



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT 5.00PM

PRESENT:

Councillor D. M. Gray - Mayor
Councillor D.G. Carter - Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

Ms L. Ackerman, M. Adams, H.A. Andrews, Mrs K.R. Baker, Mrs G. Bevan, J. Bevan, P.J. Bevan, L. Binding, Mrs A. Blackman, D. Bolter, Mrs P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David, W. David, H.R. Davies, D.T. Davies, R.T. Davies, K. Dawson, N. Dix, C. Elsbury, Mrs C. Forehead, Ms E. E. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, Mrs J. Gale, L. Gardiner, N. George, C.J. Gordon, R.W. Gough, Mrs P. Griffiths, D.T. Hardacre, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A.G. Higgs, G.J. Hughes, K. James, M.P. James, G. Johnston, G. Jones, Ms J.G. Jones, S. Kent, G. Kirby, Ms P. Leonard, A. Lewis, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, S. Morgan, Mrs G. Oliver, Mrs R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, M.J. Prew, Mrs D. Price, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, D. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, J.E. Roberts, R. Saralis, Mrs M.E. Sargent, S. Skivens, Mrs E. Stenner, J. Taylor, L.G. Whittle, T.J. Williams, R. Woodyatt

Together with:-

S. Rosser (Interim Chief Executive), S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive), D. Street (Director of Social Services), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services), G. Williams (Interim Monitoring Officer/Principal Solicitor), S. Harris (Acting Head of Corporate Finance), L. Lane (Solicitor), J. Jones (Democratic Services Manager), H. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

1. **BEREAVEMENT - FORMER COUNCILLOR ALLAN PRITCHARD**

The Mayor referred to the recent death of former Councillor Allan Pritchard and all present stood in silence as a mark of respect and extended their condolences to the bereaved family. Several Members referred to the late members long and distinguished career in local government with Caerphilly County Borough Council and its predecessor authority and paid tribute to the manner in which he had carried out his duties during his years of office and to the high esteem in which he had been held by Members, Officers and the community he represented.

2. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded Members of the homecoming and medal presentation ceremony in Risca on 1st March 2014 for Members of 203 (Welsh) Field Hospital on. The Unit is set to parade through Risca Town to mark its homecoming from a tour of duty in Afghanistan as part of Operation HERRICK. Reference was also made to the Commonwealth Flag raising ceremony which is taking place at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 10th March at Ty Penallta.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth, A.P. Angel, C. Durham, Mrs B.A. Jones and Mrs J. Summers.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interim Monitoring Officer advised that the Code of Conduct classifies Members' interests as being either personal interests or personal and prejudicial interests. She advised that Members must consider whether they have a personal or prejudicial interest and whether the Code of Conduct requires them to disclose that interest.

An overview was given on the requirement to declare an interest and Mrs Williams advised that a personal interest arises where the decision has the potential to affect the wellbeing or financial position of the Member, close friends, relatives or a Company with whom the Member has an involvement. It becomes prejudicial if a member of the public reasonably regards the prejudicial interest is likely to prejudice a Members judgment in the public interest. Members were also reminded that they should consider the perception of a member of the public when considering such issues.

It was noted that it is a matter for the individual Member as to whether they wished to declare an interest. However, they were reminded that if they were in any doubt during the course of the debate they should immediately seek advice.

Councillors D.T. Davies, C. Gordon, A. Higgs, M. James, Ms J. Jones, D.V. Poole, M. Prew, K.V. Reynolds, T. Williams and R. Woodyatt declared an interest in agenda item 3(2) as it relates to the budget and the casual car user allowance proposals. They were declared as personal (which enabled the Members to stay and take part in the discussion and voting thereon).

Councillors Ms L. Ackerman, H.A. Andrews, J. Bevan, Mrs J. Bevan, L. Binding, Mrs P. Cook, H. David, W. David, D.T. Davies, C. Gordon, D.T. Hardacre, G. Hughes, M. James, G. Jones, Mrs R. Passmore, J.A. Pritchard, M. Prew, D. V. Poole. J.E. Roberts and J. Taylor also declared an interest in specific items within the budget report (agenda item 3(2)). They were declared as personal (which enabled the Members to stay and take part in the discussion and voting thereon).

