TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid Wednesday, 19th April, 2023 at 6.30 p.m.

Present:	Councillors G. Evans (Chair) K. Phillips A.E. Tippings G. Badham A. Jones E. Jones B. Rees J. Thomas G. Walters
In attendance:	Clerk – Ms. C. Aherne RFO – Ms. A. Edwards

349) Apologies. Councillors M. Turner, P. Cornlouer, P. Prosser, H. Trollope, S. Trollope, K. Waldron and C. Walters

350) Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members to make their declarations as and when necessary.

351) To receive any verbal recommendations of all Sub-Committee / Working Party meetings held prior to this meeting of Council

It was agreed that the following recommendations be approved:

Performance Review Sub-Committee - Wednesday, 19th April, 2023

- The reports presented in respect of the Budget against Actual, Revised Reserves and Asset Register were recommended for approval (Actions arising: seek funding for 80th anniversary of bomber crash memorial and stocktake of traffic management road signs); and
- Internal Auditor Recommendations: update noted and accepted.

352) To consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in April 2023

The RFO spoke to the report and explained that the bank reconciliations, valid to date, were available for Members to view upon request, which was noted accordingly.

- The Officer drew attention to 'Revised accounts for March 2023'. which were highlighted in 'red' and revisions carried out accordingly
- The additional payment in respect of 'Petty Cash' was noted, which needed to be implemented for the end of year
- Council noted the payment for the May 2022 election charges, expressing concern

the invoice had not been received in a timely manner and therefore being subject to payment during the following financial year

Council thereupon ratified the changes and approved the accounts accordingly.

The RFO requested that the designated signatories contact the office in respect of signing cheques for payment.

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, presented items were approved for payment. Transfer of funds, as approved by Council, would be undertaken in the presence of the appropriate Member and Town Clerk, which was noted accordingly.

353) To receive and adopt the following Minutes of Council:

- a) Events Sub-Committee 1st March, 2023
- b) Civic Meeting of Council 1st March, 2023
- c) Ordinary Meeting of Council 15th March, 2023

It was agreed that, for points of accuracy only, all Minutes presented be moved en bloc as a true record.

354) Chair to sign Minutes - at earliest opportunity in accordance with WG Legislation and Guidance

Minutes approved were duly signed by the Chair in the presence of Council.

355) Correspondence

a) List of applications received, week ending 31.03.2023.
i) Temporary Event Notice 15.04.2023 – Dukestown Workingmen's Club
ii) Temporary Street Trading, sale of hot / cold food / drink – Parc Bryn Bach.

- Noted.
- 2) One Voice Wales a) Virtual Allotment Officers Forum 27.04.2023. Virtual free event, booking required.
 - Noted; the Leader asked if staff could attend, if available.
 - b) Re: Model Standing Orders. Publishing a new Model by the end of April incorporating changes on governance law introduced by way of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

- Noted; to be reviewed on receipt by the Policy Sub-Committee at the appropriate time.
- c) Introduction from the newly appointed OVW Communications Officer, Emyr John.
 - Noted
- 3) Tredegar Twinning Thanks for grant. Association
 - Noted

4) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 14.04.2023 & 21.04.2023; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum meeting 17.04.2023; BGCBC Poster for cost of living event – *Twitter / website.*

Councillor J. Thomas declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

356) Planning:

- a) i) List of planning applications received in week 14
 - ii) List of planning applications received in week 15

b) To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations – None received.

c) To consider other planning matters – None received.

357) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

- 'NHS at 75' Anniversary: it was agreed that a commemorative plaque be sourced and placed at the Aneurin Bevan Stones for the 75th anniversary of the NHS, in place of the plaque commemorating the 60th anniversary, which had been stolen. It was proposed that the unveiling could be undertaken as part of the celebrations.
- King Charles III Coronation commemorative pin badges it was agreed that the memorabilia be delivered to the Primary Schools, as follows: Bryn Bach – Councillors Gemma Badham and Alyson Tippings; Deighton – Councillor Jacqueline Thomas; Georgetown – Councillor Gerran Walters; Glanhowy – Councillor Allan Jones; and St. Joseph's – Councillor Kevin Phillips.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.49 p.m.