

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2010 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor K Kuhnell (Town Mayor), together with Councillors B Brooks, O Cash, G D Davey, P Drake, S C Egan, J Evans, K Evans, H C Hamilton, N P Hodges, S A Hodges, K Lewis, L M Payne, B I Shaw, T C Stenstrom, S T Wiliam and E T Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Derek Wolfe – Executive Officer
Mr Mark Sims – Responsible Finance Officer
Angie Norman – Administration

271. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J E Charles, A D Hampton, K A Kemp and C Turner.

272. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR THE 2010/11 MUNICIPAL YEAR AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RESOLVED:-

1. that the following members be appointed to Committees for the ensuing municipal year:-

Amenities Committee

The Mayor (Councillor Kuhnell) (ex-officio) plus Councillors Brooks, Cash, Drake, J Evans, K Evans, Hamilton, Hampton, N Hodges, S Hodges, Lewis, Shaw, Williams and Wright .

Appointments Committee

Councillors Davey Egan, Hampton, S Hodges and Stenstrom

Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee

The Mayor (Councillor Kuhnell) (ex-officio), plus Councillors Brooks, Charles, Davey, Drake, Egan J Evans, Hampton, N Hodges, S Hodges, Kemp, Payne, Stenstrom and Wiliam

Planning Committee

The Mayor (Councillor Kuhnell) (ex-officio), plus Councillors Cash, Charles, Egan, J Evans, S Hodges, Kemp, Hamilton Lewis, Payne, Shaw, Stenstrom, Turner and Williams

Resources Committee

The Mayor (Councillor Kuhnell) (ex-officio), plus Councillors Cash, Davey, Egan, J Evans, K Evans, Hamilton, Hampton, S Hodges, Kemp, Shaw, Stenstrom, Turner plus one vacancy

Unified Appeals Committee

Councillors Brooks, Charles, N Hodges, Lewis and Payne

Urgency Committee

Councillors J Evans, Hamilton, Hampton, S Hodges and Lewis

2. that the Terms of Reference of the Council's Committees be approved subject to the following amendments on the Appointments Committee:-
 - a. That the first paragraph be amended as follows:-

The minutes of the Committee will be submitted to the Council for information. Substitution rights may be exercised by Councillors serving on this Committee.
 - b. That item (4) be placed under a heading of "By Way of Recommendation to Council".

273. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COUNCILS COMMITTEES**

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 16(8), the Council was asked to elect the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of its various Committees, whereas in previous years this had been carried out by each Committee at its first meeting.

1. **Amenities Committee**

- a. Nominations were received for the position of Chairperson of the Amenities Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 as follows:-
 1. Councillor Bronwen Brooks – nominated by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor J Evans
 2. Councillor Nic Hodges – nominated by Councillor S A Hodges and seconded by Councillor Shaw

RESOLVED that Councillor Bronwen Brooks be elected Chair of the Amenities Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

- b. Nominations were received for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Amenities Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 as follows:-
 - 1. Councillor Keith Lewis – nominated by Councillor J Evans and seconded by Councillor P Drake
 - 2. Councillor Nic Hodges – nominated by Councillor S A Hodges and seconded by Councillor Shaw

RESOLVED: that Councillor Keith Lewis be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Amenities Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

2. **Appointments Committee**

- a. Only one nomination was received for the position of Chairperson of the Appointments Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 namely Councillor Stuart Egan who was nominated by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Stenstrom

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stuart Egan be elected Chair of the Appointments Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

3. **Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee**

- a. Nominations were received for the position of Chairperson of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 as follows:-
 - 1. Councillor Stenstrom – nominated by Councillor Brooks and seconded by Councillor J Evans
 - 2. Councillor Nic Hodges – nominated by Councillor S A Hodges and seconded by Councillor Shaw

RESOLVED: that Councillor Theo Stenstrom be elected Chair of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

- b. Nominations were received for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 as follows:-
 - 1. Councillor Gwyneth Davey – nominated by Councillor J Evans and seconded by Councillor P Drake
 - 1. Councillor Nic Hodges – nominated by Councillor S A Hodges and seconded by Councillor Shaw

RESOLVED: that Councillor Gwyneth Davey be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

4. **Planning Committee**

a. Nominations were received for the position of Chairperson of the Planning Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 as follows:-

1. Councillor Keith Lewis – nominated by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Egan
2. Councillor Emlyn Williams – nominated by Councillor S A Hodges and seconded by Councillor Shaw

RESOLVED: that Councillor Keith Lewis be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

b. Nominations were received for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 as follows:-

