



ANNUAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON THURSDAY, 12TH MAY 2016 AT 6PM

PRESENT:

Councillor L. Gardiner - Mayor
Councillor Mrs D. Price - Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

M. Adams, Mrs E.M. Aldworth, A.P. Angel, Mrs K.R. Baker, J. Bevan, P.J. Bevan, Mrs. P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David, W. David, H.R. Davies, D.T. Davies, K. Dawson, C. Elsbury, M. Evans, Mrs C. Forehead, Miss E. Forehead, Mrs J. Gale, N. George, C.J. Gordon, R.W. Gough, D.T. Hardacre, D. Harse, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A.G. Higgs, G.J. Hughes, K. James, G. Johnston, Mrs B.A. Jones, Ms J.G. Jones, Miss L. Jones, G. Kirby, Ms P. Leonard, A. Lewis, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, Mrs P. Marsden, S. Morgan, Mrs. G. Oliver, Mrs R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, M.J. Prew, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, D. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, J.E. Roberts, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, Mrs E. Stenner, L.G. Whittle, T.J. Williams, R. Woodyatt

Together with:-

C. Burns (Interim Chief Executive), D. Street (Director of Social Services), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services), C. Harry (Corporate Director - Communities), G. Williams (Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), H. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

1. WEB-CASTING FILMING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Interim Chief Executive reminded those present that the meeting was being filmed and would be made publically available in live and archive form via the Council's website. He advised that decisions would be made by show of hands.

2. COUNCILLORS HEFIN DAVID AND RHIANNON PASSMORE

Members congratulated Councillors H. David and R. Passmore on their election as Assembly Members for the Caerphilly and Islwyn constituency (respectively) and paid tribute to their contribution to local government during their years as local members. They wished them every success in their new role.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss L. Ackerman, L. Binding, Mrs A. Blackman, D. Bolter, D.G. Carter, N. Dix, J.E. Fussell, Mrs P. Griffiths, M.P. James, S. Kent, A. Rees, R. Saralis, Mrs M.E. Sargent, Mrs J. Summers and J. Taylor.

4. RETIRING MAYORS REMARKS

The retiring Mayor, Councillor L. Gardiner, spoke of his numerous and varied activities during his year of Office and referred to the number of events he has attended. He was pleased to announce that £17,200 had been raised for his charities, Ty Hafan Children's Hospice and Macmillan Nurses.

He expressed his appreciation at the assistance given to him by Members and Officers, particularly those whose duties brought them into regular contact with him.

Members paid tribute to the way in which both he and his consort, Alma, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs D. Price, had carried out their duties during the term of Office.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

6. ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Mrs D. Price be elected Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs D. Price be elected Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council until the appointment of a successor at the annual meeting in May 2017 and it be noted that she will receive a civic salary payment.

Councillor Mrs Price thanked her fellow Members for the honour bestowed upon her and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Interim Chief Executive. She advised that her consort would be her husband, Ernie Carroll.

7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved and seconded that Councillor J. Bevan be elected Deputy Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that Councillor J. Bevan be elected Deputy Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council until the appointment of a successor at the annual meeting in May 2017 and it be noted that he will receive a civic salary payment.

Councillor J. Bevan thanked his fellow Members for the honour bestowed upon him and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Interim Chief Executive. He advised that his consort would be Hilary Lynn.

8. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs D. Price, announced that her chosen charity for 2016/2017 would be Velindre.

9. LEADER OF COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR K.V. REYNOLDS

It was noted that Councillor K.V. Reynolds would receive a senior salary payment.

10. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADERS

The appointments of Councillors Mrs B. Jones and D.V. Poole as Deputy Leaders of Caerphilly County Borough Council and their receipt of a senior salary payment were noted.

11. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET

In noting that the Members of Cabinet will receive a senior salary payment, the appointments to the membership were noted as follows:-

Community and Leisure Services	Councillor N. George
Corporate Services	Councillor K.V. Reynolds
Education and Lifelong Learning	Councillor D. Havard
Highways, Transportation and Engineering	Councillor T.J. Williams
Housing	Councillor D.V. Poole
Human Resources and Governance/Business Manager	Councillor Mrs. C. Forehead
Performance and Asset Management	Councillor D.T. Hardacre
Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development	Councillor K. James
Social Services	Councillor R. Woodyatt

12. LEADER OF THE MAIN OPPOSITION GROUP - COUNCILLOR C.P. MANN

It was noted that Councillor C.P. Mann will receive a senior salary payment as Leader of the main opposition Group.

