

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2021 AT 7PM

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 and William (Arrived at 6.05 pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sims - Deputy Chief Officer
Rebecca Blackwell - Office Team Leader

The Mayor requested a minute silence for The Duke of Edinburgh – Prince Philip, Keith Stockdale and for all those who have lost their lives during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

861. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Nugent Finn and Rowlands.

862. **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, Brooks, Charles, Collins, Drake, N Hodges, Johnson, Perkes, William, and Wilkinson 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.

863. **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.

864.

TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE EXTRAORDINARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 18 MARCH 2021

Councillor S Hodges referred to minute number 860 and requested that the word not be inserted in the sentence –

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 resolved the concerns raised.

The minute should read - *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.*

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Full Council held on 18 March 2021 are approved and signed as a correct record subject to the amendment raised above.

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

The Mayor updated members that she had attended the Council Offices to observe the National Minute Silence for Prince Philip on Saturday 17 April 2021 along with the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Clarke and Councillor Drake who stood in for the Leader of Council, the Mayor thanked them for their attendance on the day.

The Mayor requested that a letter be sent to the Police requesting presence at the Police Briefing prior to Full Council and if a list of PSCO contact details could be provided and circulated to members.

The Mayor also advised members that she had delivered Easter eggs to her charity Atal-y-Fro at Easter.

RESOLVED that communications from the Mayor be received and noted.

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

None were received.

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

None were received.

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

None were received.

869. **TO NOMINATE THE MAYOR ELECT FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2021 / 22**

Councillor S Hodges nominated Councillor Wiliam for Mayor Elect for the Council year 2021/22. Councillor Clarke seconded the nomination.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wiliam be Mayor Elect for the Council Year 2021/22

870. **TO NOMINATE THE DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2021 / 22**

Councillor Brooks nominated Councillor Wilkinson for Deputy Mayor Elect for the Council year 2021/22. Councillor Aviet seconded the nomination.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wilkinson be Deputy Mayor Elect for the Council year 2021/22

871. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIONS WORKING PARTY HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2021 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATIONS TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

Councillor N Hodges gave an update in relation to the Consultations Working Party.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Consultations Working Party meeting held on 25 February 2021 be received and noted.

872. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 MARCH 2021 AND THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 APRIL 2021 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

Councillor N Hodges gave an update in relation to the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Halls, Cemetery and Community Facilities committee held on 8 March 2021 and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities held on 12 April 2021 be received and noted.

873. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 APRIL 2021 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN**

Councillor Brooks provided an update in relation to the action sheet attached to the minutes.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance, Policy and general Purposes Committee held on 19 April 2021 be received and noted.

874. **TO CONSIDER A DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2021/22**

Members were provided with a draft schedule of meetings for 2021/22.

The Deputy Chief Officer advised that the comments highlighted the clashes with the Vale of Glamorgan Council. He also advised that the Planning Committees have been arranged so that they are every month but may exceed the 21-day consultation period. He suggested that if members agree that the Scheme of Delegation for Planning be implemented to consider those that would sit outside the consultation period. He also advised that the Planning meeting scheduled for 10 May 2022 will have to be moved due to the elections and suggested it be extended to 24 May 2022.

Councillor Brooks requested an update in regard to the Annual Meeting. The Deputy Chief Officer advised that it is the intention to hold it on Monday 17 May 2021 virtually and all business will be conducted that evening.

Councillor Brooks moved to accept the draft schedule of meetings, Councillor S Hodges seconded.

RESOLVED: That the Draft Schedule of Meetings be received and noted subject to the amendment being made to the Planning Meeting scheduled for May 2022.

875. **TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APRIL 2022**

Members were provided with the schedule of payments for April 2021 consisting of cheque number 002974, direct debits and BACS payments, in the amount of £47,613.69.

RESOLVED:

1. That the information set out within the Schedule of Payments for April 2021 relating to salary payments for February and March 2021 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 April 2021 consisting of cheque number 002974, direct debits and BACS payments, in the amount of £47,613.69 be approved, subject to the relevant papers being in order.

876. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT / PROVISIONAL OUT-TURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021 (PRIOR TO YEAR END CLOSEDOWN)**

Members were provided with a report informing them about the Council's provisional out-turn for the year ending 31 March 2021 (Prior to Year End Closedown).