1. Councillor Maggie Payne – nominated by Councillor Egan and seconded by Councillor Stenstrom
3. Councillor Emlyn Williams – nominated by Councillor S A Hodges and seconded by Councillor Shaw

RESOLVED: that Councillor Maggie Payne be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

5. **Resources Committee**

a. Nominations were received for the position of Chairperson of the Resources Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 as follows:-

1. Councillor Howard Hamilton – nominated by Councillor Egan and seconded by Councillor Stenstrom
2. Councillor Shirley Hodges – nominated by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor S Hodges

RESOLVED: that Councillor Howard Hamilton be elected Chair of the Resources Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

b. Nominations were received for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Resources Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 as follows:-

1. Councillor Jeff Evans – nominated by Councillor Egan and seconded by Councillor Davey
2. Councillor Shirley Hodges – nominated by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor S Hodges

RESOLVED: that Councillor Jeff Evans be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Resources Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

6. **Unified Appeals**

- a. Only one nomination was received for the position of Chairperson of the Unified Appeals Committee for the municipal year 2010/11 namely Councillor Janice Charles who was nominated by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Brooks

RESOLVED that Councillor Janice Charles be elected Chair of the Unified Appeals Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year.

7. **Urgency Committee**

RESOLVED: that the appointment of a Chairperson for the Urgency Committee be deferred for the Committee to appoint at its first meeting.

274. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO JOINT & OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED:

1. that the following Members are appointed to serve as representatives to joint and outside bodies for the 2010/11 municipal year:-

Barry YMCA	Councillor Hamilton
Crime Reduction Partnership (Business Pact)	Councillor Egan Councillor N Hodges (Substitute)
Gibbonsdown Children's Centre	Town Mayor Councillor Hamilton Councillor K Evans Councillor S A Hodges
Memorial Hall & Theatre Trust (Management Committee)	Councillor Charles Councillor Drake Councillor Kuhnell Councillor Lewis Councillor Wiliam
South Wales Largest Local Councils	Leader of Council

Forum	Executive Officer
Sully Community Advisory Panel	Town Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor Cash
Vale Council for Voluntary Services	The Mayor
Vale of Glamorgan Biodiversity Partnership	Chair of Amenities (Councillor Brooks) Councillor N Hodges (Substitute)
Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee	Councillor Egan Councillor J Evans (Substitute) Councillor S Hodges (Substitute)
Vale of Glamorgan Conservation Advisory Group	
i. Barry Garden Suburb	Councillor S Hodges
ii. Barry Marine	Councillor S Hodges
iii. Cadoxton	Councillor Payne

2.
 - a. that no representatives be nominated for the Barry Youth Council as at the current time it was understood that this organisation was not functioning, however once reinstated the Council would consider nominations for representatives onto its Committee;
 - b. that as the Council's representative on the Community Safety VIPG had not received notification of any meetings, no representatives be nominated onto this Group;
 - c. to note that a report back from the South Wales Largest Local Councils Forum meetings would be provided by the Leader of Council and that a request be made to the Forum and One Voice Wales that other members of Council be permitted to attend their meetings as observers;
 - d. that a letter be sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Biodiversity Partnership to enquire whether it would be possible for this Council to nominate a second representative, noting that if this was permitted the second representative would be Councillor N Hodges;
 - e. that a letter be sent to Pride in Barry to ask whether the organisation was still meeting and if so could the Council nominate representatives;

- f. that further clarification be sought from the Vale of Glamorgan Council with regard to voting rights on the Liaison Committee.
3. that letters be sent to all of the outside bodies advising them of the Council's representatives for the 2010/11 municipal year.

275. **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

RESOLVED:-

1. that Councillor K Evans be appointed as Minor Authority Representative on the Governing Body for St Helen's RC Juniors with effect from 9 May 2010 for a four year term;
2. that the schedule be amended to show the representative for Ysgol Sant Baruc was Councillor Hamilton.

276. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL'S MEETINGS HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY AND 25 MARCH 2010**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of Full Council's meeting held on 8 February and its Special meeting held on 25 March 2010 be approved.

277. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None

278. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

279. **MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor informed members that Simon Morgan of Mossfords had offered to restore the water fountain adjacent to the Chapel in the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, which had been donated by his grandfather back in 1905. Mr Morgan had offered to restore the fountain free of charge and plans were in place for him to contact the office to arrange a mutually convenient date for the work to be carried out.

280. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 AND 29 MARCH 2010**

It was proposed by Councillor Brooks, seconded by Councillor Lewis and:-

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Committee's meetings be received and noted.