Details are minuted with the respective item.

Other Members sought advice as to whether they were required to declare an interest on the reports to be presented but were individually advised that as their interest was neither personal or prejudicial they were not required to declare an interest.

Further declarations of interest were received during the course of the meeting and are detailed with the respective item.

5. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL STRATEGY, CAPITAL FINANCE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY FOR 2014/2015**

Consideration was given to the report, which was presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 21st January 2014 and Cabinet on 5th February 2014, which provided details of the proposed Council's 2014/15 Annual Strategy for Treasury Management, the proposed dataset of Prudential Indicators relevant to Treasury Management and Capital Finance and the proposed Minimum Revenue Provision Policy.

The report made reference to Treasury Management, the Council's policy on financial derivatives, treasury management advisers and training, the Prudential Indicator requirements for Capital Finance, the calculation of the Minimum Revenue Provision, and specific treasury management issues relating to the Council.

Following discussion on the content of the report, the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee endorsed the recommendations contained therein and referred them to Cabinet for consideration. On 5th February 2014, Cabinet considered the report and unanimously recommended to Council that they be endorsed.

Members were advised that since the preparation of the original report further information has come to light in respect of the potential sale of the Authority's outstanding claim against the failed Icelandic bank, Landsbanki. It was noted that following an auction process on 30th January 2014, the outstanding claim has been sold and this now concludes the recovery action against Landsbanki. Members were also advised that appendices 6 and 7 of the report have been updated to agree with the proposed Capital Programme in the 2014/15 budget report that is to be considered later in the meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations from the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet be endorsed and that the changes to appendices 6 and 7 of the report be approved. By show of hands this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that for the reason contained in the report:-

- (i) the Annual Strategy for Treasury Management 2014/2015 be approved;
- (ii) the strategy be reviewed quarterly within the Treasury Management monitoring reports presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and any changes recommended be referred to Cabinet, in the first instance, and to Council for a decision. The Council will also receive a half-yearly report on TM activities;
- (iii) the Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report be approved;
- (iv) the Prudential Indicators for Capital Financing as outlined in Appendices 6 and 7 of the report be approved;
- (v) Members approve the use of Option 2 (for supported borrowing) and Option 3 Equal Installment Method (for unsupported borrowing) for MRP purposes for 2014/2015;
- (vi) the changes to Appendices 6 and 7 of the report be endorsed.

6. BUDGET PROPOSALS 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/2017

Councillors D.T. Davies, C. Gordon, A. J. Higgs, M. James, Ms. J. Jones, D.V. Poole, M.J. Prew, K.V. Reynolds, T.J. Williams and R. Woodyatt declared an interest as it relates to the budget (as having family members affected by the casual car user allowance proposal).

Councillors Ms. L. Ackerman, H.A. Andrews, J. Bevan, Mrs G. Bevan, Mrs P. Cook H. David, W. David, D.T. Davies, C. Gordon, G.J. Hughes, M. James, G. Jones, Mrs R. Passmore, M.J. Prew and D.V. Poole also declared an interest (as having relatives/friends employed by the Council who may be affected by the savings proposals).

Councillors L. Binding J.E. Roberts and J. Taylor declared a personal interest as being Chairman of the Aber Valley Partnership and Members of the Partnership (respectively)

Councillor J.A. Pritchard declared a personal interest as a user of the Caerphilly leisure centre facilities.

Councillor G. Jones declared a personal interest in that he is employed by GAVO.

Councillor D.T. Hardacre declared a personal interest (in that his wife receives a social services provision).

The above were declared as personal interests which enabled the Members to stay and take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

During the course of the debate Councillor D. Bolter declared a personal interest (as a Council house tenant) and Councillor R.T. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest (as a user of the Caerphilly leisure centre facilities) and took no part in the subsequent discussion or voting thereon. With regards to the latter, details are recorded at the appropriate part of the minutes.

