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## **Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Present: Councillors R Carroll; J Davies; J Bissex; C Andrews (remotely); P Collins.

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk

Meeting Chairman: Councillor Reg Carroll (Deputy Mayor)

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies received.

### **2. To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.**

Councillor Bissex declared an interest in agenda item 8.

### **3. Press and Public Participation Session.**

No enquiries received by the clerk.

### **4. To appoint a deputy chair to the committee.**

RESOLVED – to appoint Cllr Davies as deputy chair.

### **5. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

RESOLVED – to approve and sign the draft unapproved minutes as a true record of proceedings.

### **6. To review and approve bank reconciliation of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and payment list to date.**

Bank reconciliation and payments list were reviewed by the committee with a discussion taking place about the new accounting software. The committee approved both documents.

### **7. To receive updates from the clerk along with notice of correspondence from:**

i. **Lloyds Bank in respect of the FSCS.** – the clerk was instructed to write to Lloyds bank to ask for a clear explanation as Members would argue that Bargoed Town Council falls within the small local authority category.

ii. **Gallagher Insurance confirmation of cover** - the clerk provided confirmation of the two insurance policies.

iii. **Torfaen Council pension end of year communication.** – Members were made aware that the year end underpayment had been noted as paid prior to TCBC providing the year end notice to Bargoed Town Council and the new financial year commenced with a net zero balance.

iv. **Employers pension contributions rate to next revaluation exercise.** – the clerk reported that Bargoed Town Council employers contribution rate will not increase from 19.9% as previously expected. This rate will apply until the next revaluation exercise.

### **8. To discuss the implementation of a Long Service Policy as circulated to Members electronically prior to the meeting.**

Members reviewed the draft policy making slight edits to its content. The clerk was instructed to make arrangements for the purchase of small plaques at the earliest convenience, with four plaques to be purchased in order that one may be awarded posthumously.

**9. To receive confirmation of the feedback provide to the local planning authority in respect of planning applications:**

Members noted the following:

24/0238/HH – The cottage, 30 Commercial Street, Gilfach – *comments were submitted expressing concern about road traffic chaos in the area, parking concerns, residents opposition due to fear of being overlooked and that Members have advised residents who have contacted them that they should raise their own objections in writing.*

24/0280/NCC – two dwellings in Llancayo street, Bargoed – no objections

24/0294/HH – 27 Cwrt Neuadd Wen Aberbargoed – potting store/garden shed – no objections

24/0299/RM – 67 residential units on land off Tir Y Wen Bedwellty Road, Aberbargoed – no objections

24/0346/FULL – British Telecom Exchange Baldwin Street Bargoed – Louvre ventilation – no objections

24/0341/HH -52 McDonnell Road Bargoed – rear extension – no objections

24/0369/LA – Gilfach House, William Street change of use to educational – no objections

24/0357/COU – Former Sculptors Yard, Cardiff Road, Bargoed – change of use to dog grooming parlour – no objections

24/0384/ADV – 2 Hanbury Road – illuminated fascia – no objections

24/0392/FULL – Jobcentre Plus Unit 3-4 Lowry Plaza – DDA access – no objections

This concluded business of the meeting. The meeting closed at 11.50am