TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Civic Committee Meeting of Council held in the Miners Room at Bedwellty House on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 6.30pm

Present: **Councillor** **R. Watkins**
G. Meredith
T. Smith
A. Tippings
D. Howells
M. Cross
P. Prosser
D. Rowberry
R. W. Thomas
J. Thomas

Present: **Ms C Keane – Town Clerk**

307) Apologies **Cllrs. H. Trollope, S. Trollope, G. Bowen-Knight, B. Willis, J. Morgan and M. O'Sullivan**

308) To consider the exclusion of the press and public by virtue of the matters to be discussed under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12a and Data Protection Act 1998
This was agreed.

309) To receive the recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee of Council prior to this Meeting
a) FC Tredegar Town Girls -The recommendation was that the Clerk e-mail the Club and seek clarification regarding their bank account and constitution. It was further agreed to check the status of Tredegar Athletic and Tredegar Town AFC. Should the club satisfy the financial requirements as guided by the RFO a full sporting grant be recommended.
b) Luncheon Club – it was recommended to contact the Luncheon Clun once again and seek more information and a further meeting and if this was not possible then it would not be possible to proceed with the grant application.
The above recommendations were received and accepted.

310) To receive quotations for:
a) Public Conveniences – installation of CCTV.
Having reviewed the quotations the RFO had compiled a matrix of all 5 quotations on as similar a basis as possible. It was noted that having no experience or qualification in CCTV installations it was not possible to compare the specifications provided and that each company had visited the site and made their quotations based on their own experience.
There was some discussion about the need for sound recording to be part of the system, but it was agreed that this would be a requirement.
It was also difficult to specify and compare the cost of maintenance on a like for like basis.
Members then considered the options before them. Cllrs. Cross and Rowberry declared that they could not support the need for CCTV. The remaining Members, having considered the options and agreed that one of them have the detailed specifications for comparison. Should the specifications be comparable it was agreed that the RFO have plenary powers to choose either quotation A with option 2 or quotation C with option 2 – both having sound equipment with any possible legal consequences being accepted.

b) Mayors Parlour – installation of ceiling panel, lights and picture rail.
Three quotations had been received and compared. It was agreed unanimously to select option B.
c) To receive any information required from the RFO or any report she may wish to make to Council.
The reports and recommendation of the RFO had been received and considered for each quote in turn.
d) To agree a contractor for both the CCTV installation and the work to the Mayors Parlour.
It was not possible at this point to select a contractor for the CCTV, however the contractor for the works to the Mayors Parlour had been agreed and the Clerk identified them as Able Touch.

311) The Meeting was re-opened to the public.

312) To receive a presentation by Mr. Phil Diamond regarding Dementia Friendly Communities.
Mr. Diamond was welcomed by all Members.
He then made an informative and interesting presentation on the increasing recognition of how dementia was affecting society and of the increasing impact it would have on all levels of the community and the NHS in particular. One very interesting fact he presented was that in 1917 only 24 people received telegrams on their 100th birthday and that by 2007 that number had risen to 4,000 people.
He informed Members that there were three towns and cities which could already call themselves "dementia friendly", Brecon, Swansea and Monmouthshire. This was in part due to a short session of training which made people who perhaps worked in shops, libraries cafes etc aware of the signs of dementia, such as fumbling for change. He was seeking the support and influence of Members to highlight people's awareness of dementia and the simple ways that each person could help.
A Member informed Mr. Diamond that Bedwellty House was used as a base for the local Alzheimer groups Memory Cafe and their Gardening Club as a direct result of the Alzheimer Society being the recipient of a former Mayors Appeal. He highlighted the fact that Town Council held a number of musical events in the Park throughout the year and that as a member of One Voice Wales and the JCLC we could be a starting point to spread the message across Town and Community Councils.
It was agreed that Town Council help and support Mr. Diamond in raising awareness and Cllr. T. Smith was put forward as his main contact with Town Council.
Mr. Diamond was thanked for his presentation and it was agreed that Town Council would be proud to have him return to make his first "Dementia Friendly" training session.
He then withdrew.

313) To receive and consider applications for Cultural/Sporting Grants and Grants to Churches & Chapels (S.137).
Completed End of Grant form received from Church of the Immaculate Conception and Tredegar Junior Netball Club.

Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity – It was agreed to recommend a grant of £100 in line with other groups.

Gwalia Housing Trust, Ty Parc Tredegar (temporary homeless accommodation) – New applicant – it was agreed to invite them to meet the Civic Sub Committee.

Pen-y-Cwm School – It was noted that this it was not within Council remit to offer grant assistance for foreign travel (to confirm with RFO) and to write to the School to see if any other elements could be covered.

Bedwellty House & Park – **It was agreed to recommend the bi-annual grant of £1000.**
(NB. It was noted that the "sponsored by" information was needed for the notice board presently in the Orchid House)

Bedwellty Park Ladies Bowls – A grant of **£200.00 was recommended.**

Cllr. A. Tippings declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.
Tredegar Christians Together – It was agreed to seek further information and check whether relevant completed project forms had been received.

Tredegar Junior Netball Club – A grant of £200 was recommended.

Agenda Item No. 7b - <u>Grants to Churches and Chapels</u>
None received.

Note from the RFO: It is a requirement of our grant policy that the end of grant completion form is received before a new grant is submitted to Council.

314) To meet with Mr Tim Lewis to discuss the performance of Commercial Christmas the Lighting contractor for 2014 and afterwards to consider the Lighting Contract for 2015.
Mr Tim Lewis attended the Meeting with his father, Mr. French was unable to attend.

Notes of relevant meeting follows.

<u>Commercial Christmas</u>

<u>Notes of a Meeting with Commercial Christmas on Wednesday 28th January 2015</u>
<u>in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House at 12.30pm.</u>

Present: Cllrs. Smith (Chair), Watkins and Howells. Cllr. Howells left at 1.30pm.
Also Present Mr. Tim Lewis MD of Commercial Christmas together with Mr. Richard French.
In attendance: C. Keane – Clerk
Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Tippings.

Cllr Smith thanked both men for being present. He went on to explain that a meeting of the Senior Members of Town Council had been held the day before and that a number of questions had been put forward. The reason for this meeting was to let the company know what the concerns were and to cover as many point as possible so that the meeting he would be attending with Town Council, on Wednesday, could be fully prepared to make a decision on the future involvement of Tredegar Town Council and Commercial Christmas.

At the outset it was stated that a number of Members of Town Council had given quite a lot of their time over the holiday period to monitor and report on the lights.

The following is a list of questions put to Commercial Christmas – together with the response received. Please note – some of the questions in the original list compiled following the Meeting between Senior Members on 27th January have been combined with others of a similar nature.

<u>1. Infrastructure.</u>
You promised to inspect the existing infrastructure throughout. Yet when the display faltered you blamed the existing infrastructure. Did the pre inspection ever take place?
Not really, the intention was not to use the infrastructure. He confirmed that the works to the lamp posts didn't start until 5 days before the Switch-On. The pre-inspection didn't include lamp posts just the tidying up of the cables etc.
The main problem was caused by the problems with the lamp-posts which had not been expected. Photos of these problems had been made available to Members via e-mail.
There were statements that a lot of the problems with the lamppost which had such an effect on the lighting system were caused by deliberate tampering with the internal workings of several of the lamp posts.
He was asked if this had been reported to the Police – but had not. When pressed he said that this had been because the covers on the lamp posts were not missing and did not pose safety issue to members of the public. Subsequent checks by the Clerk have confirmed that there were no reports to the Police regarding

lamp posts over the Christmas period. Further enquiries are being made with the Borough Street Lighting Department.

2. Qualifications

You were aware of what was needed before hand and you promised that it would all be place. Why didn't you get this sorted out over the summer? Are you fully qualified now?

Mr. French stated that the HERA qualification would cost £6,000. Requiring certificates costing £600 each person, site supervision and an onsite survey to assess for the certification. The Clerk queried these costs having sought the information previously from Western Power.

Tim stated that they now had the qualifications and would e-mail a copy through to the office before Wednesday. Further enquiries are being made.

3. Real Trees through Town and those in Morgan Street.

The real trees wrapped as part of the contract were great. Meanwhile in Morgan Street, the multi coloured ones did not match with the rest of scheme and were hardly visible due to their dimness which resulted in a poor show. Why were they different?

Special praise was given to the dressing of the real trees on the corner near In Trim.

