

**OGMORE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON,  
TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

**Those present: Councillor Scott Priday, Chairman, in the Chair**

**Councillors:**

Mrs. M. J. Jenkins  
Mrs. J. Harris  
G.G. Jones  
W.G. Lewis  
Mrs. L. Hill  
G. Bees

**Others:**

**Police Representative:** Apologies were received.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**

**Resolved:** Apologies for absence were noted by Members. A month was approved for Huw Daniel due to a change in his work commitments since taking post.

2. **To receive any declarations of interest (if any) from Members.**

Members are invited to declare personal and prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. It is a requirement that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial.

**Resolved:** No declarations were received.

3. **Items for the Police Representative.**

**Resolved:** Crime figures were reported.

4. **Statement of Accounts**

**Resolved:** Members received statements of accounts and details of the budgets were checked and approved against actual spend.

5. **Ogmore Valley Fun Day Sponsorship Financial Support Request – June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**Resolved:** That £250.00 was approved

6. **Fire Resistant Filing Cabinet**

**Resolved:** That the Clerk is to purchase a suitable cabinet upto the value of £1,500.00.

7. **PA – Community Request to purchase for events**

**Resolved:** That the Clerk is to purchase PA systems (2 off) upto the value of £500.00.

8. **To Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council were approved and accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

9. **To Approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Planning Committee was approved and accepted as a true record of the proceedings. Councillors names who were in attendance at the meeting were added by amendment.

10. **To Approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**Resolved:** That the meeting was cancelled due to not Quorum.

11. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

**Resolved:** No matters arose.

12. **Signing of the Minutes**

**Resolved:** All document pages relating to the above named minutes were signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Scott Friday, in the Chair, and, witnessed by Community Council Members Present.

13. **The next Ordinary Meeting of Ogmores Valley Community Council will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, at 6.30pm** in Blackmill Youth and Community Centre.,

14. **The next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 9:30am** in the Welfare Hall, Ogmores Vale.

**AGENDA**

Matters deferred/delegated to the committee

15. **The next meeting of the Regeneration Committee will be held on, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 9:30am** in the Welfare Hall, Ogmores Vale.

**AGENDA**

Matters deferred/delegated to the committee

16. **The next meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee will be held on , Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 9:30am** in the Welfare Hall, Ogmores Vale.

**AGENDA**

Matters deferred/delegated to the committee

**Resolved:** That items 10 – 13 are noted.

## Report of the Clerk

### 17. **Welsh Government and One Voice Wales Survey Request**

As part of research into the services provided and assets managed by town and community councils, you are invited to complete a survey.

The survey aims to find out more about the services and assets your council is currently responsible for, whether you are considering taking on more responsibility for services and assets, and how the Welsh Government and NTAG could best support you to do so.

The survey is aimed at clerks and councillors working within the sector, issued by the Welsh Government and supported by One Voice Wales (OVW) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).

The survey will be live from **23<sup>rd</sup> January** until **30<sup>th</sup> March** and we encourage as many of you to take part as possible in order to build a full understanding. You may wish to take this survey to your council meeting in order to discuss and verify your responses.

Send the hardcopy version to the following address;

Joanne Coates,  
Social Research and Information Division,  
Welsh Government,  
Crown Buildings,  
King Edward VII Avenue,  
Cardiff.  
CF10 3NQ

**Resolved:** That item 17 was noted.

### 18. **REACH Craft Event**

Country Craft Event - Reach Rural Development are organising which will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10-4pm at the Wesley Church Centre, Tondu CF32 9BF

**Resolved:** That item 18 was noted.

### 19. **One Voice Wales Bridgend, Cardiff & Vale Area Committee Minutes -16th January 2017**

The above minutes have been received for yours consideration.

**Resolved:** That item 19 was noted.

### 20. **Welsh Government introduces Bill to challenge UK Government's "damaging and divisive" Trade Union Act**

Information can be found on their website.

**Resolved:** That item 20 was noted.

## 21. Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCR) - Sheila Davies – Programme Director

Regional economy lagging behind UK average and most other city regions in UK

- Low productivity (£7billion economic output gap)
- Low employment (35,000 “in-work” gap)
- CCR GVA per capita : £18,063
- UK average GVA per capita : £24,958
- London GVA per capita: £42,666

•Infrastructure investment historically weaker than other UK regions

### What is a City Deal?

- Approximately 30 City Deals across the UK including:
  - “Northern Power House”
  - Significant devolution to Greater Manchester
- Cardiff Capital Region only second in a devolved nation and first for Wales
  - No Directly elected Mayor required
  - 3 way deal between 10 councils, Welsh Government and UK Government

### Key Principles

- 3 way Collaboration with a collective commitment to accelerate development, support jobs growth and create a more productive economy
- Work with business community to establish best model for regional economic leadership.
- Priority is to create conditions for a more competitive economy
- A commitment for city-region governance to support a sustainable approach to the future of the Cardiff Capital Region
- Creates the opportunity for further City Deals, greater devolution of powers to the region and to deliver some services regionally.

### Investing in economic fabric of the region

- £734m of £1.22bn to be invested in Metro
- £495m wider investment fund from HMT and 10 Local Authorities for other ambitions such as housing and site regeneration
- Target to bring in £4bn of private sector funding

### What the Deal will do to support a more productive economy

#### Agreed Heads of Terms Document signed by all leaders and both governments:

- investment in regional infrastructure
- co-ordinate transport planning and investment
- Support innovation and improving the digital network.
- Developing a skilled workforce and tackling unemployment.
- Supporting enterprise and business growth.
- Housing development and regeneration.