13. LEADERS STATEMENT

Councillor K.V. Reynolds provided Members with an overview of some of the achievements and events over the last twelve months, an update on some of the investments and outlined projects planned over the coming months. He paid tribute to the role undertaken by both Members and Officers over the past year and thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

He referred to the financial situation that has been faced over the past year and to the difficult decisions that had been taken. The savings required had been achieved, with over 80% being from efficiencies in administration and less than 20% from proposals which affected front line services. He expressed his appreciation to those members of the public who took part in the extensive budget consultation, which was extremely helpful in reaching the final budget.

In view of the fact that the austerity programme will continue there will be several more years of very difficult budgets. In that it is expected that over £25m more savings will be required over the next four years, he advised that it is essential to continue to look for ways to be more efficient in order to safeguard essential services. It is intended that Members will be invited to take part in early discussions in preparation for next year's budget and a three year financial plan.

With regards to education, Councillor Reynolds advised that as part of the 21st Century School buildings programme, November saw the official opening of the £20m development at Y Gwindy, which is a unique combination of refurbishment and new build for a modernised Welsh Medium Primary and Secondary School. Work also started on the new Islwyn High School at Oakdale which will provide a much-improved replacement for Oakdale and Pontllanfraith Comprehensive Schools and tendering for works for a new primary school in Rhymney to replace the Pontlottyn and Abertysswg Primary Schools has commenced. It was noted that the contractors for these major school projects are also contributing considerable wider community benefits through local chain partners and including the employment of local

people through full time employment, apprentice opportunities, work experience places and management trainee places.

There is also a continuing commitment to invest in education and in March, it was agreed to invest more than £4m over the next 3 years on school improvements across a large number of schools, as part of the Education Capital Programme. There is also a commitment to raising standards and Officers continue to work with schools to achieve this.

Investment in the Housing Stock to meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard by 2020 continued in 2015/16 with £25m spent on the programme with over 1500 homes benefitting. Work is also progressing on environmental projects as part of the programme. Outside the WHQS investment, the day-to-day repairs service has been modernised using the latest mobile technology, the Anti-Poverty Strategy launched and support staff continue to assist where required. A special project at Lansbury Park dedicated to employment, health, education, family support, housing and environmental projects in the area is being taken forward.

Councillor Reynolds advised that job creation and regeneration remains a high priority and made reference to the £1.2b City Deal for this area and the development of a new Metro public transport system for the region. Workshops for Members to discuss the emerging plans for this City Deal will be arranged in the near future.

Over the past year local business have been supported, with assistance provided for 25 new business start-ups and grant aid provided to support the creation of 81 new jobs and safeguard 334 existing jobs. Works have started on the construction of a major new factory on the Oakdale Business Park. Local Town Centres continued to receive investment with works completed in Newbridge and Bargoed. Improvements were completed at Llancaiach Fawr which hosted a very successful Urdd Eisteddfod last year and this year, the South Wales Armed Forces Day event will come to Caerphilly at the end of June.

With regards to social services, the positive feedback from the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) as part of its annual performance evaluation review reinforces the commitment to providing quality Social Services to all sections of the community. This year an additional £2.5m has been allocated for those services. Cabinet recently agreed to invest in a new therapeutic service and March saw the delivery of 4 new mini buses for the transportation of vulnerable clients on behalf of Social Services. Caerphilly was designated as a 'dementia friendly community' and the Winding House Museum became Wales' first 'dementia friendly museum'.

With regards to the Future Generations and Wellbeing Act, Councillor Reynolds advised that it is intended to establish a cross-party Future Generations Advisory Panel to steer and guide the work over the next two years and thereafter through planning delivery and into the next cycle of the statutory requirements.

With regards to recycling, all indications show that we are on course to hit our 58% recycling target. In relation to other services, Leisure Services welcomed 1.4m customer visits, Library Services 218,000 visitors (loaning over 134,000 items) and 35,260 visitors took advantage of free computer sessions. In addition, the new Centre for Sporting Excellence in Ystrad Mynach has hosted 20 international and 28 representative matches during the first year of its operation. Partnerships have been secured with Gwent Dragons and the Welsh Football Association. The Welsh Ladies Senior Team and Cardiff City Ladies Team are now using the centre and we are working closely with Coleg-y-Cymoedd, and the Welsh Football Association supporting the Women's Youth Team in scholarships with the College.

