

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2023

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB /REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2023 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor W J Kendall – Chairperson

S Aspey	H T Bennett	A R Berrow	F D Bletsoe
S J Bletsoe	JPD Blundell	E L P Caparros	HJ David
C Davies	C L C Davies	P Davies	M J Evans
N Farr	P Ford	J Gebbie	W R Goode
RM Granville	H Griffiths	S J Griffiths	D T Harrison
M L Hughes	D M Hughes	RM James	P W Jenkins
M R John	M Jones	M Lewis	J Llewellyn-Hopkins
RL Penhale-Thomas	J E Pratt	R J Smith	JC Spanswick
I M Spiller	T Thomas	G Walter	A Wathan
A Williams	AJ Williams	HM Williams	I Williams
MJ Williams	R Williams	E D Winstanley	T Wood

Apologies for Absence

N Clarke, RJ Collins, S Easterbrook, MJ Kearn and JH Tildesley MBE

Officers:

Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Rachel Keepins	Democratic Services Manager
Carys Lord	Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change
Claire Marchant	Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing
Janine Nightingale	Corporate Director - Communities
Michael Pitman	Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Alex Rawlin	Corporate Policy & Public Affairs Manager

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Mark Shephard  
Kelly Watson

Chief Executive  
Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services

Declarations of Interest

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Decision Made	<p>The following personal declarations of interest were made:-</p> <p>Councillor W Kendall – Agenda item 8, as his grandson attended Brynteg School Councillor P Davies – Agenda item 8, As a member of Maesteg Town Council Councillor J Gebbie – Agenda item 8, as a member of Newcastle Higher Community Council that was in receipt of Community Asset Transfer Funding Councillor P Jenkins – Agenda item 8, due to the land drainage issues at his property arising from the Washery Scheme works. Councillor M Williams – Agenda item 8, as he was a parent of a pupil attending Brynteg School Councillor R Goode – Agenda item 8, as he was a Governor at Nantymoel Primary School Councillor E Winstanley – Agenda item 6, as she was an employee at Awen Cultural Trust Councillor JC Spanswick – Agenda item 8, as a grandparent of a child at Brynteg School in receipt of an iPad Councillor Amanda Williams – Agenda item 8, as her daughter attended Brynteg School and was in receipt of an iPad Councillor M Evans – Agenda item 8, in that she was a member of Pencoed Town Council Councillor JP Blundell – Agenda item 8, as a Governor of Bryntirion Comprehensive School Councillor J Pratt – Agenda item 10, as a member of Her Majesty’s Coastguard Search and Rescue Association Councillor I Williams – Agenda item 8, as a Governor at Brynteg School Councillor H Bennett – Agenda item 8, as a member of Newcastle Higher Community Council that was in receipt of Community Asset Transfer Funding Councillor R Williams – Agenda item 8, as a member of Pencoed Town Council Councillor R Smith – Agenda item 8, as his son attends the ASD base at Llangewydd Junior School.</p>
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**3. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of Council dated 20 September 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record, subject to Councillor Della Hughes being added to the list of attendees at this meeting
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**4. To receive announcements from:**

Decision Made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Mayor</li><li>• Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Social Services and Health</li><li>• Cabinet Member – Communities</li><li>• Cabinet Member – Climate Change and the Environment</li><li>• Cabinet Member – Community Safety and Wellbeing</li><li>• Cabinet Member – Housing, Planning and Regeneration</li><li>• Cabinet Member – Finance, Resources and Legal</li></ul> <p>(No decisions were made in relation to the above.)</p>
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**5. To receive announcements by the Leader**

Decision Made	Announcements were received from the Leader (no decisions required).
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**6. Presentation to Council by the Chief Executive of Awen Cultural Trust**

Decision Made	The Chief Executive introduced a report, in order to advise Members of a presentation proposed to be delivered by representatives of Awen Cultural Trust.
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Representatives of Awen Cultural Trust including the Chief Executive Mr Richard Hughes (assisted by Ceri Evans), then gave a power point presentation on the work of the Trust for members information. This covered some key points and milestones, that included the following:-

- Awen Cultural Trust's aim is to 'Make People's Lives Better' through the cultural facilities and activities within those facilities that they provide;
- The partnership with BCBC commenced in 2015 and was for a term of 20 years – and 8 years have past since an agreement to work jointly commenced;
- The Shared Contract for continuation of service provision between Awen Cultural Trust and BCBC was for the duration of 20 years (commencing in 2015), with savings of over £800,000 having been made from the operation of the service during this period;
- Registered Charity Profits are not distributed externally but are re-invested in the business;
- The service contributes to:
  1. Social inclusion and tackles social isolation;
  2. Early years;
  3. Literacy and transferable skills;
  4. Digital competency and inclusion;
  5. Independent lives;
  6. Volunteering and Local Engagement;
  7. Enjoyment and activity in the natural environment;
  8. Economic impacts.

The Chief Executive of the Trust assured Council that income made from the partnership arrangement supported the re-development/refurbishment of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing establishments as well as Country Parks.

The partnership had also assisted in the support of library services throughout the County Borough, including through mobile facilities.

Following the conclusion of the presentation, the Officers responded to questions from Members.

Some examples of these were as follows:-

- Bryngarw Country Park is an excellent facility. Could we look to expand the likes of B-Leaf and Wood B through Employability work (or through an Invest to Save process), with the view of giving more people the













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**12. Information Report for Noting**

Decision Made	The Chief Officer, Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy informed Council of an information report for noting, that had been published since the last scheduled meeting.  RESOLVED: That Council acknowledged the publication of the report referred to in paragraph 3.1 of the report
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**13. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	There were no urgent items
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click [this link](#)

The meeting closed at 19:30.