

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 5 JULY 2021 AT 7.00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sims – Deputy Chief Officer
Amanda Evans – Facilities and Cemeteries Manager
Robyn Walsh – Community Engagement Officer
Rebecca Blackwell – Office Team Leader
Councillor Payne – Observer
Councillor S Hodges – Observer (arrived 7.30 pm)

A 282. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rowlands.

A 283. **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.

A 284. **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.

A 285. **TO NOTE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RESOLVED: That the terms of reference be received and noted

A 286. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HALLS, CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee's meeting held on 12 April 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

A 287. **TRANSFER OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL (1222-1245 INCLUSIVE)**

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Standing Order 27(a), authority be given for the Council's Common Seal to be applied to Transfer Deeds numbered 1222-1245 inclusive, granting the transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial to those named on each transfer request.

A 288. **GRANTS OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL (13800 - 13818 INCLUSIVE)**

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Standing Order 27(a), authority be given for the Council's Common Seal to be applied to Deeds of Exclusive Right of Burial numbered 13800 - 13818 inclusive, granting the Exclusive Right of Burial to those named on the interment form.

A 289.

RESULTS OF AIR RAID SHELTER CONSULTATION

Members were provided with a report outlining the outcome of the public consultation for the use of land at Cemetery Approach which was once the site of an Air Raid Shelter.

Councillor Johnson raised concerns in relation to the idea of painted pebbles as it would require sourcing pebbles which could encourage removal from local beaches or they could be used to vandalise the surrounding area. He also asked how would the garden be tranquil as it is next to a busy main road.

Councillor Clarke suggested ornamental trees to reduce the noise and pollution in the area.

Councillor Payne wishes to include educational areas for children to learn about the war and suggested QR codes be installed in addition to the educational notice boards.

Councillor Aviet raised concerns in relation to security of the area and asked if it would be fenced off and secured. The Community Engagement Officer advised that the area would form part on an extension to the Cemetery Approach Gardens and it would be hard to fence the area off to make it accessible to all but advised that the water feature would be something flat or close to the ground as vandalism had been considered.

Councillor Payne wished for the youth to be a part of the history side of the proposed development.

RESOLVED: That the Community Engagement Officer is authorised to write and submit the bid to the Stronger Communities Grant Fund by the deadline of 22 July 2021.

A 290.

CEMETERIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES UPDATE

Members were provided with an update report in relation to the Cemeteries and Community Facilities. This included a number of items such as bees, hall hirers, Philadelphia plaque, famous notice boards, boundary issue, roadworks/paths, exhumations, green flag application, trees and the ICCM award.

The Facilities and Cemeteries Manager advised that one of the caretakers have expressed an interest in taking over the bee keeping but would need equipment.

Members agreed for the Facilities and Cemeteries Manager to obtain costings for the bee equipment and to present it to a future meeting of Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee.

Members discussed the boundary issue with the White Farm estate and advised the Facilities and Cemeteries Manager to obtain the title deeds for the concerned properties and to agree the recommendation in principle with £2,000 being requested for the provision of legal fees.

RECOMMENDED: That a recommendation for £2,000 be requested at the next meeting of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee for the provision of legal fees.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted

Councillor S Hodges arrived 7.30pm

A 291. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting of the Halls, cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday 6 September 2021.

A 292. **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.

A 293. **BOUNCY CASTLE**

Members were provided with a report in relation to information received about the bouncy castle. Members discussed the health and safety implications of having the bouncy castle and decided to go with option 1 within the report and to keep the cost the same. Members also suggested to look into ways to sell the bouncy castle.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That members of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee agree to the removal of the bouncy castle at Pioneer Hall with no difference in the party hire fee.**
- 2. That Officers explore the viability of selling the bouncy castle**

A 294. **KING WILLIAM PUBLIC HOUSE**

Members were provided with a report outing concerns received from the Landlord of the King William Public House. Councillor Clarke advised members that old walls were constructed in order to allow them to breathe and pass water and made the suggestion for the Landlord to pay half and the Council to pay the other half.

The Chair agreed with the suggestion of co-responsibility and that the Landlord be approached with that suggestion. Councillor Clarke proposed a site visit to take place on the same day as the Philadelphia Plaque unveiling.

RECOMMENDED: That a budget of £1,500 be recommended to a meeting of Full Council with the suggestion of co-responsibility.

Councillor Payne left the meeting at 7.50 pm

A 295.

HEADSTONES

Members were provided with information in relation to the on-going headstone programme within Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery. A detailed discussion was had whereby the health and safety of the current stones was discussed and members raised concerns that the Council could become responsible for a number of older headstones. Members requested that the report to be recommended to a meeting of Full Council for a wider discussion as it can be seen as a change in policy.

RECOMMENDED: That the report be presented to the next meeting of Full Council scheduled for 19 July 2021 for a wider discussion.

A 296.

NON-RESIDENT FEES FOR BURIAL

Members were provided with a report to provide members with the information to review the current fees charged for non-residents. Members raised concerns in relation to the fees being reduced, the amount of grave spaces left within the cemetery and that the Town Council levy a fee on the residents of Barry (precept) that subsidises the upkeep of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

RESOLVED: That the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee agree to retain the non-resident fees as they currently are in the fees and charges.

A 297.

PARTY PACKAGE

Members were provided with a report outlining the current package ideas for consideration at the Cemetery Approach Community Centre. Members raised concerns in relation to flexibility of wakes if there would be parties booked in the hall and also the possibility of having a corkage licence. The Facilities and Cemeteries Manager advised that Children's parties could be restricted to the weekends as they are with the Pioneer Hall and that would free the weekdays for Wakes. She also advised that she would explore the licencing for alcohol on the premises with a restriction on the times that alcohol can be served.

Members requested further discussions and requested that the report be submitted to the next Full Council for a wider discussion.

RECOMMENDED: That the report be submitted to the next meeting of Full Council scheduled for Monday 19 July 2021 for a wider discussion.

A298. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 3(aa)**

RESOLVED that Standing Order 3(aa) be suspended for a period of thirty minutes.

A 299. **CHAPEL**

Members were provided with a report with information from the Council's Technical Advisor, Lapidier, which outlined the results of the annual inspection of the Chapel.

Members requested that the Facilities and Cemeteries manager obtains costings for the repairs and reports back to the next meeting of the Halls, facilities and Community Facilities Committee scheduled for 6 September 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Facilities and Cemeteries manager obtains costings for the repairs and reports to the next meeting of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee scheduled for 6 September 2021.

A 300. **FENCE**

Members were provided with a report updating them on the progress of the new fence being installed at the boundary of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

Members requested a site visit to establish the issue with the neighbouring property.

RESOLVED: That a site visit is scheduled with the members of the Halls, Cemeteries and Community Facilities Committee to work out a way forward in relation to the issue at the boundary fence at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

SignedDate