£1.2m of funding was secured for a series of transport and road projects across the borough which provided safer routes in the community, road safety initiatives, traffic calming schemes and public transport improvements.

Reference was then made to the progress on the governance action plan and most recently to the review of the scrutiny processes, whereby Scrutiny Committees will be able to advise and influence Cabinet before key policy decisions are made.

Councillor Reynolds was pleased to announce that despite continued austerity measures, customer satisfaction remained high. In response to the biennial household survey, 78% of residents stated that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the services provided. He also reminded Members that Caerphilly was one of the first Welsh authorities to respond to the Syrian refugee crisis, taking in two young families who were fleeing the Syrian war zone.

In closing Councillor Reynolds advised that he had only mentioned some of the services provided and as such he could not accurately reflect the work of over 9000 staff operating across 600 different service areas. He apologised to those areas that he had not specifically mentioned.

REPORTS OF OFFICER

Consideration was given to the following report.

14. CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Consideration was given to the report which outlined matters that require consideration in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules and provided an update on changes and amendments to legislation affecting the Council's Constitution. Members were also asked to note and adopt the amended Code of Conduct for Members as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and to delegate authority to the Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to make the necessary changes to the Council's Constitution to give effect to the changes referred to in the Report.

Members were advised that the Council's Procedure Rules require the Annual Meeting to appoint at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a Standards Committee and such other Committees the Council considers appropriate to deal with the matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions. In noting the provision for the appointment to a number of Committees as detailed in the report, it was not proposed that any changes be made to the current committee structure.

The Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer then detailed the proposed changes to the terms of reference for the Policy and Resources Committee, the Democratic Services Committee and the Standards Committee as set out in the report (there being no other changes proposed to the existing terms of reference for the remainder of the Committees set out in Part 2 of the Constitution).

With regards to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, and in accordance with the requirements of the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (which requires the Council to designate a Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the work of the Public Service Board), it is proposed that this role is undertaken by the Policy and Resources Committee when sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee. In that it is seen that there is also an important role for a cross-party group of Elected Members it is recommended that the Sustainable Development Advisory Panel be formally re-established as a cross-party Future Generations Advisory Panel to steer and guide the work over the next two years and thereafter through planning delivery and into the next cycle of the statutory requirements. It is proposed that the new Panel be chaired by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration Planning and Sustainable Development and that the Cabinet Member be also designated as "Future Generations Champion".

Reference was then made to the establishment of a Cross-Party Working Group to review the Council's Constitution with a view to implementing the All Wales Model Framework Constitution, which was a framework document prepared by lawyers in conjunction with the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Local Government Lawyers Group (LLG). Due to various difficulties with the IT software package, it has not been possible to implement the framework across Wales and as such, it is proposed that the working party be disbanded and that the Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer provide six monthly updates to the Democratic Services Committee on the Council's Constitution.

In relation to the Standards Committee, and as a result of Regulations that have amended Statutory Instruments, it is proposed that changes to the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001, the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committee) (Wales) Regulations 2001 and Local Authorities (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 be reflected in the constitution and the existing terms of reference of the Standards Committee be amended accordingly.

Reference was then made to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct)(Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016. The Order (which came into force on 1st April 2016) amends the Model Code of Conduct for Local Government Members set out in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008, details of which were outlined in the report. Particular reference was made to the transfer of responsibility for maintaining the register of interests of Members of community/town councils from the Monitoring Officer of the principal Local Authority to the "Proper Officer" of each community/town council, with effect from 1st May 2016, Reference was also made to Paragraph 15 of the Model Code, which clarifies that any interest disclosed for the first time must be entered in the register, to the omission of paragraph 6(1)(c), the removal of paragraph 10(2)(b) and minor changes in accordance with the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions Act 2010 (Consequential Amendments) Regulation 2014.

Members were advised that the Council is required to consider the amendments and adopt the Model Code within six months of the date on which the Order was made. As the Order was made on 27th January 2016, a revised Code must be adopted by 26th July 2016. Members noted the current Code of Conduct appended to the report with the amendments made under the Order track changed in bold italics.

