds in all Eleven Electoral Wards are either Updated, Renewed or Replaced by the end of 2026 / 27 Financial Year.</p> <p>The Vote was tied – Fifteen For and Fifteen against.</p>

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188	Risk Management Strategy/Policy	Resolved that: The Council's Risk Management Strategy / Policy (Appendix 1) be approved.
189	Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022	Resolved that: (a) The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and Associated Action Plan be approved for submission and for publication (b) Updates on progress against the recommendations within the Associated Action Plan be reported annually to Elected Members be approved.
190	Play Sufficiency Assessment 2022	Resolved that: (a) The 2022 Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA) and Annual Play Action Plan as required under Section 11 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 and Play Sufficiency (Wales) Regulations 2012 be approved and submitted to Welsh Government (b) Updates on progress against the recommendations within the Associated Action Plan to be reported annually to Elected Members be approved.
191	Well-being Assessment and Population Needs Assessment	Resolved that: The report for Information be received.
192	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	Remote Attendance A Member requested clarification regarding being on Camera whilst taking part in a Committee Meeting remotely on Teams. The Monitoring Officer referred to the announcement that she had made at the start of the Meeting and read out this again for clarification but that she would further clarify this matter to everyone in writing. Armed Forces – Bronze Award Councillor A Barry advised the Council that Cyfarthfa High School had been awarded the Armed Forces – Friendly Schools Cymru – Bronze award and extended his congratulations to the School.
193	To receive communications from Their Worship the Mayor	Summer of Sporting Success for the County Borough Merthyr Tydfil Cricket Club The Mayor extended his Congratulations to Merthyr Tydfil Cricket Club on winning Division 2 and gaining promotion to

			<p>Division 1.</p> <p>Commonwealth Games</p> <p>The Mayor extended his Congratulations to all the residents who had made the Commonwealth Games such a triumph.</p> <p>Boxing</p> <p>The Mayor also wished Gavin Gwynne the best of luck when he defends his British and Commonwealth Lightweight titles later this month.</p>
194	Exempt		<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
195	YMCA development	Re-	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>