Minutes of the Special Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held on Thursday 22nd October 2026, at 6.05pm, at the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major

Present;	Councillor	G Morgan	– Town Mayor
	Councillors;	D Powell	) WEST WARD
		G Thomas	) SOUTH EAST WARD
		Dr P Dickson	) NORTH WARD
		J Norman	)
		E Williams	)
		Dr D Ellis	)
		S Hanks	) BOVERTON WARD
		J Deakin	)

Members of the public.

Apologies; Councillor
Dr L Hallan – Prior engagement
J Lewis – Prior engagement
D Thomas – Prior engagement
G Hughes – Prior engagement

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor G Morgan informed Councillors that Mr D Bennington, Mr A Eccleston, Mrs J Lilford, Mr G Morgan and Mr T Netherway would be addressing the Council. Mrs J Jones gave apologies and was not in attendance, however, could still be considered and voted for the vacancy.

Councillor G Morgan stated all candidates will be given 3 minutes to state why they consider themselves suitable to fill the position of Town Councillor for the Boverton Ward. Councillors will then be able to ask up to 3 questions to each candidate applicable to the Council vacancy.

785. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

To receive all co-option requests

Councillors had previously been circulated with copies of the following correspondence in respect of the above:-

1) Letter dated 25th September 2026 received from Daniel Bennington providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the Boverton Ward.

2) Letter dated 9th October 2026 received from Andrew Eccleston providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the Boverton Ward.

3) Letter dated 13th October 2026 received from Jayne Jones providing background information as to her reasons for considering herself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the Boverton Ward.

4) Letter dated 1st October 2026 received from Jo Lilford providing background information as to her reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the Boverton Ward.

5) Letter received 1st October 2026 received from Gareth Morgan providing background information as to his reasons for considering himself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the Boverton Ward.

6) Letter dated 5th October 2026 received from Trevor Netherway providing background information as to his reasons for considering herself a suitable candidate for the Council vacancy in the Boverton Ward.

Councillor G Morgan requested Councillors propose and second Candidates they wish to be considered for this vacancy and then a ballot will be held. Following candidates were nominated:

Councillor J Norman nominated Mr D Bennington seconded by Councillor Dr P Dickson,
Councillor G Thomas nominated Mr A Eccleston seconded by Councillor Dr D Ellis,
Councillor D Powell nominated Mrs J Jones seconded by Councillor S Hanks and
Councillor J Deakin nominated Mrs J Lilford seconded by Councillor E Williams.

Councillor G Morgan announced that the maximum nominations had been reached and Mr G Morgan and Mr T Netherway were eliminated.

Each Councillor was then asked to vote for his/her chosen candidate. Councillor G Morgan announced the following first round ballot results:

Mr D Bennington - 5 votes
Mr A Eccleston - 0 votes
Mrs J Jones - 3 votes
Mrs J Lilford - 1 vote

Due to a majority vote Mr D Bennington won the ballot and Mrs J Lilford, Mrs J Jones and Mr A Eccleston were eliminated. Councillor G Morgan announced:

RESOLVED: That Mr D Bennington be the newly co-opted Town Councillor to fill the Boverton Ward casual vacancy.

Councillor G Morgan stated how fortunate the Council were to have an excellent group of candidates showing great commitment to the Llantwit Major community and hoped that they would continue their interest in Town Council matters. All Councillors endorsed this statement.

SIGNED …….. DATED ……
TOWN MAYOR