

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

29 September 2021

The Mayor: Councillor J.Warman

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor J.D.Morgan

Councillors: A.R.Aubrey, D.Cawsey, C.Clement-Williams, M.Crowley, A.P.H.Davies, N.J.E.Davies, O.S.Davies, R.Davies, C.Edwards, J.Evans, S.E.Freeguard, C.Galsworthy, W.F.Griffiths, J.Hale, M.Harvey, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, J.Hurley, C.James, H.N.James, D.Jones, J.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Jones, D.Keogh, A.Llewelyn, A.R.Lockyer, A.McGrath, J.Miller, S.Miller, R.Mizen, S.Paddison, D.M.Peters, R.Phillips, M.Protheroe, L.M.Purcell, M.Spooner, A.J.Taylor, R.L.Taylor and D.Whitelock

Officers in Attendance: K.Jones, A.Jarrett, H.Jenkins, A.Thomas, N.Pearce, A.Davies, C.Furlow-Harris, C.Griffiths, H.Jones, C.Morris, M.Shaw, S.Davies, C.L.Davies and J.Woodman-Ralph

1. **Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor was pleased to inform Council that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had received a number of nominations at the recent APSE awards:

- Best Overall Council for the Year
- Best Collaborative Working Initiative with the Public and third sector
- Best Service Team – Facilities Management and Building Cleaning Service
- Best Service Team – Cemetery and Crematorium Services
- Best Public/Private Partnership Working Initiative

And the Council had won the Best Public/Private Partnership Working Initiative for the innovative council scheme – centred around an online directory – NPT Buy Local. The Mayor thanked all of the staff for the work they do for Neath Port Talbot and the staff nominated.

The Mayor congratulated Harri Jenkins, who won a bronze medal in the 100 metres at the Tokyo Paralympics, as well as Joe Brier and Daniel Jervis who were selected to represent Wales, Great Britain in the Tokyo Olympics.

Council also congratulated Councillor Saif Rahaman and family on the birth of a son.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting/s of Council held on the 26 May and the 30 July 2021**

It was noted that Councillor Sharon Freeguard was present at the meeting of Council on 30 July 2021, as well as the correct spelling of Councillor Carolyn Edwards name being 'Carolyn' not 'Caroline' in previous minutes.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 26 May and 30 July 2021, taking into account the corrections above, be confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.

4. **Corporate Plan Annual Report 2020/2021**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transformation, Community Safety and Public Protection endorsed the report to Council. The Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Engineering placed on record his thanks to all those who had helped out during the two episodes of flooding in Skewen within the last year.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the Corporate Plan Annual Report for 2020/21 and the Annual Summary be adopted.
 2. That the Key Performance Indicators for 2020/2021 be adopted.
 3. That the Leader of Council be granted delegated authority to make such changes as may be needed to the Annual Report prior to publication, provided that such changes do not materially alter the content of the document considered by Council.

5. **Place Making Charter**

- RESOLVED:**
1. Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, the Place Making Charter be adopted.
 2. That the Head of Planning and Public Protection submit an application to the Place Making Partnership for the Council to become a signatory to the Charter.

6. **Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Gambling Policy**

The Chair of the Licensing Committees gave Members of Council an overview of the circulated report, and explained that once again, it was not proposed to allow the issue of Casino licenses within Neath Port Talbot.

- RESOLVED:** That having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, approval be granted to consult on the revised Gambling Policy.

7. **Agreement of Lay Member Recruitment Programme for Governance and Audit Committee**

The Head of Legal Services gave an overview of the circulated report.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the changes to the constitution for the Governance and Audit Committee from May 2022 to comprise of 8 elected members and 4 lay persons, with a lay chair being appointed by the Governance and Audit Committee be approved.
 2. That Mrs Joanna Jenkins be approved as a lay person of the Governance and Audit Committee from May 2022 for a further period of five (5) years.
 3. That a recruitment exercise to appoint 3 lay persons to the Governance and Audit Committee be approved.
 4. That the eligibility criteria, application form and advert as set out at Appendix 1, 2 and 3 of this report be approved for use in the recruitment process.
 5. That a selection panel be established as set out in the circulated report.
 6. That a report be brought back to Council following the conclusion of the selection process for members to consider the views of the Selection Panel and consider the appointment of lay persons.

8. **Updates to the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Constitution**

- RESOLVED:** That having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to amend the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council with the changes that are referenced in paragraph 10 of the

circulated report. Together with the changes in Appendix 1 of the circulated report, and that the revised Constitution be published on the Council's website.

9. **Head of Democratic Services**

RESOLVED: That Mrs Stacy Curran (Democratic Services Manager) be designated the Head of Democratic Services pursuant to Section 8 (1) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

10. **Changes to Member Representation**

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor C.Edwards replace Councillor J.D.Morgan on the Coronavirus Member Panel.
2. That Councillor S.Rahaman be appointed to the vacant seat on the Coronavirus Member Panel.

11. **NPT Youth Justice and Early Intervention Youth Justice Plan 2021 - 2022**

RESOLVED: That having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, the Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice and Early Intervention Draft Youth Justice Plan 2021-2022, be approved.

12. **Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) the Council's Constitution**

Two Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) of the Council's Constitution had been received, and were detailed at Minute No's. 13 and 14.

13. **Motor Neurone Disease Association's MND Charter**

- RESOLVED:**
1. That Council sign up to the Motor Neurone Disease Association's MND Charter and commit to promoting its aims and aspirations in the work of the Council.
 2. That the Council believes:
 - People with MND have the right to an early diagnoses and information.
 - People with MND have the right to access quality care and treatments.
 - People with MND have the right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect.
 - People with MND have the right to maximise their quality of life.
 - Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

14. **Pets as Prizes**

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council land and at events commissioned and undertaken by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on land which may not be owned by it be banned.
 2. That a letter be prepared and submitted to Welsh Government from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, urging a ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land, except within the family context.

15. **Questions from Members, with Notice, under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules**

None were received.

16. **Urgent Items**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute Number 17 below, the Mayor agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an Urgent Item pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason

Due to time element.

17. **Mr Hywel Jenkins**

The Mayor, Officers and Members all gave their thanks to Mr Hywel Jenkins, Director of Finance and Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer, for his 19 years of service to the Council, since 2002, and wished him all their best for his retirement.

CHAIRPERSON