

The Town Clerk informed Members that a damaged shed had been removed from the Fairyland Allotment site by the NTC maintenance staff.

The Clerk advised the meeting that a recently elected Councillor had a Lease for an Allotment at the Fairyland site. The Clerk asked Council to confirm whether the Cllr could retain his Allotment plot, now he was a Cllr. **RESOLVED:** Members agreed that the Cllr could retain his Allotment plot as he has held a Lease previously to him becoming a Town Councillor.

1945 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF BUS SHELTERS & ROADSIDE SEATS

The Town Clerk stated that the audit of the bus shelters would be taking place on 17th June.

Members were informed that the 6 monthly clean of the shelters would be taking place next week.

Members were shown the NTC stickers that would be placed on the bus shelters with the inclusion of the Welsh translation. **RESOLVED:** After discussion it was agreed to have bilingual stickers.

1946 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW REPORT ON COMMUNITY HALLS

Members were informed that the hall hire was increasing steadily post COVID for those groups/organisations who were eligible to hire. As a reflection of the increase in bookings, the vacancy for the second Caretaker position had been advertised, shortlisting had taken place with interviews next week.

1947 TO REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ESTATES

<i>Correspondence Received</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Resolutions</i>
A letter from an Allotmenteer who is currently on a half plot, requesting to take over the other half of the plot that is no longer being worked.	Members to discuss.	It was proposed, seconded and agreed to allow the Allotmenteer the entire plot.
Cllr. W. Curtis declared an interest and left the Meeting.		
Responses from Cimla residents regarding the placing picnic benches on Cimla Common.	Members to discuss.	The responses were discussed at length. RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed not to proceed with the picnic benches by a vote of 4 for and 3 against. (One Member wasn't able to

		vote due to connection issues)
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Cllr. W. Curtis returned to the Meeting.

Cllr. Mrs L. Jones gave her apologies and left the Meeting.

<i>Additional Correspondence Received</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Resolutions</i>
Response from a Cimla resident regarding the proposal for picnic benches at Cimla Common.	For information.	-
An email from Emma White of Neath Brownies requesting storage at Cimla Community Centre.	Members to discuss.	Members discussed the request. RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed to wait for the dimensions of the storage unit before a decision could be made.
An email from Hurley & Davies regarding the re-development New Street building with estimated costings which would be provided for the Grant application for the property.	For information.	Cllrs noted the estimated quotations for the redevelopment/refurbishment of the 1 st and 2 nd floors.

1948 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE LAND ASSET REGISTER FOR NTC AND CONFIRMATION THAT ALL NTC'S 'LAND HOLDINGS' ARE REGISTERED WITH HM LAND REGISTRY BY 2025

The Town Clerk outlined the registration process and stated that the Land Registry would be contacted to confirm that NTC had registered the correct 'land holdings' in their portfolio.

1949 TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications received.

1950 TO DISCUSS ANY MEMBER ISSUES AND RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS THEY HAVE ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF NEATH TOWN COUNCIL

There were no issues to discuss.

1951 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA FROM MEMBERS

Members asked that the Café menu and pricing be discussed at the next Meeting. **RESOLVED.**

1952 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.

1953 TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW:-

**A) INVESTMENTS PROPERTY LEASING MATTERS
B) COVID ARREARS REPAYMENT MATTERS**

Members were given an update on properties and arrears repayments received.

The Town Clerk gave the Meeting an update on the repair works at Neath Castle and confirmed that a site visit had taken place with CADW and there would be a slight increase in the cost of the project due to issues with reinstalling drainage works.

Members were given an update on the redevelopment of the New Street property. Hurley & Davies had provided estimated costs for the 1st and 2nd floors (in addition to the separate costs for the ground floor) and this would be included in the first stage of the PEDG grant application. **RESOLVED:** Due to the significant level of funding required for the refurbishment, the Meeting discussed a public works loan and its longevity.

Cllr. J. Evans left the Meeting.

RESOLVED: After discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed to discuss the funding level at the Finance Committee.

C) ONGOING, CURRENT AND FUTURE COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

Members were updated on an issue with the hanging baskets installation and issues with the NPTCBC barriers at Angel Square, Neath which were not envisaged. Concerns raised regarding another issue with the floral displays despite NTCs efforts to support the town. **RESOLVED:** This would be discussed at a scheduled meeting with Nicola Pearce – NPTCBC, Head of Regeneration and Environment.

1954 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW OF ANY STAFFING MATTERS

The Meeting was informed that the Finance Officer had resigned and would be leaving in September. The vacancy had been advertised.

1955 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW OF ANY HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

The Town Clerk stated that the contract with the Health & Safety company was due for renewal and would be discussed and brought back to the next meeting, for agreement.

1956 TO FIX A DATE AND AGREE AN AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th July 2021. An agenda would be circulated in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.