

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held on Thursday 5th September 2013, at 7.05pm, at the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major

Present; Councillor Mr K Geary – Town Mayor

Councillors; G John) WEST WARD

Mrs S Geary)

G Ingram) SOUTH EAST WARD

Mrs A Matthews)

E Hacker)

E Williams) NORTH WARD

M Mason)

Mrs P Percy)

Mrs S Hanks)

M Marsh) BOVERTON WARD

J Evans)

R Jenkins)

Members of the public.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of;

Councillor Mrs P Lancaster – Prior Commitment

There were no declarations of interest.

250. TOWN HALL

To give permission for the Town Hall to be part of the Open Doors 2013, on 22nd September 2013. To confirm Councillors who can assist on the day.

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy information obtains off the Open Doors 2013 website. It stated that the Town Hall and Heritage Centre would be open for visitors to look around on the 22nd September 2013. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the History Society had agreed to provide cover for the Heritage Centre.

RESOLVED: That permission be given for the Town Hall to be open on the 22nd September 2013.

Councillor Mrs Percy and Councillor Evans confirmed that they will be available between 12noon and 4pm to ‘man’ the front office and upstairs. Councillors Ingram, Jenkins, Marsh and John also agreed to cover a couple of hours. Councillor Mrs Hanks stated she would be available if additional cover was required.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk organise a rota for Councillors and circulate to those available.

251. LLANTONIAN HALL**To discuss quotation received for supply and installation of new oil tank**

Councillors had previously been circulated with an agenda brief regarding the need for a new oil tank at Llantonian Hall, which following a recent maintenance visit had been found not to be double banded.

RESOLVED: That a new oil tank be ordered and the heating engineer be asked to complete the works as soon as possible, to the maximum amount of £1,200 + vat.

Councillor Williams entered the Council Chamber.

252. VALE OF GLAMORGAN**Invitation to Local Service Forum event**

Councillors had previously been circulated with an invitation to the Vale of Glamorgan Local Service Board, Local Service Forum, to be held on Friday 18th October 2013.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Percy and Councillor Ingram attend the Local Service Forum on behalf of the Town Council.

Councillor Hacker entered the Council Chamber.

253. MISCELLANEOUS**To discuss the business associated with the Christmas Lights**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter received from four Councillors requesting that a Special Meeting be called to discuss the above item. In addition there were copies of 3 letters received from the Llantwit Major Events Committee.

Councillors discussed the letters received from the Llantwit Major Events Committee, and those Councillors who attend the public meeting held on 9th August 2013, regarding the Christmas lights, gave a brief verbal report.

Councillor K Geary asked Councillors permission to suspend standing orders to allow the representatives from the Llantwit Major Events Committee to speak.

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

Mr D Driver and Mr C Allen from the Llantwit Major Events Committee addressed Councillors, a discussion took place.

Councillor K Geary asked Councillors permission to reinstate standing orders.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESINSTATED

Further discussion took place with regards the concerns raised by members of the public over the Christmas Illuminations event last year, and the organising of this years event.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports the Llantwit Major Events Committee in running the Christmas Event this year.

Further

RESOLVED: That copies of the Constitution, all correspondence between the Town Council and the Christmas Illuminations Committee, along with the current balance sheet produced by the Christmas Illuminations Committee be forwarded to the legal department in the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Further

RESOLVED: That the £2,500 Christmas Illuminations grant money for 2013, from the Town Council, be given to the Llantwit Major Events Committee.

Further

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk looks back over previous Town Council records for copies of which businesses purchased their lights and these be brought before Full Town Council end of September.

To discuss Town Twinning, what we hope to achieve in the future and to put some indication on how we intend to do it

Councillor Geary informed Councillors that this item was on the agenda following an arranged meeting with Monsieur Britton, previous Chair of Twinning in Le Pouliguen, who was over visiting friends in Llantwit Major. Monsieur Britton was keen to meet with representatives from the Town Council to discuss how Twinning links can be maintained now that the Twinning Association has finished.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Geary along with Councillor Mrs Matthews and Councillor Williams, as previous Town Mayors, meet with Monsieur Britton assure him that the Town Council are very keen to maintain a Twinning link with Le Pouliguen and discuss possible solutions to this.

SIGNED DATED