

## ***MINUTES OF THE BLACKWOOD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup>. JUNE 2015***

***Present :*** Councillor N Turner ( Mayor )  
Councillor B Baber ( Deputy Mayor )  
Councillors G Erasmus, M Harris, M Veater MBE, Z Hammond, J Criddle, D Davies & P Cook

Also Present : Inspector Carl Harris  
Paul Shackson ( P S Partnership )

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

Apologies were received from Councillors C Erasmus, A Farina-Childs & G Hale

### ***2. Presentation by PS Partnership on proposed Circuit of Wales Development planned for north of Ebbw Vale***

The Mayor welcomed Mr Paul Shackson to the meeting and invited him to address the meeting.

Mr Shackson outlined the proposals for the Regeneration Project north of Ebbw Vale to provide a race circuit and associated works that is estimated will provide a massive boost to the Welsh economy in terms of jobs and tourists.

A copy of the presentation is attached and forms part of these minutes.

### ***3. Policing Matters***

The Mayor welcomed the new Inspector Carl Williams to the meeting, who in turn apologised for not attending previous meetings due to holiday commitments.

The Inspector reported a slightly worrying increase in Anti Social Behaviour crimes over recent months, but stated that he was determined to reverse the trend.

He reported in more detail on certain crimes that currently appeared to be targeted at properties in the Potllanfraith area, namely the removal of window units etc. to obtain entry.

He also reported that Community Support Officers were delivering First Aid Training at Youth Centres and had also recently organised a highly successful Netball Tournament.

There had also been a steady increase in OWL sign up, and significant amounts of information were regularly forwarded to members.

The Inspector stated that anti social problems had re-occurred at Blackwood Bus Station, and that an increased

#### **4. *Mayoral Announcements***

The Mayor announced that his chosen charity would be CLAPA ( Cleft Lip & Palate Association) and that he would be making contact with the local branch very soon.

#### **5. *Correspondence***

The Clerk presented his report on correspondence received, and all were noted.

In respect of the request for a contribution towards spaces for children attending the Sport Scheme at Heolddu, Newbridge & Ystrad Mynach Leisure Centres during the summer holidays, it was decided not to support the application.

In respect of the correspondence from the Pensions regulator, it was agreed Playworks be nominated our contact as payroll provider.

#### **6. *Schedule of Payments***

The Clerk presented the following as payments made/ due for payment, which were unanimously ***agreed*** –

		£. p
K & R Print	Printing for Carnival	70.40
Caerphilly C.B.C.	Hire of Rooms at Institute	34.64
Caerphilly C.B.C.	Licence Fee – Use of Grounds for Carnival	70.00
John Hold	May Salary + Reimbursements	721.47
Playworks	May Tax/N.I.	484.70
Andrew Jervis	Internal Audit Fee	120.00

#### **7. *To Confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup>. May 2015***

It was ***resolved*** the minutes be confirmed as a true record

#### **8. *Matters Arising***

There were no matters arising

#### **9. *To Receive the Minutes of the Blackwood Town Centre Management Group Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup>. March 2015-06-28***

It was ***resolved*** the minutes be received

### ***10. Annual Return for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2015***

The Clerk presented his report, and it was ***resolved*** that the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

Furthermore, it was ***agreed*** that the Annual Internal Audit Report be approved and accepted.

The Clerk also informed members that the necessary Notice of appointment of the date for the exercise of elector's rights would be placed on the Council's Notice Board in the Market Place on 17<sup>th</sup>. June, the date as determined by Mazars, the Council's External Auditors

### ***11. Vacancy on Town Council***

The Clerk presented his report, regarding the vacancies on Town Council for the Blackwood North Ward & Blackwood Central Ward following the resignations of Councillors Ann Parsons & Steffan Lewis respectively.

It was ***agreed*** that with the agreement of Caerphilly County Borough Council the Notice Of Vacancies be placed on the Council's Notice Board as soon as possible.

It was ***agreed*** the Clerk notify members as soon as the Notices have been posted.

### ***12. Planning Applications***

The Clerk presented his report on planning applications received since the last meeting.

Councillor P Cook declared an interest as a member of the Caerphilly C.B.C. Planning Committee and took no part in discussion or decision making.

Councillor J Criddle proposed there were no issues in respect of applications 15/0305/COU, 15/0229/FULL, 15/0314/RM and 15/0297/FULL.

However, in respect of applications 15/0244/FULL ( two storey rear extension, side extension & new garage ) and 15/0317/FULL ( first floor and two storey side extension ), he proposed to check with Caerphilly C.B.C. and liaise with the Clerk before making any observations/ reservations. This was agreed by members.

### ***13. Reports***

Councillor Pat Cook stated that she would report back to members on the Community Health Council meeting regarding Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.