

## **BARRY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.00 PM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**:- Derek Wolfe, Executive Officer, Mark Sims, Responsible Finance Officer, and Julie Hurd, Administration.

Councillor T Stenstrom opened the meeting by drawing the Mayor's attention to a bound Roll of Honour book asking Councillors for their views on where to display it. The Mayor considered that this book was important and welcomed suggestions.

#### 118. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J C Charles and K Kuhnell.

#### 119. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor K Lewis declared a personal interest in relation to the Memorial Hall & Theatre Trust by virtue of being a Trustee.

#### 120. **REFERENCE FROM AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

The following recommendations had been received from the Amenities Committee:-

1. Minute No. A46

RECOMMENDED: that Town Council at its meeting on Monday, 23 February 2009 be asked to approve the hire charge increase of 5%, for the Pioneer Hall, for the financial year 2009/10.

The Leader of Council asserted that the last time charges had been increased substantially had been in 2005, but that the increases in 2006, 2007 and 2008 had been in-line with inflation.

Councillor Hampton commented that he was unhappy with an increase of 5%. He therefore proposed that charges for the use of

the Pioneer Hall 2009/10 be increased by 2% in line with inflation. His motion was not seconded and was therefore not considered further.

Another Councillor stated that an increase of 5% would help provide a better service for hirers and that this was a small increase which still provides value for money.

The following motion was moved:-

That a 5% increase in the Pioneer Hall charges be approved for the 2009/10 financial year. (A recorded, vote was requested, the outcome of which was as shown below).

<b>For (16)</b>	<b>Against (1)</b>	<b>Abstentions (3)</b>
Councillor S Egan	Councillor A Hampton	Councillor K Kemp
Councillor B Brooks		Councillor E Williams
Councillor O Cash		Councillor M Wright
Councillor G Davey		
Councillor P Drake		
Councillor K Evans		
Councillor J Evans		
Councillor H Hamilton		
Councillor N Hodges		
Councillor S Hodges		
Councillor K Lewis		
Councillor M Payne		
Councillor B Shaw		
Councillor Stenstrom		
Councillor C Turner		
Councillor S William		

**RESOLVED** that charges for the hire of the Pioneer Hall in 2009/10 be increased by 5%.

2. Minute No. A47

**RECOMMENDED:** that the meeting of Full Council, to be held on Monday, 23 February 2009, be asked to approve the increase in fees and charges for Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery for the 2009/10 financial year.

That the increase in line with officers recommendations in the increase of the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery fees and charges for the 2009/10 financial year be approved (a recorded vote was requested the outcome of which is as shown below).

<b>For (16)</b>	<b>Against (1)</b>	<b>Abstentions (3)</b>
Councillor S Egan	Councillor A Hampton	Councillor K Kemp
Councillor B Brooks		Councillor E Williams
Councillor O Cash		Councillor M Wright
Councillor G Davey		
Councillor P Drake		
Councillor K Evans		
Councillor J Evans		
Councillor H Hamilton		
Councillor N Hodges		
Councillor S Hodges		
Councillor K Lewis		
Councillor M Payne		
Councillor B Shaw		
Councillor Stenstrom		
Councillor C Turner		
Councillor S William		

**RESOLVED** an increase in fees and charges at the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery for the 2009/10 financial year be approved.

121. **DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2009/10**

Members were requested to approve the draft budget, noting that this would require a precept of £847,366 to be levied on the Vale of Glamorgan Council of the 2009/10 year, this equating to £45.89 per Band 'D' council tax payer, an increase of 4.0% when compared with the £44.11 paid in 2008/09.

Councillor Stenstrom proposed that items 19, 20, 28 and 29 in the sum of £9,800 as indicated in the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery budget be placed in the Special Projects section of the budget pending reports prior to release of the monies.

Concerns were raised regarding two Special Projects namely Barry Athletic Club and High Street Festivities. Some Councillors were concerned that they had not been previously advised of these projects. Councillors were advised that these projects were in the very early stages of discussion. They were given assurances that they would receive reports on them prior to any decisions being made. A suggestion was made that these two projects be withdrawn, with the money remaining in the Special Projects Section available for other as yet unspecified projects.

Councillor Hampton was unhappy with an increase in the budget of 4%. He proposed a 2% cost of living increase for the 2009/10 precept and budget. Councillor Wright seconded the motion and a vote was taken, the outcome of which was as follows:-

2 for, 16 against and 3 abstentions.

The Motion was declared LOST.

A vote was then taken on the recommendation to approve the draft budget, noting that this would require a precept of £847,366 to be levied on the Vale of Glamorgan Council in the 2009/10 year, equating to £45.89 per Band 'D' council tax payer, an increase of 4.0% when compared with the £44.11 paid in 2008/09.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. that items 19, 20, 28 and 29 in the sum of £9,800 as indicated in the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery budget be placed in the Special Projects Section of the budget pending reports prior to release of the monies;
2. that the headings of the two items in the Special Projects Section, Barry Athletic Club and High Street Festivities, be withdrawn, with the money remaining as being available for unspecified projects and that reports be submitted to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee.
3. that an increase of 4% for the draft budget for the 2009/10 financial year, in the total sum of £847,366 be approved.

#### 122. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - ANNUAL GRANTS GIVING EXERCISE 2009/10**

The Council considered information regarding the annual grants exercise for the 2009/10 financial year, noting an alteration to the timescale for the awarding of grants as follows:

1. Special meeting of Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee, dated Monday, 19 April 2009, changed to Monday, 27 April 2009.
2. Despatch of letters informing both successful and unsuccessful local organisations about the outcome of their applications, dated Monday, 26 April 2009, be changed to Tuesday, 6 May 2009.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the application form, criteria and amended timescale in relation to the annual grants exercise for 2009/10 be approved.

#### 123. **PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2009**

Members were requested to approve the schedule of payments for February 2009, consisting of direct debits and cheque numbers 105284 to 105331 inclusive, in the amount of £80,436.68.

**RESOLVED**

That the Schedule of payments for February 2009, consisting of direct debits and cheques numbered 105284 to 105331 inclusive, in the amount of £80,436.68 be approved.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

Signed .....  
(Town Mayor)

Dated .....