Minutes of the Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 7.05pm in the Council Chamber, Old School, Llantwit Major

PRESENT;	Chairman –	Councillor Mr R Gant	- Town Mayor
	Councillors	Mr D Foster Mr E Williams Dr D Ellis Mrs J Norman)) NORTH WARD)
		Mr G Morgan Mr G Wilkie) SOUTH EAST WARD
		Mr G John) WEST WARD
		Mr J Evans Mrs S Hanks) BOVERTON WARD

David Maughan – Llantwit Youth Council Aimee Turrell – Llantwit Youth Council Adley Curtis - Youth Leader for Llantwit Youth Council

Apologies received from.

Councillor Dr P Dickson – Prior Commitment
Councillor Mrs G Hughes – Holiday
Councillor G Thomas – Family Commitment
Councillor D Powell - Holiday

PC Jamie Williamson

There were no Declaration of Interest Forms

Councillor Gant asked permission to bring forward Agenda Youth Council Item 1 Youth Activity Progress and Item 2 To discuss any Agenda Items as highlighted by the Youth Council.

473. <u>ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD</u>

YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Activity Progress

David Maughan updated Councillors that the Youth Council were taking part in the campaign to promote period poverty, making products more accessible. Councillor Mrs Norman stated that the Welsh Government had given funds to ensure sanitary products were available to every child, and not just the select few. She was keen to work with the Youth Council to ensure the rules were being followed. David Maughan and Adley Curtis, to liaise with the Llantwit Major School re period poverty and report findings back to the Town Council.

David Maughan confirmed that they were finalising their colour scheme for the Llantwit Bin in the Recreation Field. The Town Clerk confirmed the budget available for this project was £1000.00. This included installation costs.

David stated they were in the process of designing a new Youth Council Logo Design and were looking forward to a social event of Midnight Ice Skating in Cardiff on Friday 6th December 2019.

David confirmed that all future Youth Council minutes were to be recorded by Tia-Jade Allen.

Councillor G John informed the Youth Council that the lighting under the Black Bridge in Llantwit Major should be completed by Network Rail by March 2020. He thanked the Youth Council for all their hard work in highlighting this matter to the Town Council.

To discuss any Agenda Items as highlighted by the Youth Council

The Youth Council had no Agenda Items they wished to discuss.

The Youth Council vacated the Council Chamber.

474. MINUTES

Special Meeting held 24th October 2019

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 24th October 2019, had previously been circulated to the Council Members

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 24th October 2019 be adopted and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Full Town Council Meeting held 31st October 2019

The minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 31st October 2019, had previously been circulated to the Council Members

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on 31st October 2019 be adopted and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Year Plan Committee Meeting held 24th October 2019

The minutes of the 5 Year Plan Committee Meeting held on 24th October 2019, had previously been circulated to the Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the 5 Year Plan Meeting held on 24th October 2019 be adopted and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

VE Day Celebration Committee held on 6th November 2019

The minutes of the VE Day Celebration Committee held on 6th November 2019, had previously been circulated to the Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the VE Day Celebration Committee Meeting held on the 6th

November 2019 be accepted as a true record and all recommendations be

actioned by the Town Clerk.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Fair Trade Forum Meeting held on 7th November 2019

The minutes of the Fair-Trade Forum Meeting held on 7th November 2019, had previously been circulated to the Council Members. Councillors noted that under Date of Next Meeting it should read '10am' and not as previously stated '10pm'.

RESOLVED: That subject to the above amendments the minutes of the Fair-Trade Forum

Meeting held on the 7th November 2019 be accepted as a true record and all

recommendations be actioned by the Town Clerk.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th November 2019

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th November 2019, had previously been circulated to the Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 13th November

2019 be accepted as a true record and all recommendations be actioned by the

Town Clerk.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

475. SIGNING OF MINUTES

Signing of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councillors noted that the Town Mayor would sign the Minutes at the end of the meeting.

476. TOWN MAYOR

Town Mayor report of events attended 1st November 2019 to 30th November 2019

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of events attended by the Town Mayor between 1st November 2019 and 30th November 2019. Noted.

Deputy Town Mayor report of events attended 1st November 2019 to 30th November 2019

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of events attended by the Deputy Town Mayor between 1st November 2019 and 30th November 2019. Noted.

Past Mayors report of events attended 1st November 2019 to 30th November 2019

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of events attended by the Past Mayor between 1st November 2019 and 30th November 2019. Noted.

Questions to the Town Mayor

Councillor R Gant informed Councillors he had received a response from the Gem Newspaper regarding the Town Councils concern re the lack of coverage by the local newspaper of Llantwit Major events. A spokesperson from the Gem stated that since the restructure of the paper the financial targets had become a higher priority for the paper. Councillor Ellis queried this response, as last week's Gem, had considerable support and advertisements from local businesses within the town. Councillors agreed to monitor the coverage over the next month.