The trees near the Park Gates had to be re wrapped. They did not have enough white lights with them and used the coloured lights to match the Clock. The tree lights ran on a random 8 function setting – which included an increasing brightness setting (starting off dark and building up). The fact that this was random might have been the reason for the apparent dimness.

4. The Circle Area and Lights from the Clock.

Why were the lights from the Clock to the buildings around the Circle never put up? This is the centre piece of our lights and the company failed badly. The ad hoc wrapping of the base of the clock in multicolour lights did nothing to redeem Commercial Christmas. The lighting around the Clock Tower was supposed to have colour change LEDs, why not? Why wasn't something done about this after the switch on?

The sections from Wetherspoons to The Cambrian were particularly troublesome all through the Christmas period. Why didn't you resolve this issue successfully?

Tim stated that he thought the catenary cables were inside the Clock. The Clerk pointed out that he had made several visit to Tredegar both when the lights were on and at other times and had clearly seen that no cables were permanently hung from the Clock and had been told repeatedly that the bespoke sign was the only item owned by Town Council.

There had been a problem with the delivery from their supplier and the control box needed to control the change of colour did not arrive in time. When it did arrive they would have needed to take down all the decorations around the Clock and re-fix. The area from Wetherspoons to the Cambrian was affected by the problems with the lamp-posts.

5. Artificial Trees throughout.

The trees were the wrong size and much too small. They were substandard; poorly opened out; poorly draped in lights; the trees themselves were possibly the worst we have ever seen – extremely narrow, cheap looking, some even broke before the end of the season. Where were the pre-lit ones we were promised?

The links between the trees were haphazard, messy and unbalanced making the whole display look amateur – again not what we were promised.

Tim explained that the trees were never going to be pre-lit and would always be trees wrapped individually. He accepts that the first trees put up were the wrong ones (these were the three foot indoor trees from Tesco) However he had failed to realize how big the brackets were and that there were 2 differing sizes. It was pointed out to him that this was a problem brought about because there had been no initial inspection of the infrastructure (see Item1).

The links between trees could not be uniform because he stated there were problems with satellite dishes and cables.

He promised Members that they had received new trees and would bring a sample with him to the Meeting on Wednesday.

6. Motifs throughout.

The motifs throughout the display were incorrect. This had arisen because they had been received from the Chinese supplier heavily wrapped but marked for Tredegar. So they were not checked prior to installation. At this meeting Tim also advised that the connectors used were IP44 rated – which meant that they were splash proof not fully waterproof. He fully accepted the blame for not checking the delivery properly. However he did say that part of the problem was the Borough requirement for the HEA certification and that this had delayed installation by 3 weeks. Once again he was reminded that this had been brought to his attention on many occasions and he had previously promised to get the necessary certification. He stated that the main reason lighting and motifs failed was because of the problem with "missing" fuses.

7. Bespoke Motif

Where were the 2 motifs each side that we were promised? Was one on the shopping centre?

Because of the problems with the delivery stated above this wasn't possible. The stars that came in were too small and they used the single wreath as a standby. Using other motifs for the front of the Shopping Centre. The trees opposite the Post Office had to be re-wrapped and this was completed the Sunday before Christmas. He stated that after the switch-on on Friday all the lights were working with the exception of the two trees by the Post Office and the ones near the Park Gates (this problem being caused by the lamp post having been tampered with).

8. Why did it take so long to put up the display? It was some days after the switch on that you completed the installation, why?

He stated that there had been a three week delay because of the certification problems with Blaenau Gwent.

9. Have you visited the shopkeepers to inspect the alleged damage caused in erecting/dismantling the display.

He confirmed that he had spoken to one lady and that he was going to see the other after this meeting.

10. The display differs somewhat from the quote. Can you provide us with an itemised quote so that we can work out a reasonable rebate for the sub-standard display.

The Clerk explained that the quote had been made for Motifs and Trees that were far different and larger than had been received. He was asked to look at the quotation and revalue the items that had actually been installed, bearing in mind that much of what was quoted for wasn't delivered.

11. You assured us that you would perform better than our previous contractor, but this did not happen. Once again Councillors had their Christmas ruined because of the time they had to spend checking the lights.

