

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY,  
8 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7 PM**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor Wilkinson) together with Councillors Aviet, Bailey, Brooks, Clarke, Collins, Drake, Hampton, Hawkins, N Hodges, S Hodges, Johnson, Lloyd-Selby, Nugent-Finn, Payne, Perkes, Richardson, William, and Wright.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Emily Forbes	-	Chief Officer (Town Clerk)
Mark Sims	-	Deputy Chief Officer
Rhian Burns	-	Administrator
Ellyn Wright	-	Overserved (Barry Nub News)

The Mayor requested Members observe a one minute's silence in memory of former mayor Theo Stenstrom who had passed away recently and also to mark the final day of National Grief Awareness Week.

800. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Charles, Hooper and Rowlands.

801. **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, Collins, Drake, Hampton, N Hodges, Johnson, Nugent-Finn, Perkes, William, 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.

802. **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.**

803. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 28 September 2020 are approved and signed as a correct record.**

804. **TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor noted that 2020 had been a very unusual year. She advised members that she had recently officially opened a new section at the Goodsheds and had also recorded a Christmas message with Bro Radio being played on the Christmas Radio Station and speakers throughout the town. She noted that she had attended a small wreath laying event for Remembrance Day.

**RESOLVED that communications from the Mayor be received and noted.**

805. **TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS (STANDING ORDER 3 (E) REFERS)**

None were received.

806. **TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (STANDING ORDER 3 (F) REFERS)**

Members received a request from the Barry Museum, regarding the metal silent soldiers that were purchased to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for WW1; Members were asked to consider whether one of these could be displayed in the museum.

Members agreed that the Silent Soldier that was previously located outside the former Town Council office could be temporarily loaned to the Barry Museum as long as they had suitable premises to display it.

**RESOLVED:** That one of the two Silent Soldiers purchased by Barry Town Council be temporarily loaned to the Barry Museum on condition that it be returned should the Barry Museum no longer have suitable premises.

807. **TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS**

None were received.

808. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 September 2020 be received and noted.

809. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2020 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held on 12 October 2020 be received and noted.

810. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABLE BARRY WORKING GROUP MEETINGS HELD ON 19 OCTOBER, 16 NOVEMBER AND 1 DECEMBER 2020 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Sustainable Barry Working Group meetings held on 19 October, 16 November and 1 December 2020 be received and noted.

811. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2020 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee's meeting held on 19 October 2020 be received, noting that an Extraordinary meeting of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee would be held on Monday 14 December 2020 to consider a single item.

812. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE SHOP LOCAL BARRY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2020 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Shop Local Barry Advisory Group meeting held on 22 October 2020 be received and noted.

813. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE FINANCE, POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2020 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16 November 2020 be received, noting that the recommendations therein will be discussed in full at Item 17.

814. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2020

Members received the schedule of payments for December 2020 consisting of BACS payments and direct debits in the amount of £14,641.00.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the information relating to salary payments for October and November 2020 inclusive, which has been certified and authorised by the appropriate officers in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 19(c), be received and noted;
2. That the schedule of payments for December 2020 consisting of BACS payments and direct debits in the amount of

**£14,641.00, be approved, subject to the relevant papers being in order.**

815. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2020**

Members received the Council's income and expenditure in the 2020/21 financial year as at the end of November 2020.

**RESOLVED that the budget monitoring report for November 2020, indicating actual income and expenditure up to the end of month eight in the 2020/21 financial year, be received, noting the projected overspend of £46,464 for 2020/21 that will result in a net amount of £190,580 being transferred from reserves.**

816. **DRAFT BUDGET 2021/22 (INCORPORATING FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST)**

The Chief Officer noted that the draft budget had been prepared incorporating a five year financial forecast in order to provide a framework for discussion and inform decision making by Members. The forecast had been prepared by officers and was subject to change; it was not for resolution at the meeting tonight but to inform debate.

The Draft Budget decided on tonight would be publically consulted on with a closing date of 31 January 2021 prior to the Council's final budget setting in February 2021.

Councillor Brooks noted that the budget for 2021/22 had been difficult to set and thanked officers for their work on this. She noted that she felt the Covid-19 Recovery Fund had been very successful and that a large number of small businesses had benefitted from the grants. She added that she felt this had helped to raise the profile of Barry Town Council as a separate entity from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and highlighted that this Council would support the local community.