477. <u>COMMUNITY CONSTABLE</u>

To receive Community Constables report

PC Jamie Williamson sent his apologies for being unable to attend due to a prior work commitment's. PC Williamson sent a report that stated for the month of October 2019 there had been 49 reported crimes. This was slightly higher than normal due to 12 cases of stalking and harassment and 9 public order offences.

To date the unofficial reported crime figures for November 2019 is 30. These crimes include 6 assaults and anti-social offences.

PC Williamson also confirmed that the Llantwit Police had now moved into the Emergency Services Centre along Llanmaes Road.

478. <u>COUNCIL MEETINGS</u>

Meetings for the Month of December 2019

Councillors had previously been circulated with a list of the Meetings for the Month of December 2019. Noted.

479. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Members Announcements

Councillors R Gant confirmed that he and Councillor Mrs S Hanks had attended a Meeting of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast. Matters discussed included the stopping of the Welsh Government Bio-diversity grant. Councillor Gant confirmed that a new Heritage Coastal sign had been installed on Llantwit Beach financed by the Friends of the Heritage Coast. He also stated that funding and manning issues re the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Centre at Dunraven Bay was also discussed.

Councillor Mrs S Hanks informed Councillors that the new Chamber of Trade Committee were planning a Social Get Together in January 2020.

Action Tracker

Councillors had previously been circulated with an up to date Action Tracker. Councillor Mrs S Hanks requested an updated on the fencing around the tennis courts. The Town Clerk clarified that the fencing was on hold until a final decision was made re the tennis court surface in early Spring 2020. Noted.

To discuss possible Agenda Items for inclusion on Community Liaison Meeting

There were no items for inclusion on the Community Liaison Meeting.

To discuss vacancy for a Minor Authority Governor at Ysgol Y Ddraig

Councillors had previously been circulated with an email dated 5th November 2019 for a vacancy for a Minor Authority Governor at Ysgol Y Ddraig. Councillors were informed that Llanmaes Community Council did not wish to put a representative forward for this post.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs S Hanks be put forward as the representative to sit as a Minor Authority Governor at Ysgol Y Ddraig School

To note Agenda Brief re Christmas Closure of Office

Councillors had previously been circulated with an Agenda Brief detailing proposed dates and times of the Office being closed over the Christmas period.

RESOLVED: That the proposed dates and times of the Office closure over the Christmas period be accepted.

To discuss Website Accessibility regulations effective from September 2020.

Councillors had previously been circulated with details of the Website Accessibility regulations effective from September 2020. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that changes will be required to Llantwit Major Town Council Website in order to adhere to the regulations coming in force. Noted.

480. FINANCE

Bank Reconciliation for period 1st October 2019 to 31st October 2019

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Bank Reconciliation for period 1st October 2019 to 31st October 2019. Noted.

Income for the period 24th October 2019 to 20th November 2019

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Income for the period 24th October 2019 to 20th November 2019. Noted.

Expenditure for the period 24th October 2019 to 20th November 2019

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Expenditure for the period 24th October 2019 to 20th November 2019. Noted.

To discuss Fee Summary for provision of Internal Audit

Councillors had previously been circulated with a letter dated 13th November 2019 detailing a fee summary for KLG Internal Auditor for the provision of an internal audit for 2019/2020.

RESOLVED: That KLG Internal Auditor be accepted as the Internal Auditor for 2019/2020 at a total cost of £915.80.

To discuss membership to SLCC

Councillors had previously been circulated with a Membership Form to the SLCC for 2020.

RESOLVED: That permission is given to take out full membership to SLCC for 2020 at an Annual Subscription of £336.00.

To receive permission to reimburse Llantwit Major Bowls Club £941.47 due to overpayment to Welsh Water

Councillors had been asked to receive permission to reimburse Llantwit Major Bowls Club £941.47 due to overpayment to Welsh Water.

RESOLVED: That retrospective permission be given to reimburse Llantwit Major Bowls Club £941.47 due to overpayment to Welsh Water.

481. <u>DEVELOPMENT</u>

To note Planning Application decisions by the Vale of Glamorgan Councils

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Vale of Glamorgan Councils Planning Application decisions. Noted.

482. CEMETERY

To discuss memorial application for Plot C211

Councillors had previously been circulated with a document detailing a memorial application for Plot C211. The memorial is defined as a Welsh Grey Slate Boulder. The dimensions are within the Cemetery regulations however this type of memorial has not been installed in the cemetery before.

RESOLVED: That permission is granted for a Welsh Grey Slate Boulder to be installed as a memorial on plot C211.

483. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

To discuss Agenda Brief re area in front of Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club

Councillors had previously been circulated with an Agenda Brief re the area in front of Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club. Councillors discussed the area and the way forward.

RESOLVED: That tenders be sent for paving the concrete path and re-seeding/re-turfing the area in front of the Clubhouse. Once tenders returned re-negotiate costings with Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club.

484. TOWN HALL

To discuss Tenders for replacement of Guttering around the Town Hall

Councillors had previously been circulated with Tenders for replacing the Guttering around the Town Hall.