He was reminded of past conversation with other Council Members when he first spoke to Council and that all we ever wanted was a company that could put up the lights, that they would work throughout the Christmas period and then the company would come and take them down. Again this year this did not happen

Tim explained again that if there had been no delay, caused by the HEA certification, there wouldn't have been so many problems. He agreed that the motifs were their fault. In his defence the Leader who had been the main contact between Councillors and Commercial Christmas confirmed that their response to call outs was satisfactory.

12. Why should we entrust you with this year's display. What assurances can you make?

Tim stated that there really was nothing else that could go wrong. They were now fully aware of all the lamp posts and that they were fully stocked with everything they might need. He stated that they were prepared to supply different brackets for the motifs and that they had the HEA accreditation required. He would send a copy to the Clerk.

13. Are you prepared to come to council to answer these queries?

Tim was perfectly prepared to come to the Meeting on 4th February and would bring samples of the decorations he had received which would be used if they were successful in 2015. He would also review the quotation and the payment we had made to them and review in time for the Meeting.

Again it was stated that in previous meeting before Christmas he had been warned that Town Council did not intend to pay in full because the display that was delivered was not that which was ordered.

He and Mr French were thanked for attending and the Meeting closed at 2pm.

Christine Keane
Town Clerk
29th January 2015

All Members had been supplied with copies of the questions put to Commercial Christmas and the responses they had made. NB. The questions listed by senior Members of Council had been amalgamated to shorten the process.
During the long and sometimes heated discussion that followed Members pointed out the following underlying problems that were totally due to errors by Commercial Christmas:
a) That the Company had completely failed to deliver what they had been requested for and had quoted for – particularly in relation to the Clock and the Circle area – the main focus of the display.
b) No preliminary inspection of the installation had been made.
c) The company had been advised that special qualifications were required to work in Blaenau Gwent and had failed to follow up this advice.
d) The motifs had not been checked prior to installation.

The Company had accepted responsibility for many of the problems but failed to accept responsibility for the lack of qualification. They stated that they had made a loss on the first
year, which had been acceptable as part of a three year deal. However they had now incurred extra losses to replace the incorrect motifs etc. They offered a reduction against the following year's contract. However Members pointed out that it had not yet been decided whether they would be given that contract.
Town Council agreed that they would contact the Lighting Department at the Borough Council to investigate the situation regarding qualifications as a matter of urgency.
Commercial Christmas agreed to look at further reducing the final bill for the 2014 installation and Council agreed that once they received a further reduction the matter would be brought back to Council for further consideration.
The gentlemen then left the Meeting.

Cllr. D. Rowberry declared an interest in the following matters and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.
315) Planning
a) OFFICERS REPORT
C/2014/0193 Construction of three detached dwellings, land at Sycamore Avenue, Tredegar – recommendation that planning permission is GRANTED.

List of Delegated Items determined between 15th December 2014 and 16th January 2015:-
C/2014/0394 Discharge of condition: 8 – retaining wall details of planning permission C/2014/0086 extension to single storey bungalow, Kismet The Rhyd – Condition discharged.
C/2014/0387 Discharge of condition: 3 – Upgrade of existing junction of planning permission C/2014/0054, land to the rear of Bevan Avenue & Pembroke Street, Tredegar – Condition discharged.
C/2015/0001 Discharge of condition: 26 – noise report of planning permission C/2012/0327 erection of a single wind turbine, Unit 29 Tafarnaubach Ind Est, Tredegar – Condition discharged.
C/2014/0344 Erection of 3 no. semi-detached B2 factory units with associated service yard and car park, former Geith Factory, Crown Business Park – Approved.
C/2014/0373 Discharge of condition: 2 – drainage scheme of planning permission C/2014/0054 community open space, land to the rear of Bevan Avenue & Pembroke Street, Tredegar – Condition discharged.
C/2014/0310 Outline planning permission for single detached dwelling, plot adjacent to no. 7 Arches Close – Approved.

