

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Reporting of decisions and recommendations -
Ordinary Meeting of Council held Wednesday, 21st June, 2023
at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present: Councillors G. Evans (Chair)
K. Phillips
M. Turner
A.E. Tippings
G. Badham
A. Jones
E. Jones
B. Rees
D. Rowberry
J. Thomas
H. Trollope
S. Trollope
K. Waldron
G. Walters**

**In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Aherne
RFO – Ms. A. Edwards**

Apologies. Councillors P. Cornlouer, E. Griffin and C. Walters

Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members to make their declarations as and when necessary.

To receive any verbal recommendations of all Sub-Committee / Working Party meetings held prior to this meeting of Council

No Sub-Committee or Working Party meetings had been held prior to Council.

To consider the exclusion of the Press and public by virtue of the matters to be discussed under the provisions of the LGA 1972, Schedule 12A

Moved, the meeting was closed to the public.

To receive report of the Internal Auditor for year-end 31st March, 2023;

The report of the Internal Auditor was unanimously approved.

To confirm the Annual Accounts for year-end 31st March, 2023 and approve Mayor to sign;

The Annual Accounts were approved for year-end 31st March, 2023, and signed by the Mayor, as the Chair of the meeting, in the presence of Council.

Internal Audit 2022/2023: to undertake a review of the Internal Audit Process for the year ended 31st March, 2023;

Council thereupon agreed to the following points, as contained within the report:

- Internal Auditor's Report 2021 / 2022 – points raised reviewed and reported throughout the year
- Appointment – New Internal Auditor
- Internal Auditor's Report 2022 / 2023 – Members were satisfied with the report
- External Auditor – there were no reports regarding the audit work covered
- General – communication, compliance and achievement

The statements outlined within the report were formally accepted and approved accordingly.

Agree the Annual Governance Statements on the Return for 2022/2023, prior to External Audit; and

The RFO thereupon spoke to Parts 1 – 9 of the Annual Governance Statement; Parts 1 – 8 were thereupon agreed as 'Yes' and Statement No. 9 (Trust Funds) as 'not applicable'. Members of the Council therefore agreed, to approve by resolution, to submit the Annual Return to the External Auditor.

Council approval and certification of Annual Return 2023 to be signed by Mayor

The Annual Return was approved and certified, signed by the Mayor as Chair of the meeting in the presence of Council, and in accordance with the statutory deadline of 30th June, 2023. The RFO requested the Mayor attend the office to sign all the supplementary documents to support the Annual Return; agreed accordingly.

To re-open the Meeting to the Public

Moved, the meeting was re-opened to the public.

Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in June 2023

The Schedule of Accounts was approved for payment.

To receive and adopt the following Minutes of Council:

- a) Annual Meeting of Council – 3rd May, 2023**
- b) Ordinary Meeting of Council – 17th May, 2023**

It was agreed that all Minutes presented be moved as a true record.

Chair to sign Minutes - at earliest opportunity in accordance with WG Legislation and Guidance

Minutes approved were duly signed by the Chair in the presence of Council.

Correspondence

Items of correspondence were received and noted accordingly.

Planning:

Councillor J. Thomas declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

- a) i) List of planning applications received in week 23
CON/2023/0002 'Extension to time limit of existing quarry operations for a period of five years to 31st December, 2029 – Trefil Quarry, Tredegar': a Member said she had no objections to the extension period but suggested approval be subject to a proviso that a Planning Condition be attached to ensure funding was set aside for remediation of the site, and this be undertaken throughout the three Phases, or a fund established in respect of landscaping at the close of operations.
- ii) List of planning applications received in week 24

b) To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations

C/2023/0129 Proposed development: Change of use of existing ancillary storage building to house animal incinerator (B2 to Sui Generis) together with external alterations including pitched roof and flue, Unit G Crown Business Park.

Observations Members expressed concern as to whether this was a suitable location, bearing in mind the proximity to the Butterflies Day Nursery, raising the following considerations: height of the chimney, whether this was sufficient to expel emissions into the air; pollution; arrangements in respect of delivery of animals.

C/2023/0130 Proposed development: Detached dormer bungalow and garage, land adjoining River View and Hill Crest, off Vicarage Road.

No objections

C/2023/0131 Proposed development: Two detached dwellings with detached garages, new access and associated works, Plot adjoining Ty Croeso, Whitworth Terrace

No objections

c) To consider other planning matters – Planning Appeal notification:

Retain bungalow and parking area with modified access, Springfield Bungalow, Queen Victoria Street. Additional comments to be sent to the Inspectorate by 10.07.2023.

Observations: Clerk to submit Council's response to the Planning Application received C/2023/0038 - *'Proposed development of two detached properties with associated car parking & external works, land between 12a Victoria Street and Springfield Cottage'*

Llangynidr Common: A Member had been made aware by commoners of the intention of the Duke of Beaufort to plant up to three-quarters of Llangynidr Common for a forestation scheme and asked that Tredegar Town Council be included in any considerations.

Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

Matters received were noted accordingly.