RESOLVED: That the tender from Clive Jones Scaffolding be accepted at a cost of £2800.00 for replacing the Guttering around the Town Hall.

485. OLD SCHOOL

To discuss Quotation re proposed essential Fire Alarm Repairs

Councillors had previously been circulated with a Quotation dated 3rd November 2019 from Dragon Fire & Security Systems Ltd for proposed essential Fire Alarm Repairs.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted to rewire zone 4 of the Old School by Dragon Fires & Security Systems Ltd.

Further

RESOLVED: That advice is sought from the Fire Office as to whether smoke detectors and heat detectors are a requirement in the Compass Building. The Fire Officers decision will determine whether the quotation for installing a smoke and heat detector in the Compass Building by Dragon Fire & Security Systems is undertaken.

486. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

To discuss email re Old Ambulance Station, Llanmaes Road

Councillors had previously been circulated with an email dated 9th November 2019 re the old ambulance station. Councillors discussed the email which stated that the Vale of Glamorgan Council were looking at the old Ambulance station as a potential site for social housing. The email requested that if the area was accepted as a potential development site would the Town Council consider giving access to the site via the Allotment Site.

RESOLVED: That permission is not given for access to the Old Ambulance Station from the Allotment Site.

To discuss meeting and letter from Mr R Thomas re carparks and public toilets

Councillors had previously been circulated with an email dated 22nd November 2019 re reshaping services and the possible transfer of assets to Llantwit Major Town Council. Councillor Foster confirmed that he, Councillor Evans and the Town Clerk had met with representatives of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the following assets were discussed:

Town Hall Car Park
Town Hall Public Conveniences
Boverton Road Public Conveniences
Wine Street Car Park
Llantonian Hall Car Park

It was confirmed that a survey of each asset would be undertaken and forwarded to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That a letter be written to Mr Rob Thomas, Managing Director Vale of Glamorgan Council clarifying the following points:

- 1) The Town Council would consider the position re assets following receipt of the completed survey.
- 2) The Town Could would only consider taking over these assets if an agreement of an annual contribution by the Vale of Glamorgan Council be undertaken of 5 times Band D rate.
- 3) The Town Council wish no restrictions to be enforced re the future use of Boverton Road Public Conveniences

To confirm attendance of Catherine Partridge (Rural Housing Enabler) on Thursday $30^{\rm th}$ January 2020 at 6pm

Councillors noted the attendance of Catherine Partridge (Rural Housing Enabler) on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 6pm.

487. MISCELLANEOUS

To discuss Agenda Brief re proposed site for the Sculpture

Councillors had previously been circulated with an Agenda Brief detailing a proposed new site for the installation of the Sculpture on the new roundabout along the B4265, by the entrance to the new Northern Access Road.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted for negotiation to take place for the Sculpture to be erected on the B4265, by the new Northern Access Road.

To note Llantwit Major 10K 2019 End of Year Financial Report

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Llantwit Major 10K End of Year Financial Report. Noted.

To discuss letter re Age Connect Services in Llantwit Major

Councillors had previously been circulated with a letter re Age Connect Services in Llantwit Major. Councillor Dr Ellis updated Councillors on his concerns re the lack of services now provided by Age Connect and that the Office is now rarely open. Councillors discussed the matter further re funding and location of the Age Connect Office.

RESOLVED: That a letter be written to Cardiff Age Connects requesting an informal meeting with them in the Heritage Centre to discuss the present situation re the services in Llantwit Major and to discuss a way forward.

To note letter from Boverton WI re Remembrance Sunday

Councillors had previously been circulated with a letter from Boverton WI re Remembrance Sunday thanking the Town Council for arranging this year's event. Noted.

To discuss email re Defibrillator Training

Councillors had previously been circulated with an email dated 19th November 2019 re Defibrillator Training. Councillor G Wilkie updated Councillors that St Johns Ambulance had stated they would provide free Defibrillator training session if sufficient numbers wished to attend. Councillor Hanks suggested extending an invitation to St Donats Community Council. Councillor Wilkie also suggested asking Llantwit Youth Council.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted to use a Town Council building for a St Johns Defibrillator training session. Councillor Wilkie to organise the event.

To note letter from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Councillors had previously been circulated with a letter from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board giving an update on queries raised following the meeting between the Health Board and Town Council on the 31st October 2019.

RESOLVED: That a letter of thanks be written to Charles Janczewski, Cardiff and Vale Health Board, for his response to our queries following the Meeting on the 31st October 2019 and look forward to further correspondence in the future.

488. **PART II**

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions To Meetings) Act 1960 (2).

Finance

SIGNED

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk vacated the Council Chamber.

To discuss staffing salaries

Councillors had previously been circulated an email re proposed staffing salaries increases. Councillor Foster updated Councillors on proposals re increase in staffing salaries.

RESOLVED: That the proposed staffing salaries increases be approved and effective from 1st January 2020.

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DATED