

**MINUTES OF ESTATES COMMITTEE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES
(CORONAVIRUS) (MEETINGS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2020
ON THURSDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: **CLLR. A. SIMS**

COUNCILLORS: **W. CURTIS**
MS T. DAVIES
J. HARLE
MRS L. JONES
P. JAMES
MRS J. L. LOCKYER
MRS S. MILLER
G. MORGAN
A. MUSAIED
MRS S.M. PENRY

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS: **J. EVANS**

IN ATTENDANCE: **KATHRYN CHARLES**
SARA WHARMBY
SARAH WILLIAMS

1987 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

1988 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Cllrs Mrs S. Penry and Cllr W. Curtis in respect of Item 3.

1989 TO WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSS ALLOTMENT ISSUES FROM:-

- A) OLD ROAD ALLOTMENTS**
- B) FAIRYLAND ALLOTMENTS**

Members had received the report prior to the Meeting. Members discussed their options in relation to the possible return of the communal area.

Cllr. A. Musaied entered the Meeting.

Cllr. Mrs L. Jones disconnected from the Meeting.

Members suggested to accept the request from Cefn Saeson pupils to work one of the plots. **RESOLVED:** After discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed to offer the plots to Cefn Saeson. Once remaining plots are available, to offer them to the Fairyland Allotment waiting list.

1990 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF BUS SHELTERS & ROADSIDE SEATS

Members were informed that they were currently awaiting a date for the refurbishment estimated to be in March/April 2022.

1991 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW REPORT ON COMMUNITY HALLS

Members were updated on a water leak in Melin Community Centre and contractors have been contacted to review the water source.

The Meeting was informed that the fire alarm at Cimla Community Centre had disconnected due to the electricity fault however the fault could not be identified at the time. **RESOLVED:** After discussion, it was agreed to install a separate electricity supply for the alarm and costs were given and approved.

Cllr. Mrs L. Jones returned to the Meeting.

1992 TO DISCUSS THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING IN EACH NTC WARD AREA

A Member asked if Council could explore the possibility of having Christmas lights in each Ward and develop and extend the lights each year, however the budget would need to be further considered to cover the increased costs. The Meeting discussed their options.

Cllr. Mrs L. Jones disconnected from the Meeting.

The Town Clerk updated Members on the current budget that had been set for 2022/23 for Christmas activities.

Cllr. Mrs L. Jones returned to the Meeting.

A further debate covered the possible future provision of a Christmas tree in Town Council Wards.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed for Councillors to identify the areas they wished to cover with 'Christmas lights' and to bring them to the next Estates Committee Meeting. The Chair stated that all Councillors should submit suggestions.

Cllr. R. Price entered the Meeting.

1993 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE DRAFT SLA REGARDING FLEET/EQUIPMENT SERVICING CONTRACT WITH NPTCBC

Members had received the report prior to the Meeting and explained the current situation with the van which had failed its MOT. The Town Clerk explained Council's options to repair the van as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed to sign the SLA with NPTCBC and arrange for the van to be serviced and re-MOT'd at the site.

1994 TO REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ESTATES

There was no correspondence received.

1995 TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications received.

1996 TO DISCUSS ANY MEMBER ISSUES AND RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS THEY HAVE ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF NEATH TOWN COUNCIL

There were no reports received.

1997 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA FROM MEMBERS

To discuss having Christmas lights in each ward.

1998 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.

Sara Wharmby left the Meeting.

1999 TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW:-

A) INVESTMENTS PROPERTY LEASING MATTERS and COVID ARREARS REPAYMENT MATTERS

The Town Clerk provided a comprehensive spreadsheet highlighting the current position on all tenants/rent received (covering points A & B). **RESOLVED:** The spreadsheet would be circulated for information after the meeting.

Members raised concerns regarding the current debt position and the proposals of taking forward new Leases under the agreed terms and conditions.

An update on Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the refurbishment project was provided to support the paperwork already circulated.

ONGOING, CURRENT & FUTURE COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

The Clerk provided updated figures on the replacement dishwasher and oven for the Café. At Full Council, Leasing options were requested but were still being chased as responses were slow. **RESOLVED:** To be chased for Finance discussion.

2000 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW OF ANY STAFFING MATTERS

Policy & Personnel Committee was to be held on 18th January 2022.

2001 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW OF ANY HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

None to add from Full Council.

2002 TO FIX A DATE AND AGREE AN AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 13th January 2022. An agenda would be circulated in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.