Consideration was given to the report which provided information on the budget proposals 2014/15 and medium term financial strategy 2014/2017. The Acting Director of Corporate Services advised of the key points of the Final Local Government Settlement and asked Members to note that there have been two transfers into the settlement totalling £7.636m, the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) for the 2014/15 financial year is a reduction of 2.91% after adjusting for new responsibilities i.e. a RSG decrease of £8.130m (including Outcome Agreement) and that the capital allocations available to Caerphilly in the RSG and from the General Capital Grant have increased by £22k from the previous year.

With regards to the report, Mrs Scammell highlighted the key issues contained therein which will give a balanced budget for 2014/15 on the basis that council tax is increased by 3.9%.

Reference was made to the whole authority cost pressures, service commitments/service pressures and other service commitments, the reduction in Welsh Government funding, outcome agreements and the 2014/15 savings requirements.

Mrs Scammell then detailed the proposed medium term financial strategy and gave details of the cash savings targets and advised that with regards to the 2014/15 savings requirement a "draft long list" of potential savings was considered, in summary, at a medium term financial plan seminar held on 21st November 2013 which has been followed by a series of Special Scrutiny Committee Meetings held in December 2013 and January 2014. In addition, Trade Unions have been consulted and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) savings proposals have been presented to the Caerphilly Housing Task Group (CHTG) as part of the consultation process. Community and Town Councils have also been consulted and a public consultation in respect of savings proposals concluded on 20th December 2013. Details of each were appended to the report.

It was noted that since the preparation of the report a petition has been received objecting to the proposed withdrawal of funding for the splash pool in Senghenydd and a number of emails have also been received objecting to the proposal. Details of which were tabled at the meeting.

Reference was made to the summary of proposed 2014/15 savings as detailed in table 7 of the report and it was noted that the ongoing consultation process has resulted in some of the proposed savings presented to Cabinet on 19th December 2013 being withdrawn at the request of Members (details of which were provided in Appendix 4 of the report). This reduces the total savings to £14.720m. The consequence of the removal of these savings for 2014/15 leaves a funding gap of £628k, which will be covered by a proposed increase in Council Tax for 2014/15.

Mrs Scammell then gave an overview of the Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2016/17 and the General Fund Balances and advised that there are no known further allocations to General Fund at this time over and above those identified and there is limited scope for any significant additional surpluses or receipts available to replenish the Fund.

It was pointed out that for 2015/16 and 2016/17, it has become apparent from the work undertaken to date that there is a need for a different approach and as such the report proposes that for the Budget Strategy to be taken forward for 2015/16 and 2016/17 reports detailing proposals to achieve the efficiency savings target will be presented to Special Scrutiny Committees after April 2014. Discretionary services will be reviewed in full, with a view to identifying savings proposals totalling over £8m. Members were advised that this strategy will ultimately lead to a much higher percentage reduction in service in a number of, if not all, discretionary service areas. There is likely to be an impact on the public.

Following comments made on the consultation process members were advised that since the announcement of the Local Government settlement an extensive consultation process has been undertaken with Members, Trade Unions, the Caerphilly Housing Task Group, Community/Town Councils and the public. Appendices to the reports detailed the responses that have been received and details of comments received since the preparation of the report had been tabled at the meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved.

An amendment was moved and seconded that the splash pool in Senghenydd be retained and funded from general balances.

In accordance with Rule of Procedure 15.4 (1) a request was made for a recorded vote.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Councillors Ms L. Ackerman, Mrs K.R. Baker, P.J. Bevan, Mrs A. Blackman, D. Bolter, C. Elsbury, J.E. Fussell, R.W. Gough, M.P. James, S. Kent, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, M.J. Prew, J.A. Pritchard, J.E. Roberts, Mrs M.E. Sargent, S. Skivens, J. Taylor, L.G. Whittle (19)

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

Councillors M. Adams, H.A. Andrews, Mrs G. Bevan, J. Bevan, D.G. Carter, Mrs P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David, W. David, H.R. Davies, D.T. Davies, R.T. Davies, K. Dawson, N. Dix, Mrs C. Forehead, Ms E. E. Forehead, Mrs J. Gale, L. Gardiner, N. George, C.J. Gordon, D.M. Gray, Mrs P. Griffiths, D.T. Hardacre, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A.G. Higgs, G.J. Hughes, K. James, G. Johnston, G. Jones, Ms J.G. Jones, G. Kirby, Ms P. Leonard, A. Lewis, S. Morgan, Mrs G. Oliver, Mrs R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, Mrs D. Price, J. Pritchard, D. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, R. Saralis, Mrs E. Stenner, T.J. Williams, R. Woodyatt (47)

ABSTENTION

Councillor L. Binding (1).