C/2014/0330 Discharge of condition: 6 (contamination information) of planning permission C/2014/0176 Plot 3 Charles Street – Condition discharged.

b) Verbal Report of the Planning Committee – there were no objections

c) APPLICATIONS

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2015/0024	Mr N Kaszubowski 45 Highfield Road Pontllanfraith, Blackwood.	Change of use and alterations to convert existing office building into 2 no. 1 bedroom flats & 1 no. 2 bedroom flat, Council Offices Unit 1 Cronin Road, Tredegar. (Red Lion Square)
No Objections		
2015/0033	Mr A Jenkins Rhyd Developments	Construction of a 2 bed bungalow on land at Marion Close, off Victoria St
No Objections		
2015/0036	Mr. Andrew Herbert 2 Punchhouse Flats Morgan St	Construction of 4 bed 2 storey detached house with hardstanding for 3 cars at Plot 2a Maes Morgan Nantybwch.
No Objections		

d) Other Planning Matters

0013/0483/FULL Appeal on the basis of a public enquiry is to be held into the proposed installation of 3 wind turbines and associated works at PENBRYN OER MERTHYR ROAD RHYMNEY – starting date 21st January 2015. Comments, withdrawal or modifications to earlier comments to be made within six weeks of start date) (comments can be made online at www.planningportal.gov.uk)

316) Correspondence

Cllr.D. Rowberry declared an interest in item 1 and took no part in the discussions which followed.

1) Keepmoat Ltd — Laura Darck Resident Liaison Officer. - They are a construction company working with Tai Calon in the area repairing roofs, replacing kitchens and bathrooms and garden upgrades. Looking into offering services for community works in the area and wondering if we have any information or schemes planned that they can get involved with.

It was agreed to write to the company seeking further information and whether the help was being offered free of charge.

2) Tredegar Twinning — Requesting to know which Members of Council are attending the trip to Orvault this year Thursday 21st May – Tuesday 26th May £130 per person including a cabin. They need to let the French Mayor know.

Received. It was noted that the Leader had replied personally and would be attending. The incoming Mayor made his apologies and it was agreed to write to the Association to let them know that as soon as the incoming Deputy Mayor had been elected at the Annual Meeting of Council he would be asked. However it was agreed to seek information from the RFO whether the Leader, as Town Council representative, would be able to claim his expenses.

Details of their AGM on 2nd March 2015 at 7.15pm including nomination forms.

Received.

3) One Voice Wales — a) Membership renewal for 2015/16 £1961 (2014 £1829) increase of £132.

Received. It was unanimously agreed to renew Membership.

b) Larger Council Meetings – dates for future meetings.

Received and Noted.

c) Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales – next meeting Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7pm in Cwmbran Community Council Offices, Ventnor Rd.
MEMBERS URGED TO ATTEND.

Received. It was agreed that relevant delegates highlight the information regarding dementia received today and question OVW regarding the overall performance of Commercial Christmas.

d) Advert for Chair & Members of Welsh Govt Upland Forum Closing date 10 Feb 2015. Applications on: www.wales.gov.uk/publicappointments

Received.

4) Cllr. T. Smith

Connect Magazine Winter Edition. Article relating to Tredegar Toilets erroneously states that they are being run by the Business Forum Leader has contacted the Authority who will publish a correction in the Gwent Gazette.

Received. Whilst Members recognised that a correction would be published they requested that the Clerk ask for an apology and correction be published prominently in the next issue of the Connect magazine.

Further to e-mailed enquiries from the RFO, Mr. Matthew Perry of BGCBC Environment informed the Leader that a grant of £2160 is payable towards the toilets from April 2015.

Received, letter of thanks to be sent.

5) Tredegar Heritage

Letter explaining the expenses taken from the £500 grant given by TTC in 2011 and enclosed a cheque for £408.00p.

Received and noted.

6) Bedwellty Park Ladies Bowls

Requesting information on rumours of the proposed rises in Bowling fees and subsidies. Are fearful for the future of the Club. – copied and forwarded to House Manager for info. E-mailed Borough Members(Cllrs MC, JM, DR and BW)

Received. It was noted that decisions regarding proposed budgets had not been finalised but it was noted that any subsidy would remain. It was further noted that the vast majority of those who were members of bowling clubs across the Borough received subsidised fees.

7) Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council

Invite to the Mayor and guest to attend a ceremony to award the Freedom of the Towns to Mr. Steven Bartlett to be held on Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7pm in Nantyglo Rugby Club. RSVP.
Invitation to Ms C. Keane and Ms Jones to attend as above.

To defer and agenda for next Meeting of Council.

8) Comm 1st/GAVO

Anneleise Shepherd – details of a free half day fun event in Bedwellty Park during half Term on 18th February 2015 – added to Web site.

