***BRYNMAWR TOWN COUNCIL***

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***Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 26 July 2023 in the Council Chamber, Brynmawr Institute at 6.00pm.***

***Present:- Councillors W.K. Hodgins (Presiding).***

 ***G.D. Jones***

 ***Mrs. O.M. Swales***

 ***Mrs. D. Brown***

 ***E.M. Hillier***

 ***J.M. Gardner***

 ***M. Broderick***

 ***B.M. Sutton***

 ***P. West***

***In Attendance:- Miss. N.J. Williams (Asst. Town Clerk).***

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***76/23 Apologies:- Mrs. A.C. Davies (Town Clerk/RFO)***

***J.M. Sutton, A. Talbot.***

***77/23*** The Chair welcomed members to the July Monthly Meeting of the Town Council.

***78/23 Declaration of Interest & Dispensations.***

 The Chair reminded members to make declarations of interest at appropriate points on the Agenda.

***79/23 Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 21 June 2023.***

 ***Corrections – None.***

 ***Matters Arising from the Minutes.***

***Item 28/23 – Hanging baskets for around the lampposts around the Market Square.***

A member said how nice the hanging baskets looked on the lamp posts around the War Memorial purchased by Brynmawr Town Council. Members thanked Councillor Hodgins for ordering and erecting the hanging baskets. Councillor Hodgins informed members that Councillor West helped to erect the baskets.

 ***Item 33/23 – Notice board on the Market Square, Brynmawr.***

It was unanimously agreed to thank Councillor Peter West for seeking the necessary materials needed and repairing the notice board on the Market Square.

Councillor West explained that he is waiting for metal to place inside the notice board so that all information can be secured with magnets.

Councillor Brown said that her husband has spare plywood which could be used for the time being. Councillor West agreed to collect the plywood.

Councillor Gardner informed the meeting that the BGCBC has arranged an event to take place on Friday, 4 August 2023 which includes graffiti workshops etc. for the youths and suggested placing a poster in the notice board to advertise the event.

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***Item 34/23 – Brynmawr Medical Centre relaunch.***

A member said that the Medical Centre is still receiving bad reviews on social media and stated that things have not improved.

The Chair asked would Members of the Town Council be happy to be part of the next Medical Centre Public Consultation.

A member said that September 2023 would be a good time to arrange the Public Consultation as Ms. McCrystal said in her email that all the changes and the system should be sorted by September and that the Medical Centre will hopefully be ready for its relaunch.

A member said that the last Public Consultation was just over a year ago so it would be good to arrange the second one as soon as possible.

All members present agreed to be part of the next Medical Centre Consultation.

 ***Item 65/22 – Jewish Historical Association of South Wales exhibition.***

The Clerk read out an email from Mr. Eifion Heap, Jewish History Exhibition stating that it would be great to bring an “Exhibition and Talk” at the Brynmawr Institute, especially as the area has a rich Jewish cultural history.

Mr. Heap emailed the Town Council back in May 2023 regarding hosting an Exhibition and a Talk on the South Wales Jewish communities. At that time, they were collecting expressions of interest for a grant to WCVA to fund these events. The grant application has now been successful!

The Exhibition is made up of 17 pop-up banners and before setting up the exhibition Mr. Heap would like to check how many pop-up banners could be set up.

Mr. Heap requested a few photos of the space where they envisage the exhibition to be set up and a Zoom Meeting arranged to discuss the Exhibition and how to promote and advertise the event.

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange the Exhibition with Mr. Heap.

***Item 72/23 – Meeting with Mr. Nick Smith, MP.***

The Clerk read out an automatic reply from Mr. Smith stating that the email inviting Mr. Smith to a meeting with the Brynmawr Town Council has been received and that he has a small team who do their best to reply as soon as possible.

Councillor Broderick said he would email Mr. Smith’s office to help get a meeting arranged.

It was agreed to hold a meeting in August if it was more convenient for Mr. Smith to attend.

***80/23 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 June 2023, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record.***

***Orders & Requisitions.***

***81/23*** Grenke Leasing UK – Quarterly fee for the period 01/07/23 – 30/09/23.

Council moved payment of £270.00.

***82/23*** One Voice Wales – Training Courses (50% bursary payment).

Council moved payment of ***£***35.00.

***Financial Correspondence.***

***83/23*** FAB Waste Removal – General waste removal from the Brynmawr Allotment Gardens.

Councillor Hodgins explained that the Allotment Gardens had some waste to remove from previous plot holders and arranged to have it taken away by FAB Waste Removal so that the plot can be ready for a new plot holder.

Council moved payment of £150.00.

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***84/23*** Cost of repairing notice board on the Market Square, Brynmawr.

Total cost to be paid to Mr. Peter West.

All invoices for the refurbishment were received by the Clerks.

Council moved payment of £243.93.

***Correspondence.***

***85/23*** Thank you letter received from Ms. Michelle Hurter Brynmawr Interact Club for Council’s kind donation.

Letter noted.

***86/23*** Thank you letter from Mr. Anthony Bevis, Brynmawr Welfare Bowls Club for Council’s kind donation.

Letter noted.

***87/23*** Thank you letter from Mrs. Donna Wallbank, Brynmawr Rotary Club for Council’s kind donation.

Mrs. Wallbank stated that the Brynmawr Rotary are still awaiting a response from the BGCBC.

Mrs. Wallbank suggested that when the stone is complete, all organisations involved should have a meet up.

Letter noted.

***Co-options.***

***88/23 Co-option of Vacancies for the Brynmawr North Ward.***

Members were invited to consider the application received in respect of the vacancies.

* Mr. John Hill, Linden Lea, 12 Alma Terrace, Brynmawr, Ebbw Vale, NP23 4DR.

A general discussion ensued, and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. John Hill as the new Co-opted Member of Brynmawr Town Council.

***89/23*** Correspondence received from Councillor Mrs. O.M. Swales – Access from the new Retail

Park to the Asda site.

A member stated how dangerous it is for pedestrians to walk from the new Retail Park to the

Asda site.

A member informed the meeting that there are ongoing discussions regarding this matter and

are in dialogue with the owner of the strip of land behind Lidl’s Supermarket which would

be perfect to create access to both areas.

The Borough members agreed to update members on any further information they receive

regarding this situation.

***90/23*** The Chair informed members that from September, any member that wishes to have an item

added to the agenda will submit the correspondence with in the first two weeks of the

month. The Chair added if numerous items is sent to the Clerks, he would choose the most

important two and place the other items on the following months agenda.

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***Reports.***

***91/23*** Planning & Urgent Matters Meeting – 12 July 2023.

 Report accepted as a true record.

***92/23*** Proposed Council Meetings for the Brynmawr Town Council from September 2023 to July 2024.

 Proposed Council Meetings moved.

***93/23*** Members to approve the Town Council’s Asset Register 2023/2024.

 Asset Register moved.

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