RESOLVED: That Members receive the budget monitoring report / provisional out-turn report for year ending 31 March 2021, noting the projected overspend of £69,091 for 2020/21 that will result in a net amount of £213,207 being transferred from reserves.

877. **GRANT PROGRAMME 2021/22**

Members were provided with a report outlining the details of the Grant Programme for 2021/22.

The Deputy Chief Officer advised that a suggestion had been made to change the date of the launch from Friday 30 April to Tuesday 4 May to enable officers time to arrange publicity and distribution. He also highlighted the suggestion to cap grants at £1,000 in order for more organisations to benefit from the Grant Programme. Councillor Brooks agreed to the cap on the grant payments and advised that if there is not a huge uptake in grant applications, the cap be reviewed.

The Deputy Chief Officer asked if previous applicants for the Covid Recovery Grants could apply again if the project was different to the project they had applied for previously. Members agreed that if the project was different to the one they had applied for previously that they could apply again.

Councillor Lloyd-Selby raised concerns in relation to the advertising cost of £500 and suggested that advertising could be managed in house via social media. The Deputy Chief Officer advised that during the Covid Recovery Grant programme in 2020, advertising was on social media and word of mouth. He suggested that to begin with, Officers could advertise via social media and review if there is not an update of applicants.

Councillor Charles requested that the information is circulated to all Councillors in order for them to spread the word about the Grant Programme.

Councillor Hooper asked if they could be advertised via free press releases and not all people have social media.

Councillor Payne suggested the use of third sector voluntary groups who can advertise for a small fee.

Councillor Brooks suggested that the £500 be retained in the event that the uptake of the Grant Programme is low. Councillor S Hodges agreed with Councillor Brooks and suggested that a request can be made via Urgent Action to utilise the £500 for advertising if needed.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That members approve the application forms and associated paperwork for the Covid-19 Recovery Fund and the Community Grants to Voluntary Organisation and that grant funding opens from Tuesday 4 May 2021 until Friday 2 July 2021 or until the grant funding has been fully committed.**
- 2. That members approve the Green Grants with the added criteria of being able to demonstrate achieving the Resilient Barry Wellbeing Goal.**

3. That members approve the Christmas Lunches Grants for 2021 with grant funding open from November 2021, subject to Welsh Government guidance and regulations at that time relating to any Covid-19 restrictions being in place.
4. That £500 be reserved for the advertising of the grants for 2021/2021 in a local paper for one week if the uptake of the grants is low and that it be agreed via Group Leaders Urgent Action.
5. That members approve that grant applications are submitted to the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

878. **MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2021/22 – RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members were provided with information in relation to the renewal of membership for 2021/22.

RESOLVED: That members agree the renewal of membership for One Voice Wales 2021/22

879. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of Council scheduled to be held on Monday 17 May 2021 at 6pm.

880. **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.

881. **MEMORIAL HALL AND THEATRE (MHT) GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT**

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

- i) Letter sent by the Council on 26 March 2021
- ii) Response received from the Memo 9 April 2021

Members had a lengthy and detailed discussion in relation to the response received from the Memorial Hall and Theatre. Members still felt that the Memorial Hall and Theatre are not complying with the Councils requests made in its correspondence.

The Deputy Chief Officer asked if members would agree to the request made by the Memorial Hall and Theatre for facilitation. Members agreed and requested officers respond to the Memorial Hall and Theatre asking for clarification on what type of facilitation they require. Members also requested that the Memorial Hall and Theatre respond to the concerns the Council still have in terms of the Grant Funding Agreement 2019-2022.

Members requested that an Independent Review is conducted as soon as practicable in order to find a way forward.

Members continued discussions highlighting areas on concern in terms of the lack of information supplied via the Memorial Hall and Theatre to alleviate the concerns made by the Council.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That any funding payments continue to be suspended until assurances can be met in relation to the Grant Funding Agreement 2019-2022**
- 2. That a letter is sent to the Memorial Hall and Theatre requesting clarification into the request of facilitation and advising that funding payments will continue to be suspended until assurances can be met in relation to the Grant Funding Agreement of 2019-2022**
- 3. That Group Leaders be contacted to make a decision for a way forward if it falls before the next Full Council scheduled to be held on 28 June 2021**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed Dated
(Town Mayor)