

## **BARRY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 20 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Derek Wolfe – Executive Officer  
Mark Sims – Responsible Financial Officer  
Sgt Matthew Rowlands – South Wales Police  
Angie Norman – Administration

#### 190. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K A Kemp, E T Williams, M Wright and C Turner

#### 191. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors J E Charles, P Drake, K Kuhnell, K Lewis and S T Wiliam declared personal interests in relation to all agenda items regarding the Memorial Hall & Theatre Trust by virtue of being Trustees. Councillor Drake also declared a personal interest in any matters appertaining to the GMB Union.

#### 192. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 11 & 12 MAY 2009 & THE SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD ON 19 MAY & 8 JULY 2009**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council's Annual meeting held on 11 & 12 May 2009 and the special meetings held on 19 May and 8 July 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments being made:-

##### **Annual Meeting - 11 & 12 May 2009**

**Minute No. 164** – Councillor Stenstrom advised that the monies referred to in this minute were never drawn down so therefore could not be transferred.

**Minute No 171** – That the minute be amended to read “Mr A A Williams”.

**Minute No. 174** – The resolution be amended to read “May 2009” and not “January 2009”.

## **Special Meeting – 19 May 2009**

That these minutes be amended to show that Councillor T C Stenstrom was present and in the Chair.

### 193. **POLICE REPORTS**

The Mayor welcomed Sgt Matthew Rowlands to the meeting, who gave apologies for Insp Louise Davies. Sgt Rowlands advised Members that the figures provided on [www.ourbobby.com](http://www.ourbobby.com) were calculated by a matrix system on the computer and did not always provide a true and accurate picture of overall crime figures. However, he advised that overall crime had increased in most wards within Barry. He added that one area of crime the force were concentrating on currently was that of theft from vehicles. He reported that most thefts from vehicles were as a result of opportunist crimes and that there were plans in place to educate the public with regard leaving items on display.

Another area being targeted was that of alcohol being consumed in public places. Sgt Rowlands informed Members that signs had been erected on Barry Island creating "Alcohol Free Zones". Councillor William expressed his gratitude for these zones and asked how they would be enforced. Sgt Rowlands advised that the erection of the signs would make it easier to enforce than previously. A question was raised with regard drinking outside of public houses, generally by smokers, and what the police planned to do about this. Sgt Rowlands informed Members that patrons should not be taking drinks out onto the pavement when smoking unless the pub in question possessed an "Off Licence", which would allow for this.

The Mayor thanked Sgt Rowlands for attending the meeting at which point the officer left.

### 194. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor informed Councillors that Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery had been awarded a commendation in Class 2 of the recent biodiversity awards and that the certificate would be displayed in the Cemetery Foreman's office and in the Council's notice boards in the cemetery.

### 195. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None were received.

### 196. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None were received.

197. **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 JUNE 2009**

It was proposed by Councillor Brooks and seconded by Councillor Lewis and

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

198. **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 JUNE 2009**

It was proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Egan and that the following recommendation be considered:-

"That the Town Council grant the Appointments Committee full delegated powers in relation to the appointment of two Lay Trustees to serve on the Memorial Hall & Theatre Trust for a four year term of office commencing on 1 September 2009."

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Committee's meetings be received and the recommendation set out in minute no. CAT 19 be approved.

199. **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 JUNE 2009**

It was proposed by Councillor T C Stenstrom and seconded by Councillor G Davey and

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the Committee's meeting be received and noted, subject to specific minutes being referred back to the Committee for consideration of the following points:-

**Minute No. F186** – Paragraph 3 should read "that a report regarding the value of all the Council's assets be prepared.....".

**Minute No. F187** – the following be added "Councillor Davey requested that a copy of the Barry Town Survey Steering Group's Accounts be provided to all Members of Council". The Executive Officer was asked whether a copy of the accounts had been received from the Steering Group and he advised that they had not. The Mayor stated that he would pursue this matter.

A Councillor pointed out that the Committee had resolved that a representative from the Barry Town Survey Steering Group be invited to attend Full Council on 20 July 2009. The Executive Officer felt that this minute may be incorrect. The Mayor noted these points and asked Members to allow him to discuss this matter with the Leader of the Council, to see if they could overcome any problems being experienced.

