

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

6 September, 2017

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor D.Keogh

Councillors: A.R.Aubrey, S.Bamsey, D.Cawsey, M.Crowley, D.W.Davies, R.Davies, M.Ellis, M.Harvey, S.K.Hunt, H.N.James, D.Jones, R.G.Jones, E.V.Latham, A.Llewelyn, A.R.Lockyer, J.Miller, S.Miller, J.D.Morgan, S.Paddison, D.M.Peters, M.Protheroe, L.M.Purcell, S.Rahaman, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards, A.J.Taylor, R.Thomas, C.Edwards, S.ApDafydd, N.J.E.Davies, O.S.Davies, S.E.Freeguard, C.Galsworthy, S.Harris, N.T.Hunt, C.James, C.J.Jones, L.Jones, A.McGrath, R.Mizen, S.M.Penry, S.Pursey, S.Renkes, S.H.Reynolds, A.J.Richards, R.L.Taylor, D.Whitelock, C.Williams and R.W.Wood

Officers in Attendance: S.Phillips, A.Evans, N.Jarman, H.Jenkins, G.Nutt, K.Jones, I.Davies, R.George and T.Davies

Representatives of the Translation Service: Present

1. **DEPUTY MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

It was with great sadness that the Deputy Mayor announced that the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Councillor Janice Dudley (the Local Member for Bryncoch South) had passed away, as well as former Member, Councillor Reg Teale.

As a mark of respect Members stood for a Minute's silence. Members then paid tribute to Councillor Dudley.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of Council dated 19 July, 2017, be confirmed as an accurate record.

3. **STATEMENT IN RELATION TO PANT-TEG**

The Leader of Council then gave Members of Council a verbal update on the ground instability in the Pant-teg area, Ystalyfera. It was emphasised that the Local Authority could not stop the mountain from moving, but that there was immediate danger to life of residents in the Pant-teg area. The risk was constantly being monitored, and the land surveyed. As a result the risk map on the Council website would be updated tomorrow. A public meeting had been organised for the 7 September and the Leader of Council explained that he and Officers would address any questions raised by local residents. Various organisations, including housing associations and homeless charities, would be on hand to offer sign posting and advice. Dedicated telephone lines and email addresses had also been set up to offer help to local residents.

Local Members were praised for their involvement with residents, who had lost homes, shops, a pub and a Church over the years.

RESOLVED: that the above verbal statement be noted.

4. **STATEMENT IN RELATION TO THE MINISTERIAL TASK FORCE FOR THE VALLEYS**

The Deputy Leader of Council gave Members an overview of the Local Authority's own task force made up of Members and chaired by Councillor Scott Jones. An open consultation meeting was planned for 11 September at 6pm in Neath Civic Centre, and it was emphasised that as many Members should attend as possible.

Members felt it was very important that both Town and Community Councils and local residents be involved in the task force, in order to fulfil the potential of the valleys.

RESOLVED: that the above verbal statement be noted.

5. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING**

Members received the report of the Head of Financial Services on Capital Budget Monitoring for 2017/18, which had been commended to Council by Cabinet at its meeting on 26 July, 2017.

- RESOLVED:**
1. that the proposed capital budget for 2016/17, in the sum of £64.708m, as contained in the circulated report, be approved;
 2. that the position in relation to expenditure as at 30 June 2017, be noted.

6. **GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

Members received the report of the Head of Legal Services, on the Policy in relation to the acceptance of gifts and hospitality by Members.

- RESOLVED:** that the Policy on Members Gifts, Material Benefits, Advantages and Hospitality, as appended to the circulated report, be adopted.

7. **CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, TO PORTFOLIO 1 AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY FUND PANELS**

- RESOLVED:**
1. that Councillor J.Evans be replaced with Councillor N.T.Hunt on the Education, Skills and Leisure Scrutiny Committee;
 2. that the West Glamorgan Trust Fund be added to Cabinet Portfolio 1;
 3. that the Memberships of the various Community Fund Panels within the County Borough, as detailed below, be endorsed:
 - Maes Gwyn Wind Farm Community Fund – Councillor D.Cawsey
 - Glynneath Selar Opencast Fund – Councillor S. Knoyle and Councillor D.Morgan

- Blaengwrach Selar Opencast –
Councillor C. Edwards
- Mynydd Y Betws Wind Farm
Community Fund – Councillor C. Jones
(Alltwen), Councillor L. Purcell and
Councillor A. Richards (Pontardawe),
Councillor A. Woolcock and Councillor
S.Reynolds (Gwaun Cae Gurwen)
- Mynydd Brombil – Councillor
S.Rahaman, Councillor R.Jones,
Councillor A.J. Taylor
- Newlands Wind Turbine and Margam
Green Energy Ltd, - decision makers -
Councillor R.Jones, Councillor A.J.
Taylor
- Baglan Energy Park Solar Farm –
decision makers – Councillor P.
Richards, Councillor C.Clement
Williams, Councillor S. Renkes (Baglan)
and Councillor S. Paddison, Councillor
O.Davies and Councillor R.Wood
(Sandfields West)
- East Pit Revised Opencast Fund –
decision makers – Councillor
S.Reynolds (Gwaun Cae Gurwen),
Councillor A.Woolcock and Councillor
H.Jones (Cwmllynfell).

8. **RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OF THE CABINET AND
CABINET BOARDS**

RESOLVED: that then under mentioned Minutes be noted:-

Cabinet
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Policy and Resources

5 July, 2017
26 July, 2017
14 June, 2017

Policy and Resources	25 July, 2017
Education, Skills and Culture	15 June, 2017
Education, Skills and Culture (Special)	20 July, 2017
Education, Skills and Culture	20 July, 2017
Regeneration and Sustainable Development	23 June, 2017
Streetscene and Engineering	12 June, 2017

CHAIRPERSON