### How will the City Deal benefit residents and businesses?

#### Transportation

**Metro** – new lighter, faster, modern trains with Wifi and integrated ticketing with bus companies.

–Opportunities to expand Metro to other communities;

–Opportunities to develop large.

**Park and Rides** to alleviate pressure at key interchanges;

**Highways improvements** – increasing the capacity for future growth;

**Bus improvements across the Region**, in particular to communities not served by the rail network – focus on cross valley routes as well as the direct routes to the city and town centres.

**Housing Investment Fund** – creates opportunities to develop “dormant” brownfield sites attracting significant private sector funding;

•Opportunities to develop

**Industrial Estates and Enterprise Zones** as a key regional economic hubs through investing in new commercial premises;

•Local companies will benefit from an investment to expand international trade and improve international competitiveness of our key sectors to support job creation;

•Apprentice programme could deliver significant placements for residents over the next 5 years;

•Exploring opportunities to develop FE College provision in the South East of the County

**Cardiff Capital Region Cabinet** - a Joint Committee – comprising the 10 Leaders;

•**Regional Transport Authority** – to coordinate transport planning and investment;

•**Skills and Employment Board** – to ensure skills and employment provision is responsive to the needs of businesses and communities;

•**Economic Growth Partnership** – brings together business, HE, FE and local authorities to advise the Cabinet on the regional economic strategy and project development;

•**Regional Business Organisation** – to provide a strong business voice across the business community.

#### What LA functions will be delegated to the Capital Region Cabinet?

Management of the CCR Investment Fund;

•Any additional devolved funding to the CCR;

•The Regional Transport Authority – strategic transport planning and co-design of the Metro;

•Strategic economic development planning, including housing, transport and land use. Development Control functions would remain with councils;

•Influencing skills and employment programmes;

•Inward investment and marketing the region;

•Delivery of an integrated business support delivery unit;

•Subject to WG approval, control over business rate income above an agreed growth forecast.

#### What is the cost to the Council of the City Deal?

Councils’ collective contribution is £120m;

•UK Govt contribution is £10m per year for years 1-5 and approx £21m per year until 2036;

•If councils spend the money earlier they have to carry the costs of the debt;

•Total max cost to 10 councils - £210.8m to release £1bn of UKG/WG funding and £4bn of private sector funding. Over £23 return on each £1 we spend.

#### What is the current position in agreeing the City Deal?

All 10 councils will seek to commit to fund and deliver the City Deal by February 2017;

•Council report will cover:

–Financial contribution

–Formally establish Joint Committee

- Agree Joint Working Agreement between the 10 councils
- Assurance Framework that governs how Joint Cabinet will develop and prioritise programme
- Implementation Programme

**Resolved:** That item 21 was noted.

**22. ASIST participant questionnaire. Please help with our learning for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training**

I am writing to you as a past participant of our ASIST Course– Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. As an organisation we are looking at how the training we provide may have impacted upon the communities we serve. As such we would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short online questionnaire on any practical use of ASIST you may have had. Even if you haven't the information you provide could very much benefit our learning.

If you follow the link – there are a series of questions <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ASIST1>

The questionnaire will be closed on the 28 of February.

**Resolved:** That item 22 was noted.

**23. Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee - consultation into the Trade Union (Wales) Bill**

The [Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee](#) is undertaking an inquiry into the general principles of the [Trade Union \(Wales\) Bill](#). Further details about the Bill and the accompanying [Explanatory Memorandum](#) can be found on the [Bill page](#).

The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence to assist in its consideration of the Bill.

Please find attached a letter from the Chair which includes more information  
**Submissions should arrive by 17 February 2017.**

**Resolved:** That item 23 is noted.

**24. Larger Councils Committee 15th February 2017**

The Agenda and Minutes for the Larger Councils Meeting on 15th February 2017 have been received.

**Resolved:** That item 24 is noted.

**25. One Voice Wales - Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute - 11th November 2018**

On the 3rd August 1914, Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was looking out of his office window. It was dusk, and gas lights were being lit along London's Mall, leading to Buckingham Palace, when he remarked to a friend, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime". Our country was about to be plunged into the darkness of the First World War, and it would be four long years before Britain and Europe would again experience the light of peace.

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, a chain of 1,000 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories at 7pm on the 11th November 2018 – a century after the guns fell silent. You will be pleased to know that more than 320 organisations have already confirmed their involvement.

The event will also commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning, bringing the harvests home and ensuring the nation did not starve.

The beacons will symbolise the light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war, and we hope that your organisation will join us in this important national commemoration on Sunday 11th November 2018, especially as the majority of you would have had a previous member of your family involved in this four year conflict.

Detailed co-ordination begins in April 2017, when we will publish a special *Guide to Taking Part*, similar to that produced for Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Beacons on 21st April this year. If you can confirm your involvement before the end of March 2017 we will be able to include your organisation in the guide's acknowledgements pages before it is distributed to others encouraging their involvement too.

Participating councils, organisations and community groups will also receive a special certificate as a permanent reminder of their involvement in this special tribute.

There are a number of cost-effective ways of participating in the chain of beacons.

(1) Use existing beacon braziers on tall wooden poles erected in 1988 and for other recent anniversaries.

(2) Use gas-fueled beacons lit for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk obtain options and quotations in order to participate.

26. **One Voice Wales Councillor 'Code of Conduct' Training**

**Resolved:** Congratulations was given to Cllr. Mrs. Janet Harris in completing the One Voice Wales 'Code of Conduct' training.