Received

Ebbw Fawr Cluster - Posters advertised forthcoming Employment and Career day at Ebbw Vale Sport Centre on 18th February from 10am-3pm & over 50s event Christian Centre Ebbw Vale on 5th February 12.30-3.30pm– added to website.

Received

9) Gwent Police

Insp. Vicki Townsend Requesting in what format Council would like future meetings to be in ie. For her to attend Council meetings or if Members would like to meet with her and Ward Officers at Police station.

Received. Members welcomed the chance of an additional meeting with the Police but wanted to maintain the regular visits to Council.

10) GAVO a) Blaenau Gwent Voluntary Sector Network meeting on Tuesday February 24th Ebbw Vale LAC 10am-12pm.

b) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Gwent Police Announces funding roll out.Sainsbury's Welsh Community Fund Programme. Keep Wales Tidy update.

Received. Members requested copies of all funding opportunities.

11) Welsh Government Devolution, Democracy and Delivery. Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People. Responses by 28.4.15. – hard copy available in office.

Receiced. To agenda for next Meeting of Council.

12) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Road works report week ending 30.1.15 & 6.2.15.Ville D'Orvault Press cuttings – available online in the office for viewing: Local Councils UpdateSouth Wales Fire Have your say on the 5 Year Strategic Plan 2015-2020 – available online at http://www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/English/home/Pages/homepage.aspx hard copy available in the office: BT Community Council – Superfast Cymru Newsletter Issue 2.

Available for all Members.

13) AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Council Thursday 29th January 2015 at 9am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Special Executive (Budget Monitoring) Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 11am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Executive Committee 28.1.15 – additional item no. 13 for consideration; General Licensing Committee Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 10am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Joint Scrutiny Committee Thursday 5th February 2015 at 10am Board Room, General Offices, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale; Ordinary Meeting of the Council Thursday 26th March 2015 at 2pm – CANCELLED; Special Executive Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 11am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Planning Committee Thursday 5th February 2015 at 2pm – additional item for consideration: Agenda for National Park Authority meeting 6.2.15: Special Social Services & Active Living Scrutiny Council Chamber EV Wed 110215 9.30am:Special General Licensing Co Council Chamber EV Tues 100215 at 10am: Statutory Licensing Co Council Chamber EV Tues 100215 at 9.50am:Special education & Skills Scrutiny Co Council Chamber EV Tues 100215 at 2pm

Available for all Members

317) Staffing Sub-Committee – to consider the Chairmanship of this Committee – Deferred to the next Meeting of Council.

318) Matters of Local Interest and concern.

1) Members approved the long term apologies for Cllr. S. Trollope who was undergoing major surgery and also Cllr. H. Trollope. It was agreed to send best wishes.
2) The Leader called a site meeting for all available Members to inspect the Public Toilets for Monday 9th February 2015 at 5pm – Clerk to attend.

The Clerk suspended Standing Orders at 9pm to allow the meeting to continue.

319) Matters concerning Bedwellty House and Park

a) Baton Relay "Memorial" – Members expressed concern at the design of this item which they considered to be incongruous with its surroundings and detracted from the facade of the House. The Clerk to write to the House Manager asking for it to be re-located.
b) Members were informed that the local Historical Society were hoping to re-locate the window from the Central Surgery to the Museum.
c) Mayors Boards – the Clerk was asked to contact the House Manager to see if these could be re-located to the Hallway**.**

320) Delegates: To receive and consider reports from Delegates to Outside Bodies and the recommendations of Sub-Committees/working Parties.

(i) Joint Committee of Local Councils – it was noted that the Estates Department had been consulting with Town and Community Councils as a result of continued pressure by the JCLC and as a result of the Charter.

(ii) School Governing Bodies- Bryn Bach Primary – site meeting agreed. It was noted that there had recently been an incident with a car and bus outside the school.

(iii) Tredegar Youth Café – A Member submitted a copy of a report relating to the activities of the Youth Cafe which was due to close in June 2015. He highlighted the good works that they had carried out and noted how much they would be missed. Copied to all Members.

(iv) One Voice Wales Climate Change Adaptation Programme – It was noted that it was unlikely that sub-letting would be possible.

(v) Brighter Tredegar – the Clerk was instructed to seek an update and confirm contact details.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

_____Chair