The amendment was declared lost.

A further amendment was moved and seconded that proposals to close the cafeteria at Caerphilly Leisure Centre be deferred for six months (funded from general balances) and in the meantime a franchise arrangement be sought to enable the facility to remain open.

During the course of the debate on this amendment, Councillor R.T Davies declared an interest (as a user of the facilities) and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

In accordance with Rule of Procedure 15.4 (1) a request was made for a recorded vote.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Councillors Ms. L. Ackerman, Mrs. K.R. Baker, P.J. Bevan, L. Binding, Mrs A. Blackman, D. Bolter, C. Elsbury, J.E. Fussell, R.W. Gough, M.P. James, S. Kent, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, M.J. Prew, J.E. Roberts, Mrs M.E. Sargent, S. Skivens, J. Taylor, L.G. Whittle (19)

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

Councillors M. Adams, H.A. Andrews, Mrs G. Bevan, J. Bevan, D.G. Carter, Mrs P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David, W. David, H.R. Davies, D.T. Davies, K. Dawson, N. Dix, Mrs C. Forehead, Ms E. Forehead, Mrs. J. Gale, L. Gardiner, N. George, C.J. Gordon, D.M. Gray, Mrs P. Griffiths, D.T. Hardacre, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A.G. Higgs, K. James, G. Johnston, G. Jones, Ms J.G. Jones, G. Kirby, Ms P. Leonard, A. Lewis, S. Morgan, Mrs G. Oliver, Mrs R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, Mrs D. Price, J. Pritchard, D. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, R. Saralis, Mrs E. Stenner, T.J. Williams, R. Woodyatt (45)

ABSTENTION

Councillor J.A. Pritchard (1).

The amendment was lost declared lost.

A further amendment was moved and seconded that the budget not be accepted without a definite commitment that the senior pay rises in 2012 will be renegotiated.

In view of the subject matter of the amendment, Sandra Aspinall, David Street, Nicole Scammell, Gail Williams and Steve Harris declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

In accordance with Rule of Procedure 15.4 (1) a request was made for a recorded vote.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Councillors Ms L. Ackerman, Mrs K. Baker, P.J. Bevan, L. Binding, C. Elsbury, J.E. Fussell, R.W. Gough, M. James, S. Kent, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, M.J. Prew, J.A. Pritchard, J.E. Roberts, Mrs M.E. Sargent, S. Skivens, J. Taylor, L.G. Whittle (18)

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

Councillors M. Adams, H.A. Andrews, Mrs. G. Bevan, J. Bevan, D.G. Carter, Mrs. P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David, W. David, H.R. Davies, D.T. Davies, R.T. Davies, K. Dawson, N. Dix, Mrs C. Forehead, Ms E. Forehead, Mrs. J. Gale, L. Gardiner, N. George, C.J. Gordon, D.M. Gray, Mr. P. Griffiths, D.T. Hardacre, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A.G. Higgs, K. James, G. Johnston, G. Jones, Ms. J.G. Jones, G. Kirby, Ms. P. Leonard, A. Lewis, S. Morgan, Mrs G. Oliver, Mrs R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, Mrs D. Price, J. Pritchard, D. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, R. Saralis, Mrs E. Stenner, T.J. Williams, R. Woodyatt (46)

ABSTENTION

Councillors Mrs A. Blackman and D. Bolter (2).

The amendment declared lost.

At this point Councillors Ms L. Ackerman, Mrs K. Baker, P.J. Bevan, L. Binding, D. Bolter, C. Elsbury, J.E. Fussell, R.W. Gough, S. Kent, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, M.J. Prew, J.A. Pritchard, J.E. Roberts, Mrs M.E. Sargent, S. Skivens, J. Taylor and L.G. Whittle left the meeting.

