

## ***REPORTS TO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup>. SEPTEMBER 2014***

### ***AGENDA ITEM 4 CORRESPONDENCE***

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting –

The Dogs Trust - Request from the local Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre at Bridgend to display posters on Notice Board – Canine Card Scheme and offer of talk to local groups

CISWO - Request for contact details of Town Councillors thus providing the organisation the opportunity of communicating directly on current issues and topics affecting mining beneficiaries and local residents

One Voice Wales - Details of Training Courses available

Notification of Conference and AGM being held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. October at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells

Letter from Cllr. Kerry Jones, Chair, Area Committee raising concerns regarding continued poor attendance at area meetings

Caerphilly CBC - Notification of 2<sup>nd</sup> part of precept £24,539.92 being credited to account

Notification that vacancy for minor authority governor exists on Cefn Fforest School governing body, following resignation by Cllr. Delwyn Davies - Nomination requested

Letter from Welsh Government requesting details of long term town council vacancies

Notification that Bands in the Park at Blackwood Showfield planned for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August had to be cancelled due to Markham and being unable to perform, and no replacements being available

Notification that provisions of the Well-being Bill only apply to community/town councils who have an income or expenditure of £200,000 or more for the three years preceding the publication of the local well-being plan for their area

Budget Consultation Exercise to help shape services and inform budget decisions over the coming years

Review of Polling Stations in CCBC – request for views regarding location and suitability of existing stations, suggestions for improvements or more suitable building nearby

Natural Resources Wales - Notification that Regulators have completed their initial Generic Design Assessment for the UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactor and found that no fundamental safety, security or environmental issues that are so significant that they would prevent this reactor design from being constructed in the UK

Shelter Cymru - Request for funding – pass to Policy & Finance Committee for consideration

Blackwood Town Cricket Club - Request for funding – pass to Policy & Finance for consideration

***AGENDA ITEM 8 VACANCY CEFN FFOREST EAST WARD***

An e-mail has been received from Councillor Maureen Franklin outlining her intentions to stand down from the Town Council with effect from the beginning of September. She states she enjoyed her time as a Councillor and hoped the Town Council goes from strength to strength.

This means a vacancy will now exist in the Cefn Fforest Ward.

Members views are sought whether to place Notice Of Vacancy, with agreement of Caerphilly C.B.C., immediately or on Clerk's return from leave.

***AGENDA ITEM 9 BLACKWOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION RESULTS***

The following gardens have been chosen –

6 Twynyffald Road  
43 Twynyffald Road  
52 Bloomfield Road  
62 Cefn Road  
13 Tree Tops Avenue  
Newlyn, Cwmgelli  
87 Montclair Avenue  
14 Thorncombe Road

Winners will be invited along to the Civic Awards Evening to receive their Certificates and cheques

***AGENDA ITEM 10 NOMINATIONS FOR CIVIC AWARDS 2014***

Nominations are sought for Civic Awards for 2014.

Earlier in the year two names were proposed, namely Bill Bleazard & Mavis Organ

***AGENDA ITEM 11 NOTICES OF MOTION FOR ONE VOICE WALES AGM***

Copy of the 8 motions being put forward will be circulated at the meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM 12      AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014**

Notification has been received from our External Auditors Mazars, stating they have substantially completed their audit work and report the following –

### ***Proposed audit certificate and opinion***

#### ***Qualification issues***

There are no issues in respect of which we propose to qualify our audit opinion on the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014

#### ***Misstatements in the accounting statements***

During the audit, we identified that an error had been made in the completion of Section 1, Box 6 which included a transfer between accounts of £2,000. This box should be reinstated as £31,799  
We request that this is now corrected.

#### ***Other matters not affecting our opinion***

There are no matters not affecting our opinion need bringing to the attention of the Council

#### ***Approving the Annual Return***

The responsible Financial Officer is required to certify Section 3 in accordance with Reg. 8B of the Regulations. The Council must then formally approve the Annual Return and the Chair of the Meeting sign and date Section 3 in accordance with Reg. 9 of the Regulations.

Once approved, the Annual Return should be returned asap. The external Audit Certificate in Section 3 will then be completed and the Annual Return sent back for publishing.

## **AGENDA ITEM 13      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been received since the last meeting –

14/0458/FULL	Mr L Evans	Erect rear extension to provide kitchen & living room Beech Tree Bungalow, Libanus Road, Blackwood
14/0481/FULL	Blackwood Town C.C	Install primary drainage and surface renovation Blackwood Cricket Club, Gordon Road, Blackwood
14/0466/FULL	Mr R Young	Erect double garage at rear of property Rowanlea, 6 Tucker Villas, Blackwood
14/0511/FULL	Mr S Nutland	Install external lift and reposition entrance for use by disabled person 40 Bloomfield Road, Blackwood
14/0514/FULL	Mr I Fox	Retain garden shed 32 Sunnybank Road, Blackwood
14/0569/RET	Mr D Gore	Retain & complete partially constructed detached garage Land at Garage Workshop, Hillside Terrace, Blackwood

