

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT NEATH TOWN HALL, CHURCH PLACE, NEATH  
ON THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 6PM**

**PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: CLLR. MRS S. M. PENRY**

**COUNCILLORS: W. CURTIS  
K. FINN  
P. JAMES  
MRS J. L. LOCKYER  
MRS. S. MILLER  
G. MORGAN  
A. MUSAIED  
R. PRICE  
MRS S. PRICE  
A. SIMS  
J. WARMAN**

**ABSENT: J. EVANS**

**IN ATTENDANCE: BEN HUGHES  
SARA WHARMBY**

**6872 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Ms T. Davies, Cllr. J. Harle, Cllr. Mrs L. Jones, Cllr. B. MacCathail Cllr. A. McGrath and Cllr. M. Protheroe

**6873 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**6874 DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Members approved the draft Statement of Accounts.

**6875 DRAFT ANNUAL RETURN**

Cllr. Mrs S. Miller entered the Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the draft Annual Return.

**6876 TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Finance Officer read through the report.

**6877 TO APPROVE AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

**A) MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

**i. FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

p. 44 – Members asked whether any responses had been received regarding the potential picnic benches on Cimla Common. The Finance Officer updated the Meeting on the responses. **RESOLVED:** After discussion, it was agreed to put the responses to the Estates Committee for discussion.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Full Council Meeting.

**ii. ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting.

**iii. PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting.

**iv. ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council.

**B) RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEES AS SET OUT IN THE MINUTES**

All Resolutions agreed.

**6878 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

**A. GENERAL MATTERS**

There was no update.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b><i>Correspondence Received</i></b>	<b><i>Actions</i></b>	<b><i>Resolutions</i></b>
An email from One Voice Wales regarding 'Learning lessons from the community-led response to COVID-19 in Wales Survey.'	Councillors to respond via the link.	-
An email from One Voice Wales regarding the online event 'Regenerating Welsh Towns and Communities post Covid-19.'	Do Councillors wish to attend?	-

Latest news from Safer Neath Port Talbot Business Crime Reduction Partnership.	For information.	-
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<b><i>Additional Correspondence Received</i></b>	<b><i>Actions</i></b>	<b><i>Resolutions</i></b>
An email from Bethel Elim Church regarding setting up a community grocery in one of the NTC community centres.	Council to confirm whether they wish to support.	Councillors discussed the request. <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was proposed, seconded and agreed to decline the request as there was no storage area available and current hirers could be affected.
An email from Jessica Smith regarding funding for a defibrillator at Unit 9 Gym.	Councillors to discuss.	Members suggested they apply for Grant Aid.
An email from One Voice Wales attaching a report on the full meeting of NPT PSB held on 27 <sup>th</sup> May.	For information.	-
An email from One Voice Wales regarding remote training sessions taking place in June.	Do any Councillors wish to attend?	-
An email from One Voice Wales regarding the Children's Commissioner for Wales 'Summer of Fun'.	For information and noting.	-
An email from Transport for Wales regarding the Swansea Bay and West Wales Metro Consultation.	For information.	<b>RESOLVED:</b> It was proposed, seconded and agreed to write to them requesting a copy of the presentation, and to express disappointment about the short notice of the event and to ask for an extension on the consultation.

## **6879 TO RECEIVE COSTS FOR LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT FOR EACH WARD**

Members had received the costs prior to the Meeting. **RESOLVED:** After discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed to purchase 30 litter pickers, Handy Hood Sack Holders, Cut Resistant Gloves and Hi Vis Vests with the NTC logo, along with 10 children's tabards and pickers.

**6880 TO DISCUSS THE WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON A RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN FOR WALES**

Councillors discussed the consultation. A Member suggested responding individually.

**6881 TO REVIEW AND AGREE INCOME & EXPENDITURE MOVEMENT FOR THE MONTH**

**a. BILLS AWAITING PAYMENT**

Agreed.

**b. BACS PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Agreed.

**c. INTER BANK TRANSFERS (OVER 10K)**

None.

**d. PETTY CASH**

None.

**e. NEW SUPPLIER BACS AUTHORISATION**

None.

**6882 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no objections to the following planning application(s):-

P2021/0864

P2021/0461

P2021/0527

P2021/0528

P2021/0535

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<b>No. of Application</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Planning Officer</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
P2021/0384	Mr Ian Mcauliffe	Carport	65 Crynallt Road Cimla, Neath SA11 3RN	Daisy Tomkins	No objections

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P2021/0461	Mr Nigel Rees	Change of use of the former public house (Class A3) to 3 retail units (Class A1) on ground floor with 2no one-bedroom flats on the first and second floors	30 Orchard Street Neath SA11 1DU	Billy Stark	No objections
P2021/0527	Mr Simon Thomas	Change of Use from shop (use class A1) to Financial and professional services - Estate Agent (use class A2)	3 Old Town Hall New Street, Neath SA11 1RT	Andrea Davies	No objections
P2021/0528	Mr Neil Burt	Retention of existing Garage.	137 Pantyrheol Neath SA11 2HB	Andrea Davies	No objections
P2021/0535	Mr Tom Head	Retention of ground floor retail unit and creation of 8no self contained flats on ground and first floor	46 Wind Street Neath SA11 3HA	Billy Stark	No objections

**6883 TO DISCUSS THE SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT FOR NEATH TOWN COUNCIL**

There were no issues to discuss.

**6884 TO DISCUSS ANY MEMBER ISSUES AND RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF NEATH TOWN COUNCIL**

There were no issues to discuss.

**6885 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

There were no items for the next Agenda.

**6886 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS – TO CONSIDER PASSING A RESOLUTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 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 resolution was duly passed.

**6887 TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW ANY:-**

**A) INVESTMENT PROPERTY LEASING MATTERS**

**i) TO RECEIVE A REPORT REGARDING 1-4 NEW STREET GRANT APPLICATION**

Members discussed the report. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed to not sell the building.

Further discussions took place. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed to proceed with work on the ground floor and pursue the Public Works Loan funding for the first and upper floors.

**B) COVID ARREARS REPAYMENT MATTERS**

The Finance Officer went through the current report and Members put forward their comments.

**C) ONGOING, CURRENT AND FUTURE COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS**

Councillors were given a new quote for extended internet access in each of the community centres and Neath Town Hall. **RESOLVED:** Agreed.

**6888 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW OF ANY STAFFING MATTERS**

There were no issues to discuss.

Members were informed that the maintenance staff had removed the shed at the Fairyland Allotment site.

**6889 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW OF ANY HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS**

There were no issues to discuss.

A Councillor asked for an update regarding the Council's Charity accounts. The Finance Officer provided an update. He advised the meeting that a complaint would have to be made against Lloyds bank for the poor and untimely manner in which this issue was being dealt with.

**6890 TO FIX A DATE AND AGREE AN AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. An agenda would be circulated in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.