The motion was then put to the vote and by show of hands was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report:-

- (i) the Authority operate the 2013/14 WG scheme in 2014/15 in respect of the Council Tax Pensioners Grant;
- (ii) the Living Wage increase to £7.65 per hour be backdated to 1st November 2013;
- (iii) the Revenue Budget proposals for 2014/15 of £332,032m as set out in Appendix 1 be approved;
- (iv) the Council Tax level for the financial year 2014/15 be increased by 3.90% (Council Tax Band D £954.78);
- (v) the indicative proposals contained in the Medium Term Financial Planning assumptions be approved as the basis for delivering a balanced budget over the forthcoming 3 years (i.e. 2014/15 to 2016/17) (Appendix 2a and 2b of the report refer);
- (vi) the Capital Programme for the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2017 as set out in Appendix 5 of the report be approved;
- (vii) the use of the General Fund balances as detailed in Appendix 6 of the report be approved, including the establishment of provisions for the 2013/14 pension deficit, 2014/15 Senior Officer suspension costs, 2013/14 arrears in respect of the Living Wage and potential delays in delivering 2014/15 savings proposals;
- (viii) up to £2.499m be released from General Fund balances to fund one-off capital expenditure as cost avoidance or Invest to Save schemes. Bids to be considered on a case-by-case basis and agreed by Cabinet;
- (ix) the financial strategy for 2015/16 and 2016/17 as set out in Section 8 of the report be agreed.

In accordance with Rule of Procedure 15 (2)(a) Councillor Mrs A. Blackman wished it recorded that she had voted against the motion.

At this point Sandra Aspinall, David Street, Nicole Scammell, Gail Williams and Steve Harris returned to the meeting.

7. COUNCIL TAX SETTING RESOLUTION 2014/15

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report:-

- (1) it be noted that at its meeting on the 11th December 2013 the Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of The Local Government Finance Act 1992 and powers granted under The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Functions and Responsibilities) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 as amended.
- (a) **£59,011.54** Being the amount calculated by the Cabinet, in accordance with Regulation (3) of The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995, as its council tax base for the year.
- (b) **Part of Council's Area**

	<u>Tax Base</u> <u>No. of D Band</u> <u>Equivalent Properties</u>
Aber Valley	1,986.86
Argoed	843.96
Bargoed	3,500.60
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	3,701.78
Blackwood	2,887.05
Caerphilly	5,978.89
Darren Valley	699.19
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	585.17
Gelligaer	6,146.26
Llanbradach & Pwllypant	1,444.71
Maesycwmmmer	764.99
Nelson	1,557.29
New Tredegar	1,337.52
Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn	4,401.15
Rhymney	2,530.91
Risca East	2,026.24
Risca West	1,771.71
Van	1,633.38
Remainder	<u>15,213.28</u>
Total	<u>59,011.54</u>

being the amounts calculated by the cabinet, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (2) that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) **£330,770,119** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) and 32(3) (a and b) of the Act;
- (b) **£1,200,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (c) of the Act;

- (c) **£329,570,119** being the amount by which the aggregate at (2)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (2)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;
- (d) **£272,584,026** being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its council fund in respect of redistributed non domestic rates, revenue support grant, an authority's council tax reduction scheme or additional grant.
- (e) **£965.68** being the amount at (2)(c) above less the amount at (2)(d) above, all be divided by the amount at (1)(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year;
- (f) **£643,056** being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in section 34(1) of the Act.
- (g) **£954.78** being the amount at (2)(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (2)(f) above by the amount at (1)(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