281. **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2010**

It was proposed by Councillor Stenstrom, seconded by Councillor S A Hodges and:-

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Committee's meeting be received and noted.

282. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 MARCH AND 19 APRIL 2010**

It was proposed by Councillor Stenstrom, seconded by Councillor Davey and:-

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Committee's meetings be received and noted.

283. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY, 9 MARCH, 7 & 13 APRIL AND 4 MAY 2010**

It was proposed by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Payne and:-

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Committee's meetings be received and noted.

284. **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MARCH 2010**

It was proposed by Councillor Egan, seconded by Councillor J Evans and:-

RESOLVED:-

1. that the minutes of the Committee's meetings be received;
2. that the Training & Development Advisory Group and Personnel Sub-Committee be amalgamated into the Resources Committee, as set out in the recommendation at the end of minute no. 111

285. **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

a. **Amendments to Barry Town Council's Code of Conduct**

Councillors gave consideration to the adoption of the Model Code as the Town Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors with immediate effect in place of the hybrid version agreed in error in July 2008.

RESOLVED:-

1. that the Council adopt a revised version of the Model Code of Conduct as its Code of Conduct with immediate effect;

2. that copies of the revised Code of Conduct be made available to all Councillors as soon as possible;
3. that copies of the revised Code of Conduct be made available to members of the public when responding to casual enquiries.

b. **Review of Introduction of Public Question Time at Committee Meetings**

The Council was asked to consider continuing with the inclusion of public question time on all future Council Standing Committee Agendas following a trial period of one Committee cycle.

Councillor Egan proposed that public question time remain on Full Council agendas, but that it be removed from all other Committees with the exception of the Planning Committee, which should be requested to bring forward a proposal for dealing with questions from the public at its meetings.

Councillor S Hodges suggested that public question time be extended to the Amenities Committee as she felt the Committee's terms of reference allowed for this. The Chair of the Amenities, Councillor Brooks, did not agree with this and the Leader of the Council stated that he would resist this request. Councillor N Hodges seconded Councillor S Hodges motion and a vote was taken. **RESOLVED:-**

1. that public question time remain on the agenda for Full Council meetings, but that it be removed from the agendas of all Committees;
2. that the Planning Committee be requested to bring forward a proposal for dealing with questions from the public;
3. that Standing Order 27 be amended appropriately to reflect the decision to remove public question time from all agendas other than the Full Council subject to further consideration of any proposals put forward by the Planning Committee.

c. **Transportation Policy & Associated Issues - Update**

Members were provided with an update on the transportation policy and associated issues. They were advised that discussions had taken place with officers and it was felt that a further report was required.

RESOLVED:- that a further report on the transportation requirements of the Council be submitted to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee on 7 June 2010.

286. **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/CHEQUE SIGNATORIES FOR 2010/11**

RESOLVED:-

1. that the schedule of payments for May 2010 consisting of direct debits and cheques numbered 105986 to 106015 in the total sum of £68,298.29 be approved;
2. that cheque signatories for 2010/11 be as follows:-

Any two of:-

Councillor O Cash
Councillor G D Davey
Councillor H C Hamilton
Councillor N P Hodges
Councillor T C Stenstrom

Plus either/or:-

Mr D B Wolfe (Executive Officer)
Mr C Lewis (Deputy Executive Officer)
3. that the next budget meeting will be held on Thursday, 20 May 2010 at 2.30pm in the Council Chamber;
4. that Councillor S Hodges' thanks to the former Mayor for hosting the recent meeting of the Governors of Ysgol Sant Baruc be placed on record.

Councillor Davey left the meeting at 8.10pm.

287. **LEADER OF COUNCIL FOR 2010/11**

RESOLVED: to note that Councillor Stuart Egan, as the Leader of the Majority Group would be Leader of the Council for 2010/11, in accordance with Standing Order 121(b).

288. **CHEQUE SIGNATORIES FOR THE TOWN MAYOR'S CHARITY ACCOUNT FOR 2010/11**

RESOLVED: that the cheque signatories for the Mayor's Charity Account for 2010/11 be the Mayor, Councillor Karl Kuhnell and the Executive Officer.

289. **STANDING ORDER 112 – URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN**

RESOLVED: that the Executive Officer's report on decisions taken in accordance with Standing Order 112 on the grounds of urgency be received and noted.

290. **DRAFT SCHEDULE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2010/11**

RESOLVED: that the draft schedule of meetings of the Council and its Standing Committees circulated with the Council's agenda papers be approved.

291. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: to note that the next Town Council meeting would be held on Monday, 12 July 2010 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed
(Town Mayor)

Date