

Minutes

1. To receive apologies for absence
 - a. **Councillors Paul Binning: Jordan Thorne and Susan Owen gave apologies.**
2. Disclosure of personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
 - a. **No new interests declared.**
3. Public presentations to Council
 - a. **Members of the public present were concerned regarding work at Forest Wood Quarry, which has started without planning permission.**
 - b. **Councillor Wayne Owen advised he has had various conversations with Planning enforcement to try and rectify. He will arrange a public meeting inviting Planning officers and Highways so that members of the public can exchange views. Local MP and MS to be invited to contact RCT to press action and also to attend this meeting.**
4. To confirm minutes of the Council's meeting of 9th February are a true record and discuss minor matters arising from them
 - a. **Minutes agreed.**
 - b. **Matters arising – RCT are going to issue a report with recommendations shortly on Community Reviews.**
 - c. **The Clerk advised progress with bookings for our Community events which are going well.**
5. To consider report on Council Payments
 - a. **Council confirmed January payments.**
 - b. **Council agreed to renew insurance with existing provider on a 3-year fixed price arrangement**
 - c. **The Council agreed to commission a Tree report from RCT Parks dept. at a cost of £300 (per days' work)**
 - d. **The council approved payments scheduled for next year within agreed budget**
6. To consider grant requests (grants awarded under S19 Local Government (misc provisions) act 1976 unless marked)
 - a. **Men's Sheds – grant of £500 agreed**
 - b. **Fusion Gymnastics – grant deferred to June**
 - c. **Horizon dance – grant of £200 was agreed**
 - d. **Llantrisant junior netball – grant of £200 was agreed**
 - e. **Marie Curie trust – grant of £50 agreed (S137 Local Government Act 1972)**
 - f. **Taf Ely Ramblers – grant of £250 was agreed**
 - g. **Ty Hafan – grant of £50 agreed (S137 Local Government Act 1972)**
 - h. **MacMillan Cancer Support – grant of £50 agreed (S137 Local Government Act 1972)**
 - i. **Clerk was instructed to make payments using general reserve once grants budget was used in full**
7. To receive Police crime reports for January.
 - a. **Sam Phelps PCSO for the area attended to present report**
 - b. **In addition he advised that he has been focussing on speed scoping in the area and would be doing so again**
 - c. **Members brought a few issues with parking and speeding across the Community to his attention**
8. Update on handover of Café 50 to RCT Learning curve
 - a. **The Council was pleased to advise that Café 50 lunch service will resume on 3rd April.**
 - b. **Officers to meet with RCT staff to consider logistics of this and put arrangements in place.**
9. To confirm Council plan for 2023-24
 - a. **The Council confirmed the plan.**
10. To consider request for support from Men's sheds group in Pontyclun
 - a. **The Council confirmed that we would support the Shed's grant request from Shared Prosperity fund**
 - b. **If successful funds would be distributed as follows**
 - i. **Larger items (£100+) would be purchased by the Council.**
 - ii. **£2k transferred to the Men's shed for smaller purchases, when this was spend, they provide receipts and further tranches of £1k to be transferred until funds used up**
11. To consider report from Economy Working Group

- a. **This item was deferred to next meeting.**
12. To Consider RCT Local Development plan review
 - a. **Councillor Assiratti described this stage of the review as being one where individuals could feed in concerns, issues, ideas to the process. Closing date is 21st March.**
 - b. **Consultation on the Preferred Strategy timescale will be June/ July 2023.**
 - c. **The Council instructed the Clerk to comment on need for additional parking in pontyclun; particularly around Rail station. They also asked to request that new housing be fitted with Solar panels and be as close to net zero as possible.**
 - d. **A special Working group will be convened by Councillor Jamie Daniel to prepare submission into LDP requesting Pontyclun be made a town. Whilst all members will be invited to attend, Councillors Paul Binning; Wayne Owen and Carole Willis were formally co-opted members.**
13. To consider report from Independent Renumeration Panel for Wales
 - a. **The Council noted the panel's final report and confirmed its prior decision on payments at the time of the draft report.**
 - b. **The Council decided to make Councillor Allowances on assumption that S316 of the Income Tax (Earnings and pensions) Act 2003 applies**
14. To consider staffing issues - non confidential notes below
 - a. **The Council confirmed creation of the new Café 50 liaison role. This will work with RCT Learning curve to support Café 50**
 - b. **Job description for this role was agreed.**
 - c. **The Council confirmed that this Council would adopt the RCT CBC policies on emergency and Bereavement leave.**