

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 12 APRIL 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors N P Hodges (Chair), Aviet, Clarke, Johnson and Richardson (Vice Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Amanda Evans – Facilities and Cemeteries Manager
Rhian Burns – Administrator
Councillor Payne - Observer

A minutes silence was held for the Duke of Edinburgh who passed away on 9 April 2021.

A274. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None were received.

A275. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that Councillor Johnson had been granted Dispensation to allow him to speak and vote on matters appertaining to any Community Facilities owned or run by Barry Town Council, by virtue that he is a Vale of Glamorgan Council Trustee for the Alexandra Gardens Community Association.

A276. **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.

A277.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee's meeting held on 8 March 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

A278.

COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Members received an update on the Community Centres closure due to the pandemic.

Councillor Johnson queried whether the Pioneer Hall would be used as a polling station for the upcoming Senedd elections. The Cemeteries and Facilities Manager advised that the Pioneer Hall would be in use and that she was liaising with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to make arrangements for this.

RESOLVED: That the update be received and noted.

A 279.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Halls, Cemeteries & Community Facilities Committee will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting of Full Council to be held on 17 and 18 May 2021.

A 280.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND 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.

A281.

MERTHYR DYFAN CEMETERY FENCING

Members were provided with an update on the fence needed to the boundary of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and St Andrews Road.

The Cemetery and Facilities Manager advised Members that there were two options for the installation of the new fence. The first was to remove the existing fencing, completely remove the remaining tree stumps and replace the fencing in the same location. The second option was to install the new fencing approximately 2 metres inside the existing fencing and carry out the tree planting in between the two fence lines.

The Cemetery and Facilities Manager noted that residents of neighbouring properties had in many cases attached their own fencing and outbuildings to the existing fencing and that removal of this fence could result in damage to their properties. She also noted that should option 2 be chosen as a way forward that gates would need to be installed along the new fence line to allow staff access for tree maintenance work to be carried out. She also advised Members of the financial implications of each option.

Members discussed the proposals and agreed that installing a secondary fence line inside the existing fence line would be the preferred option.

Members felt it was important to ensure the existing boundary line was maintained and it was suggested photographs or video should be taken as a record of the boundary.

Members also agreed a letter should be sent to neighbouring residents to outline both their and this Council's rights and responsibilities regarding the trees and fencing.

RECOMMENDED:

- 1. That the fence be erected approximately 2 metres inside the existing fence line.**
- 2. To a meeting of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee to be held on Monday, 19 April 2021 that, eight gates be installed at an additional cost of £6,800 to be taken from the Cemetery Improvement Fund.**

RESOLVED:

- 3. That a letter be sent to neighbouring residents outlining rights and responsibilities of residents and this Council relating to the boundary.**

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

SignedDate