



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2024

PRESENT: Councillors M Colbran (Chair)
J Thomas (Vice-Chair)

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

Officers:

E Cooper (Chief Executive), C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), A Owen (Deputy Chief Executive), L Hull (Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer), L Curtis Jones (Director of Social Services), S Walker (Director of Education), J Jones (Director of Neighbourhood Services), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), H Brown (Head of HR and Organisational Improvement), A Taylor (Head of Democratic Services) and A Stephens (Cabinet Policy Officer)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer), E Galeozzie (Democratic Services Officer), O Moore (Democratic Services Officer) and M Phillips (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
769	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Jones.
770	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.

771	Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2024/25	<p>Councillor A Barry led the Council through the 'Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2024/25' report and moved the recommendations detailed at Paragraphs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 of the report and was seconded by Councillor G Thomas.</p> <p>Councillor A Barry also requested a Recorded Vote on this item.</p> <p>Support from five Members is required for a Recorded Vote and a show of hands was then undertaken and the required number for a Recorded Vote was met and therefore a Recorded Vote on this item would be undertaken.</p> <p>Comments were then made by Members on the report and the recommendations.</p> <p>A Recorded Vote was then taken on recommendations 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 as contained within the report.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="646 831 1291 949"> <thead> <tr> <th>For the Motion</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Against the Motion</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>13</td> <td>16</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carried</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Council Tax increase of 8% for 2024/25 ('Band D' of £1,974.61) for the County Borough Council be approved (b) The budget requirement of £160.899m for 2024/25 (Net Revenue Budget) be approved (c) The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2024/25 as detailed in Paragraph 10.0 of the report be approved (d) The Chief Finance Officer's comments relating to the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves be noted. 	For the Motion	Abstain	Against the Motion	13	16	0	Carried		
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772	Council Tax Resolution 2024/25	<p>Councillor A Barry led the Council through the 'Council Tax Resolution 2024/25' report and advised that under Paragraph 4.4 of the report it should read 2024/25.</p> <p>Councillor A Barry then moved the recommendations as detailed in Paragraphs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 of the report and was seconded by Councillor G Thomas.</p> <p>After consideration by the Council it was</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The formal Statutory Council Tax resolutions 2024/25 as outlined in Appendix 1 and summarised in Paragraph 5.1 of the report be noted and approved (b) The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales approved precept for 2024/25 of £6,680,952 for the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council area 									

		<p>be noted</p> <p>(c) The Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council approved precept for 2024/25 of £40,314 for the Community Council area be noted</p> <p>(d) The Welsh Government 2024/25 Non-Domestic Rate for Wales of 56.2 pence in the £ be noted.</p>
773	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>Boxer Gavin Gwynne</p> <p>Councillor G Thomas extended the very best of luck to Boxer Gavin Gwynne in his European Title Fight in Saudi Arabia on Friday night.</p> <p>Merthyr Rugby Club</p> <p>Councillor G Thomas congratulated Merthyr Rugby Club in reaching the final of the Welsh Cup which will be played at the Principality Stadium on Sunday 7 April 2024.</p> <p>Apology</p> <p>Councillor A Barry stated that at the last Council Meeting he had mentioned Gareth Chapman the former Chief Executive and apologised for any offence caused.</p> <p>Congratulations</p> <p>Councillor A Barry extended congratulations to Gareth Chapman who had been appointed by Welsh Government in relation to reviewing Armed Forces Liaison Officers (AFLO's).</p>
774	To receive communications from Their Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from Their Worship the Mayor.