

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BLACKWOOD TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD REMOTELY ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

**Present :** Councillor R Mills ( Mayor )

Councillors G James, A Farina-Childs, J Edwards, D Davies, T Evans, G Edwards, R Weeks,  
D Jones, A Davies, C Erasmus, Z Hammond, A Short, P Cook & M Gwynne

**1. Apologies or Absence**

Apologies for Absence had been received from County Cllr. K Etheridge

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest made

**3. To Discuss the Policy Procedure & Voting at the AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The Mayor explained the meeting had been called by Councillors G Edwards, D Davies, G James, J Edwards, T Evans & A Farina-Childs and requested one of the members to address the meeting.

Cllr. G Edwards reported that he had concerns that the Clerks view that Cllr. T Evans be denied a vote in the Election of Deputy Mayor, for not being present during the whole of the item regarding said Election was incorrect. Having contacted the C.C.B.C. Monitoring Officer this was confirmed, and Cllr. T Jones should have been allowed a vote.

The Clerk responded by apologising to all members for the erroneous advice he had given. It was a genuine mistake on his part, remembering similar instances in the past at co-option meetings where this had occurred, but only after prior agreement by members present on the evening. He stated he had apologised in conversation with Cllr. G Edwards and via emails to Cllrs. T Evans & M Gwynne. He had contacted One Voice Wales regarding the issue and they had advised the Election be re-run at the next Ordinary Meeting of Town Council.

The Mayor proposed the advice be followed and the Election of Deputy Mayor be placed on the Agenda for our next meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. In seconding the proposition Cllr D Jones stated he had sympathy for the member having been denied a vote as a consequence of technical difficulties and a genuine error by the Clerk, and felt the only proper outcome is to re-run. Perhaps surprisingly this had been the only real problem we had encountered since remote meetings commenced back in October.

Cllr. D Davies requested a recorded vote, and this was agreed.

On going to the vote, the following members **agreed** the Election of Deputy Mayor be re-run at the next meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup>. June -

Councillors R Mills, G James, A Farina-Childs, J Edwards, D Davies, T Evans, G Edwards, R Weeks, D Jones, A Davies, C Erasmus, Z Hammond, A Short, P Cook & M Gwynne .

No one voted against, and the decision was, therefore, unanimous