Councillor Brooks proposed the following amendments to the draft budget presented –

Reduce Corporate/Staff Training by £3,500

Reduce Corporate/Corporate Events by £1,000

Reduce Corporate/Corporate Advertising by £3,250

Reduce Corporate/Councillors Allowances by £1,300

Reduce Special Projects/Dementia Friendly Projects by £3,000

Reduce Civic/Mayors Donations by £250

Increase budgeted income for Pioneer Hall from £5,000 (1 quarter) to be £10,000 (2 quarters)

Increase budgeted income for Cemetery Approach Community Centre from £1,000 (1 quarter) to be £2,000 (2 quarters)

These amendments would result in a revised draft budget for public consultation that provisionally sets a precept requirement of

£1,235,686 for 2021/22 being a cost to a Band D tax payer of £59.79 per year an increase of 2.3% compared to 2020/21.

Members supported the proposed amendments put forward by Councillor Brooks.

Councillor Nugent-Finn queried the timescales and method of public consultation. The Deputy Chief Officer advise that the consultation end date of 31 January 2021 would allow approximately six weeks which was in line with past budget consultation. He further advised that the consultation would take place via social media, the Barry Town Council website and through local press.

A vote took place on the proposed amended draft budget for public consultation, the result was unanimously in favour.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the amendments proposed by Councillor Brooks be made to the Draft Budget 2021/22.**
- 2. That the Draft Budget for public consultation that provisionally sets a precept requirement of £1,235,686 for 2021/22 being a cost to a Band D tax payer of £59.79 per year an increase of 2.3% compared to 2020/21 be approved.**

817.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED that the next meeting of Full Council is scheduled to be held on Monday 22 February 2021 at 7.00pm.**

818.

**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.**

**The press left the meeting.**

819.

**TO NOTE THE GREEN RECOVERY CIRCULAR ECONOMY FUND 2020-21 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IN CONSULTATION WITH GROUP LEADERS (DEADLINE WAS 1 DECEMBER 2020)**

The Leader of the Council expressed her thanks to the Chief Officer for preparing this funding application within an extremely tight deadline. Councillor S Hodges echoed this and added that she hoped this would

be a successful future project where the Council could work in partnership with other organisations.

**RESOLVED:** That the Green Recovery Circular Economy Fund 2020-21 Application for funding be received and noted.

820.

**TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE INNOVATION WORKING PARTY HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2020 AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

Councillor Brooks advised that a meeting of the Innovation Working Party had been held prior to the meeting of Full Council and that a discussion regarding the Naming Policy had been held. In order to expedite the adoption of the Commemoration and Recognition Policy she proposed that the draft policy be circulated to all members on Thursday 10 December with any comments or amendments to be received by Friday 18 December. She advised that the aim going forward would be for any requests to be put to a Commemoration and Recognition Advisory Committee, made up with the same political balance as all other 7 seat committees and asked that Group Leaders put forward their Councillor nominations in due course.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the Innovation Working Party meeting held on 23 November 2020 be received and noted.
2. That the Draft Commemoration and Recognition Policy is circulated to all Members on Thursday 10 December 2020.
3. That Members respond with any comments to the Chief Officer by Friday 18 December 2020.
4. That the Commemoration and Recognition Policy and any amendments be agreed and adopted through the Urgent Action process with Group Leaders.
5. That the Commemoration and Recognition Advisory Committee be created with nominations from Group Leaders with its first meeting to be held in early 2021.

821.

**PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES UPDATE**

The Chief Officer advised Members of an update from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

**RESOLVED** That the update be received and noted.

822.

**TREE CONSULTATION**

Members received the results of the public Tree Consultation noting that the majority of responses favoured Option1 – The removal of the Leylandi trees and replacement with smaller, native trees.

Councillor Lloyd Selby queried budget and timelines which were set out by the Chair of the Committee.

Members agreed that this course of action should be followed, noting that it was essential that information was relayed to the public in the correct way.

**RESOLVED: That the Leylandi trees forming the boundary with the Cemetery and St Andrew’s Road be removed and replaced with native trees.**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....  
(Town Mayor)

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