

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021 AT 6PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Wilkinson) together with Councillors Aviet, Brooks, Charles, Clarke, Collins, Drake, Hawkins, N Hodges, S Hodges, Hooper, Johnson, Lloyd-Selby, Payne, Perkes, Richardson, Rowlands and Wiliam (Arrived at 6.05 pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Forbes - Chief Officer (Town Clerk)
Mark Sims - Deputy Chief Officer
Rebecca Blackwell - Office Team Leader

854. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None were received.

855. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT NOTING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) (WALES) ORDER 2008 AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) (WALES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016 ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON 16 MAY 2017 (PAGE 16 PART 3)**

Councillors Aviet, Bailey, Brooks, Charles, Collins, Drake, Hampton, N Hodges, Johnson, Nugent-Finn, Perkes, Rowlands, Wiliam, Wilkinson and Wright noted that they were Councillors of the Vale of Glamorgan Council also and advised they had received dispensation to speak and vote on matters appertaining to Reshaping Services.

Councillor Johnson noted he had received dispensation to allow him to speak and vote on future matters appertaining to the Pioneer Hall and the Community Hall at Cemetery Approach, by virtue that he is a Vale of Glamorgan Council Trustee for the Alexandra Gardens Community Association.

856. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

It was noted that this Act sets out the requirement for a public body to act in a manner which seeks to ensure **that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.**

In order to act in that manner, a public body must take account of the following things:

(a) the importance of balancing short term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to meet long term needs, especially where things done to meet short term needs may have detrimental long term effect;

(b) the need to take an integrated approach, by considering how—

(i) the body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals;

(ii) the body's well-being objectives impact upon each other or upon other public bodies' objectives, in particular where steps taken by the body may contribute to meeting one objective but may be detrimental to meeting another;

(c) the importance of involving other persons with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and of ensuring those persons reflect the diversity of the population of the part of Wales in relation to which the body exercises functions;

(d) how acting in collaboration with any other person (or how different parts of the body acting together) could assist the body to meet its well-being objectives, or assist another body to meet its objectives;

(e) how deploying resources to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may contribute to meeting the body's well-being objectives, or another body's objectives.

RESOLVED: That the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 be noted.

857. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 22 February 2021 are approved and signed as a correct record.

858. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of Full Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

RESOLVED that 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.

860.

TO REVIEW A RESPONSE FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL AND THEATRE RE: BTC GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT AND TO DISCUSS A WAY FORWARD

Members were provided with the following information in relation to the Memorial Hall and Theatre.

- i) Letter sent to Trustees on 23 February 2021
- ii) Response received from Trustees on 9 March 2021
- iii) 2019-2022 Grant Funding Agreement for reference

Members had a lengthy and detailed discussion in relation to the Grant Funding Agreement held between Barry Town Council and the Memorial Hall Theatre. There were a number of concerns that were raised in relation to financial accountability and governance and members felt that the correspondence received from the memorial hall and Theatre Trust had not resolved the concerns raised.

Councillor Johnson made a suggestion that a small group with a member of each party could meet to go through the financial concerns in order to form a detailed response to the Memorial Hall and Theatre.

It was noted that Councillor Rowlands had left the meeting prior to the first vote.

Discussions continued in relation to the concerns members had and a vote was taken to withhold any further funding until the Town Council can be assured that the grant funding is being used in accordance to the grant agreement 2019-2022.

The result of the vote was unanimous and it was agreed that funding will be withheld until the Council is assured that the Memorial Hall and Theatre can assure the Council that the Grant Funding is being spent in accordance with the 2019-2022 Grant Agreement.

It was noted that Councillor Hooper had left the meeting prior to the second vote

Members were requested to vote on the suggestion of a small group of Councillors, one from each party in order to discuss the detail of the grant claim form with the response being agreed via Urgent Action with Group Leaders.

A vote was taken and it was unanimous that a small group be arranged to meet in order to discuss the details of the Grant Claim Form received from the Memorial Hall and Theatre.

Members were asked to nominate a member from each party and the results were:

Councillor Charles – Conservative
Councillor Brooks – Labour
Councillor Johnson – Plaid

The Chief Officer advised that she would contact the three members in order to set up a meeting as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That any further funding payments be suspended until assurances can be met in relation to the Grant Funding Agreement 2019-2022**
- 2. That a meeting of the smaller working group is arranged to discuss the Grant Claim Form submitted by the Memorial Hall and Theatre in detail and to draft a response setting out the Council's requirements**
- 3. That correspondence is agreed via Group Leaders and sent to the Memorial Hall and Theatre Trust Chairperson to advise of the outcome of this meeting.**

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed Dated
(Town Mayor)