Part of the Council's Area

	Local Precept £	County Borough Levy £	Total County Borough & Community Council Band D Charge £
Aber Valley	14.85	954.78	969.63
Argoed	11.50	954.78	966.28
Bargoed	16.57	954.78	971.35
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	16.76	954.78	971.54
Blackwood	17.00	954.78	971.78
Caerphilly	13.00	954.78	967.78
Darren Valley	17.51	954.78	972.29
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	17.07	954.78	971.85
Gelligaer	13.73	954.78	968.51
Llanbradach & Pwllypant	19.09	954.78	973.87
Maesycwmmmer	22.22	954.78	977.00
Nelson	17.27	954.78	972.05
New Tredegar	12.65	954.78	967.43
Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn	12.64	954.78	967.42
Rhymney	13.83	954.78	968.61
Risca East	12.00	954.78	966.78
Risca West	15.00	954.78	969.78
Van	12.52	954.78	967.30
Remainder	0.00	954.78	954.78

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (2)(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts, of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h)

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
County Borough Council	636.52	742.61	848.69	954.78	1,166.95	1,379.13	1,591.30	1,909.56	2,227.82
<u>Community Councils</u>									
Aber Valley	9.90	11.55	13.20	14.85	18.15	21.45	24.75	29.70	34.65
Argoed	7.67	8.94	10.22	11.50	14.06	16.61	19.17	23.00	26.83
Bargoed	11.05	12.89	14.73	16.57	20.25	23.93	27.62	33.14	38.66
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	11.17	13.04	14.90	16.76	20.48	24.21	27.93	33.52	39.11
Blackwood	11.33	13.22	15.11	17.00	20.78	24.56	28.33	34.00	39.67
Caerphilly	8.67	10.11	11.56	13.00	15.89	18.78	21.67	26.00	30.33
Darren Valley	11.67	13.62	15.56	17.51	21.40	25.29	29.18	35.02	40.86
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	11.38	13.28	15.17	17.07	20.86	24.66	28.45	34.14	39.83
Gelligaer	9.15	10.68	12.20	13.73	16.78	19.83	22.88	27.46	32.04
Llanbradach & Pwllpant	12.73	14.85	16.97	19.09	23.33	27.57	31.82	38.18	44.54
Maesycwmmmer	14.81	17.28	19.75	22.22	27.16	32.10	37.03	44.44	51.85
Nelson	11.51	13.43	15.35	17.27	21.11	24.95	28.78	34.54	40.30
New Tredegar	8.43	9.84	11.24	12.65	15.46	18.27	21.08	25.30	29.52
Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn	8.43	9.83	11.24	12.64	15.45	18.26	21.07	25.28	29.49
Rhymney	9.22	10.76	12.29	13.83	16.90	19.98	23.05	27.66	32.27
Risca East	8.00	9.33	10.67	12.00	14.67	17.33	20.00	24.00	28.00
Risca West	10.00	11.67	13.33	15.00	18.33	21.67	25.00	30.00	35.00
Van	8.35	9.74	11.13	12.52	15.30	18.08	20.87	25.04	29.21
Remainder	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Totals For Community Council Areas									
Aber Valley	646.42	754.16	861.89	969.63	1,185.10	1,400.58	1,616.05	1,939.26	2,262.47
Argoed	644.19	751.55	858.91	966.28	1,181.01	1,395.74	1,610.47	1,932.56	2,254.65
Bargoed	647.57	755.50	863.42	971.35	1,187.20	1,403.06	1,618.92	1,942.70	2,266.48
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	647.69	755.65	863.59	971.54	1,187.43	1,403.34	1,619.23	1,943.08	2,266.93
Blackwood	647.85	755.83	863.80	971.78	1,187.73	1,403.69	1,619.63	1,943.56	2,267.49
Caerphilly	645.19	752.72	860.25	967.78	1,182.84	1,397.91	1,612.97	1,935.56	2,258.15
Darren Valley	648.19	756.23	864.25	972.29	1,188.35	1,404.42	1,620.48	1,944.58	2,268.68
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	647.90	755.89	863.86	971.85	1,187.81	1,403.79	1,619.75	1,943.70	2,267.65
Gelligaer	645.67	753.29	860.89	968.51	1,183.73	1,398.96	1,614.18	1,937.02	2,259.86
Llanbradach & Pwllypant	649.25	757.46	865.66	973.87	1,190.28	1,406.70	1,623.12	1,947.74	2,272.36
Maesycwmmmer	651.33	759.89	868.44	977.00	1,194.11	1,411.23	1,628.33	1,954.00	2,279.67
Nelson	648.03	756.04	864.04	972.05	1,188.06	1,404.08	1,620.08	1,944.10	2,268.12
New Tredegar	644.95	752.45	859.93	967.43	1,182.41	1,397.40	1,612.38	1,934.86	2,257.34
Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn	644.95	752.44	859.93	967.42	1,182.40	1,397.39	1,612.37	1,934.84	2,257.31
Rhymney	645.74	753.37	860.98	968.61	1,183.85	1,399.11	1,614.35	1,937.22	2,260.09
Risca East	644.52	751.94	859.36	966.78	1,181.62	1,396.46	1,611.30	1,933.56	2,255.82
Risca West	646.52	754.28	862.02	969.78	1,185.28	1,400.80	1,616.30	1,939.56	2,262.82
Van	644.87	752.35	859.82	967.30	1,182.25	1,397.21	1,612.17	1,934.60	2,257.03
Remainder	636.52	742.61	848.69	954.78	1,166.95	1,379.13	1,591.30	1,909.56	2,227.82

