

NEATH TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the hybrid meeting on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 6pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs S. M. Penry (Chair), Cllr. J. Warman (Vice Chair), Cllr. P. James, Cllr. Ms M. P. Lloyd, Cllr. Mrs J. L. Lockyer, Cllr. J. Miller, Cllr. G. Morgan, Cllr. A. Musaid, Cllr. M. Protheroe, Cllr A Sims, Cllr. D. Thomas, (Kathryn Charles – Town Clerk, Amanda Holmes – RFO, Sara Wharmby, Admin Assistant)

Absent: Cllr. Ms L. Heard, Cllr. Mrs L. Jones,

SFC2022/7 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. T. Cooze, Cllr. K. Finn, Cllr. T. Pearson, Cllr. R. Price, Cllr. Mrs S. Price and Cllr. P. Sambrook.

SFC2022/8 To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct

Members discussed their Declarations of Interest.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. Mrs S. M. Penry & Cllr. P. James in respect of item 5 on the Agenda, from Cllr. Mrs S. M. Penry, Cllr. M. Protheroe & Cllr. J. Warman in respect of a piece of correspondence under item 6 on the Agenda.

SFC/2022/9 To welcome Members of the Public to the meeting and receive and queries relevant to the Agenda

The Chair welcomed members of the public to the Meeting.

SFC2022/9 To review quarterly budget reporting

Councillors had received the report prior to the Meeting.

The RFO explained that some budget lines were currently below budget, however this needed to be considered against seasonal variations. Members put forward their queries. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the report.

SFC2022/10 To consider a Notice of Motion duly received in accordance with Standing Orders regarding a draft resolution of Full Council draft minutes no. FC2022/46c on 7th July

RESOLVED: A Member put forward a proposal to debate the Motion as the request was unexpected and Council did not have all the relevant information at the time. This was agreed by a vote of 10 for and 1 against.

The Meeting discussed the request from Neath RFC and asking to support the community event. **RESOLVED:** After consideration and debate, it was proposed and seconded to accept the request for support. This was agreed by a vote of 10 for. One Member was against the vote.

Members asked the RFO if any budget could be moved to provide sponsorship. The RFO informed the Meeting where money could be moved from if Council wish to donate. This was discussed further.

A proposal was put forward to donate £500 to the community event. This was not seconded.

A proposal was put forward to donate £2,000 for the community event. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed to donate £2000 to the event by a vote of 10 for and 1 against.

SFC2022/11 To discuss outstanding correspondence

Correspondence received for action		Resolutions
July training dates from One Voice Wales.	Do Members wish to attend?	The Town Clerk updated Members on the mandatory training.
A email from Joanna Williams regarding a complaint about antisocial behaviour in Neath Town Centre.	Council to respond, as requested.	Members stated that this was a Police matter. <i>Cllr. Ms M. P. Lloyd left the Meeting.</i> RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed to respond stating it was not within NTCs remit, and to give them details of who to contact. Members agreed that they had received a few similar letters recently and asked that a standard response be sent.
Two emails from members of the public who attended the Full Council Meeting on 7 th July, with feedback of the Meeting and issues regarding data protection.	For discussion.	Noted. RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed to move any items with personal information to Confidential.

Additional Correspondence received for noting	Resolutions
Email from Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School regarding their plot at Fairyland Allotments.	To be discussed at the next Estates Committee Meeting.

SFC2022/12 To review and consider Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following planning applications:

P2022/0341 - Mr Andrew Sims, Land Adjacent To 17 Gardners Lane, Neath SA11 2AH

P2022/0566 - JD Wetherspoon, 7 Windsor Road, Neath SA11 1LS

P2022/0568 - Kevin Bankhead, Neath Community Tennis Courts, Dyfed Road, Neath, SA11 3AN

SFC2022/13 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.

SFC2022/14 To receive an update on Investment Properties

a) Offer received for a vacant unit

The Clerk presented an offer on a 6 Green Street. **RESOLVED:** Offer accepted under the terms presented at the meeting.

SFC2022/15 To discuss and receive updated Constitution (and outline key issues as part of New Council training)

The Clerk outlined several key points in the updated Constitution in particular attendance at meetings which would be published, submitting apologies for absence to ensure meetings were quorate in advance, screens 'on' during confidential sections of Council meetings and papers available via the Members Portal to continue to reduce printing and postage costs.

a) To discuss any Members issues relating to the Constitution

A member highlighted equality issues relating to 'his' throughout the document. The Clerk stated that the Welsh Government Standing Orders are issued in a generic format and

sections which are 'highlighted in bold' can not be changed. If Council wished, they could add an addendum to highlight several pronouns to embrace equality.

SFC2022/16 To discuss and agree the requirement for Sub-Committees to be held in July

Members confirmed that no meetings were required. If any urgent matter was to occur, the Clerk would contact the Mayor to convene a meeting.

Signed: S. M. P. [Signature]

Dated: 1/9/22