

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor K Lewis (Vice Chairperson) together with Councillors P Drake, J Evans, N P Hodges and S A Hodges

ALSO PRESENT: Derek Wolfe – Executive Officer
Cliff Lewis – Deputy Executive Officer
Angie Norman – Administration

A112. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Brooks, O Cash, K Evans, H C Hamilton, K Kuhnell, B I Shaw

A113. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

A114. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None were received.

It was agreed that the report on the extension to Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery be brought forward on the agenda to allow the Executive Officer to leave the meeting early.

A115. **EXTENSION TO MERTHYR DYFAN CEMETERY – TIMING OF AND FUNDING FOR PREPARATORY WORK**

Members were requested to give consideration to a report outlining the timing of and funding for preparatory work to the cemetery extension.

Concerns were raised on the need for and positioning of a new pond within the cemetery extension area. The Deputy Executive Officer advised that the Architect had recommended the inclusion of a pond to help alleviate surface water and the potential future flooding risks in the Coldbrook and Cadoxton basin. He informed the Committee that the Council's Architect, M Killick and Drainage Consultants, C D Gray Associates, would be hoping to attend the next ordinary meeting of the Amenities Committee and that this would be a good point to raise with them as they would be able to provide more detailed answers.

The Executive Officer advised Members that the estimates provided were based on current market costs and that should tenders received be higher

than those estimates there were various ways in which the extra funding could be found within the Council's budgets.

RESOLVED:

That the three-phase scheme outlined in the report proceed, subject to consideration by the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee and subject to the outcome of the Council's forthcoming budget setting process in relation to the 2010/11 Estimates of Income and Expenditure.

A116. PIONEER HALL – PROPOSED HIRE CHARGES FOR 2010/11

Members were requested to consider a proposed increase in the hire charges for the Pioneer Hall for the 2010/11 financial year.

RESOLVED:

1. that the proposed increase in hire charges for the Pioneer Hall for the 2010/11 financial year be approved as set out in the report;
2. that a recommendation be submitted to the Finance, Policy & General Purpose Committee to be held on 18 January 2010 to accept the increase in hire charges at the Pioneer Hall for the 2010/11 financial year.

A117. CEMETERIES – PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2010/11

Members were requested to consider a proposed increase to the fees and charges for Merthyr Dyfan and Porthkerry Cemeteries.

RESOLVED:

1. that clarification on the suggestion of the cemetery becoming self financing be sought;
2. that the proposed increase in fees and charges for the Cemeteries for the 2010/11 financial year be approved as set out in the report;
3. that a new "cemetery improvement fee" be introduced from 1 April 2010 as follows:-

A one-off charge of £40.00 per grave be made, excluding burials of stillborn-1 year and un-purchased community graves and that the fee is not subject to treble fees for outside residents and that the fee be reviewed for the 2011/12 financial year and that all comparable Principle Welsh Burial Authorities price lists be made available for comparison at that time;

4. that a recommendation be referred to the meeting of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee to be held on 18 January 2010

to accept the increase in fees and charges for the Merthyr Dyfan and Porthkerry Cemeteries for the 2010/11 financial year.

A118. **DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2010/11 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Members were requested to give consideration to the draft estimates for 2010/11 and it was **RESOLVED**:

1. that the draft estimates for the 2010/11 financial year be approved, subject to Item 17 of the Special Projects being amended to £2,200;
2. that the draft estimate report be submitted to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 18 January 2010 for their consideration.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed

Date