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (2)(g) and (2)(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (3) it be noted that for the year 2014/2015 the major precepting authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Precepting Authority</u>									
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	135.67	158.28	180.89	203.50	248.72	293.94	339.17	407.00	474.83

- (4) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (2)(i) and (3) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014/2015 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aber Valley	782.09	912.44	1,042.78	1,173.13	1,433.82	1,694.52	1,955.22	2,346.26	2,737.30
Argoed	779.86	909.83	1,039.80	1,169.78	1,429.73	1,689.68	1,949.64	2,339.56	2,729.48
Bargoed	783.24	913.78	1,044.31	1,174.85	1,435.92	1,697.00	1,958.09	2,349.70	2,741.31
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	783.36	913.93	1,044.48	1,175.04	1,436.15	1,697.28	1,958.40	2,350.08	2,741.76
Blackwood	783.52	914.11	1,044.69	1,175.28	1,436.45	1,697.63	1,958.80	2,350.56	2,742.32
Caerphilly	780.86	911.00	1,041.14	1,171.28	1,431.56	1,691.85	1,952.14	2,342.56	2,732.98
Darren Valley	783.86	914.51	1,045.14	1,175.79	1,437.07	1,698.36	1,959.65	2,351.58	2,743.51
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	783.57	914.17	1,044.75	1,175.35	1,436.53	1,697.73	1,958.92	2,350.70	2,742.48
Gelligaer	781.34	911.57	1,041.78	1,172.01	1,432.45	1,692.90	1,953.35	2,344.02	2,734.69
Llanbradach & Pwllypant	784.92	915.74	1,046.55	1,177.37	1,439.00	1,700.64	1,962.29	2,354.74	2,747.19
Maesycwmmmer	787.00	918.17	1,049.33	1,180.50	1,442.83	1,705.17	1,967.50	2,361.00	2,754.50
Nelson	783.70	914.32	1,044.93	1,175.55	1,436.78	1,698.02	1,959.25	2,351.10	2,742.95
New Tredegar	780.62	910.73	1,040.82	1,170.93	1,431.13	1,691.34	1,951.55	2,341.86	2,732.17
Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn	780.62	910.72	1,040.82	1,170.92	1,431.12	1,691.33	1,951.54	2,341.84	2,732.14
Rhymney	781.41	911.65	1,041.87	1,172.11	1,432.57	1,693.05	1,953.52	2,344.22	2,734.92
Risca East	780.19	910.22	1,040.25	1,170.28	1,430.34	1,690.40	1,950.47	2,340.56	2,730.65
Risca West	782.19	912.56	1,042.91	1,173.28	1,434.00	1,694.74	1,955.47	2,346.56	2,737.65
Van	780.54	910.63	1,040.71	1,170.80	1,430.97	1,691.15	1,951.34	2,341.60	2,731.86
Remainder	772.19	900.89	1,029.58	1,158.28	1,415.67	1,673.07	1,930.47	2,316.56	2,702.65

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2014 they were signed by the Mayor.

MAYOR