

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor S C Egan (Chairperson) together with Councillors G D Davey, J Evans, S A Hodges, K Kuhnell, B I Shaw, T C Stenstrom

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor N Hodges

IN ATTENDANCE: Cliff Lewis – Deputy Executive Officer
Mark Sims – Responsible Finance Officer
Julie Hurd – Administration

R90. **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors O Cash, K Evans and H C Hamilton

R91. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

R92. **MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2009**

It was noted by Councillor N Hodges that he had given Councillor S A Hodges apologies for the previous meeting of Resources held on 28 September 2009, and asked for her name to be inserted under apologies for absence.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 28 September 2009, be approved as a correct record.

R93. **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 27**

None

R94. **MINUTES OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Consultative Advisory Group Meeting held on 21 October 2009, be received and noted.

R95. **MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2009**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee's meeting held on 12 November 2009, be received and noted.

R96. **MINUTES OF THE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP'S MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2009**

Councillor Karl Kuhnell informed the Committee that the date of the next meeting of the Training & Development Advisory Group would be Thursday, 25 February 2010.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Training & Development Advisory Group's meeting held on 19 November 2009, be received and noted subject to the commending to the Advisory Group an amendment being made on page 233 at paragraph 1 of the recommendation on the second line deleting the words "and at".

R97. **DRAFT ESTIMATES 2010/11**

Councillor S A Hodges raised a query in relation to the Section 137 Grants for fireworks with regard to the Rotary Club and South Wales Police – "We are the Champions".

The Responsible Finance Officer stated that they had been amalgamated under one heading.

RESOLVED that the Draft Estimates for 2010/11 be commended to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee for consideration.

R98. **REVIEW OF PAYMENTS TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

The Chairperson clarified that professional fees had been paid for 2009/10 however there had been no agreement to pay professional fees in 2010/2011. It was noted that payment of fees for membership to the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management would need further investigation and to be submitted to the Finance Policy & General Purposes Committee for consideration.

Councillor S Hodges proposed, seconded by Councillor Shaw, that the Council continue to pay membership fees for staff who are members of professional bodies.

It was requested that a recorded vote be taken in accordance with Standing Order 12.

The outcome of the vote was as follows:

FOR(2)

Councillor S A Hodges
Councillor B I Shaw

AGAINST(5)

Councillor G D Davey
Councillor S C Egan
Councillor J Evans
Councillor K A Kuhnell
Councillor T C Stenstrom

The motion was declared LOST.

RESOLVED:

1. that further information be submitted to the next meeting of the Finance Policy & General Purposes Committee on Corporate Membership of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematoria Management (ICCM) prior to a final decision being reached by the Committee.
2. that the Resources Committee have approved membership of the ACCA for the financial year 2009/2010 only.

R99. **ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE POLICY – FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

RESOLVED that the recommendation be accepted.

R100. **DRAFT WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY**

RESOLVED that the recommendation be accepted subject to the following:-

1. that "Town Clerk" be replaced with "Executive Officer" throughout the policy document;
2. that minor amendments to typing errors within the report be corrected.
3. that the report be referred to the next meeting of the Joint Consultative Advisory Group for further discussion with the Union representatives.

R101. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be 15 March 2010.

R102. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:

In accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

R103. **PROVISION OF LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES**

RESOLVED that additional quotations be obtained from Solicitors operating in Barry, including obtaining a firm quotation from Passmores.

R104. **TOWN COUNCIL'S PERSONNEL ADVISORY SERVICES**

RESOLVED: that recommendation "A" of the report be forwarded to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee to be held on 18 January 2010 for consideration.

The meeting ended at 8.33 pm

Signed..... Dated.....
(Chairperson)