**Minute No. F193** – A recorded vote had been requested by Councillor S A Hodges, but had not been recorded in the minutes.

**Page 636** – A question was raised as to whether the Statement of Accounts should use the term “Executive Officer” as opposed to “Clerk to the Council”.

2. That the Draft Financial Statements and the annual return for the year ending 31 March 2009, be approved prior to their submission to the external auditors.

200. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE’S MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY, 9 JUNE, 7 AND 14 JULY 2009**

It was proposed by Councillor K Lewis and seconded by Councillor S A Hodges and

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Committee’s meetings be received and noted.

201. **MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2009**

It was proposed by Councillor Egan and seconded by Councillor J Evans and

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Committee’s meeting be received and noted, subject to certain minutes being referred back to the Committee for consideration of the following points:-

**Minute No’s. R69 and R71** – should read “Resources Committee” and not “Amenities Committee” as stated.

**Minute No. R75** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph – Should read “Concerns were raised with regard the amount of personnel meetings that had been held.....”

202. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was noted that a lever arch file containing reports from outside bodies was available for inspection at the Council’s meeting, and that otherwise it was available to Councillors in the Executive Officer’s office.

203. **APPOINTMENT OF MINOR AUTHORITY GOVERNOR TO SERVE ON YSGOL SANT BARUC GOVERNING BODY**

Councillor Wiliam put forward a Mrs Judith Evans to represent the Council on the Ysgol Sant Baruc Governing Body. Councillor Egan proposed Councillor Hamilton, whereby he suggested, as an alternative, Mrs Evans might be co-opted onto the Governing Body.

**RESOLVED:**

1. that Councillor Howard Hamilton represent the Council in the role of Minor Authority Governor on the Ysgol Sant Baruc Governing Body.
2. that Councillor Hamilton be requested to enquire whether it would be possible to co-opt Judith Evans onto the Ysgol Sant Baruc Governing Body.

204. **CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None were notified.

205. **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2009**

Councillor Stenstrom suggested to the Council that, so as to avoid queries on payments in future, all purchases be discussed with the Chairs of the appropriate Committee prior to those purchases being made. However, Councillors felt that this would need to be discussed further before any decisions were made.

**RESOLVED:** that the schedule of payments for July 2009 consisting of direct debits and cheque numbers 105542 to 105588 inclusive, in the amount of £62,547.57, be approved.

206. **STANDING ORDER 112**

The Council was asked to receive and note the Executive Officer's report on the decisions taken in accordance with Standing Order 112. Various questions were raised with regard to payments and responses were provided.

A question was raised with regard cheque nos. 105513 and 105517, relating to payments for the Friendship Pact Scrolls and insurance of the Mayoral Chain whilst the Mayor was visiting Kinsale. Members were advised that Kinsale Council would be contributing towards the cost of one of the Friendship Pact scrolls and both the Leader and Mayor offered to share the cost incurred by Barry Town Council. Further heated discussion ensued.

Councillor Shaw queried cheque numbers 105515 and 105516, in respect of payment to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for the 2004 election and by-election. The Leader advised Councillors that he had asked the Executive Officer to challenge these charges and that Members would be advised accordingly once an answer had been received back from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

**RESOLVED:**

1. to note that the Mayor and Leader had agreed to share the cost incurred by Barry Town Council for the Friendship Pact Scroll;

2. that the Council, on this occasion, would cover the cost of the additional insurance needed for the Mayoral chains for the recent visit to Kinsale by the Mayor for the signing of the Friendship Pact;
3. That a confidential report be provided to all Councillors concerning the availability of keys to the Council offices;
4. That the report on the decisions taken in accordance with Standing Order 112 be received, noting that the cost of cheque no. 105513 which was to be met by the Mayor and Leader of Council;
5. That cheque numbers 105515 and 105516 be withheld subject to further enquiries being made with regard the cost of the 2004 election and by-election.

207. **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

Before Councillors could fully discuss any of the items contained in the Executive Officer's report, it was pointed out that it was 9.00pm. Councillors agreed that they did not believe they would be able to complete the remaining agenda items by 9.30pm and therefore it was **RESOLVED**:

That in accordance with Standing Order 109, the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....