It was noted that there is a requirement to decide the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the Political Balance Rules contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended. In that there has been no change to the political balance of the Authority the current allocations will remain as present.

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:-

Appointment of Committees in Accordance with the Constitution

- (i) it be noted that there are no proposals to change the current committee structure or the number of Members allocated to each Committee as set out in the report;

Terms of Reference of Committees

- (ii) in relation to the Policy and Resources Committee, it be agreed that the role of the Committee be enhanced to include the Scrutiny of the Public Services Board as detailed in the report and the Council's Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary

amendments to the Committee's existing terms of reference as set out in the Council's Constitution;

- (iii) it be agreed that the Sustainable Development Advisory Panel be formally re-established as a cross-party Future Generations Advisory Panel to steer and guide the work over the next two years and thereafter through planning delivery and into the next cycle of the statutory requirements;
- (iv) the Future Generations Advisory Panel be chaired by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration Planning and Sustainable Development and the Cabinet Member be designated as "Future Generations Champion";
- (v) in relation to the Democratic Services Committee, for the reasons contained in the report: -
 - (i) the implementation of the All Wales Model Framework Constitution cease and the Cross Party Constitution Working Party be formally disbanded;
 - (ii) the Council's Interim Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer provide six monthly updates to the Democratic Services Committee on the Council's Constitution;
 - (iii) the Terms of Reference of the Democratic Services Committee be revised to include the role of overseeing the Council's Constitution and the Council's Interim Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the Democratic Services Committee existing Terms of Reference as set out in the Council's Constitution;
- (vi) in relation to the Standards Committee, the information contained in the report be noted and the Council's Interim Head of Legal Services/ Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary changes to the Constitution to reflect the changes to the existing terms of reference of the Standards Committee;
- (vii) it be noted that there are no changes to the existing Terms of Reference for the remainder of the Committees as set out in Part 2 of the Constitution:

Adoption of a Revised Code of Conduct for Elected Members

- (viii) the amendments made to the Code of Conduct for Elected Members as set out in the report be noted;
- (ix) the revised Code of Conduct for Elected Members be formally adopted;
- (x) the Council's Interim Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer be authorised to undertake the necessary steps to formally adopt the amended Code and update the Council's Constitution;

Political Balance - Annual Review

- (xi) it be noted that there has been no change to the political balance of the Authority and the current allocations remain as present;

Scheme of Delegation

- (xii) it be noted that there are no proposals to vary the current Scheme of Delegation as set out at Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

15. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was moved and seconded that Members be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the following scrutiny committees for the ensuing year in accordance with the names presented at the meeting. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the following scrutiny committees for the ensuing year and the Chair receive a senior salary payment.

Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor W. David Vice Chair Councillor J. Pritchard

Health, Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor L. Ackerman Vice Chair Councillor Mrs P. Cook

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee/Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor S .Morgan Vice Chair Councillor G. Kirby

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor D.T. Davies Vice Chair Councillor Mrs E. M. Aldworth

16. MEMBERSHIP ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was proposed that sixteen Members be appointed to serve on the following scrutiny committees in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that sixteen Members be appointed to serve on the following scrutiny committees in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups.

Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

Health, Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee/Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

17. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO COMMITTEES

It was moved and seconded that Members be appointed as Chair and/or Vice Chair of the under mentioned committees for the ensuing year in accordance with the names presented at the meeting and that the payment of a senior salary be made where appropriate. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed as Chair and Vice Chair of the under mentioned committees for the ensuing year and the payment of a senior salary where appropriate be noted:-

Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)

Chair Councillor D.G. Carter

Appointments Committee

Chair Councillor Mrs C. Forehead Vice Chair Councillor W. David

Democratic Services Committee

Chair Councillor C.P. Mann Vice Chair Councillor D.T. Davies

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

Chair Councillor D.G. Carter

Licensing Committee

Chair Councillor D.W.R. Preece Vice Chair Councillor C. Gordon

Planning Committee

Chair Councillor D.G. Carter Vice Chair Councillor W. David

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

Future Generations Advisory Panel (formally SDAP)

Chair Councillor K. James Vice Chair Councillor D. Havard

18. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

It was noted that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit Committee will be appointed at the first meeting of the Audit Committee following the Annual Meeting of Council and that a senior salary payment will be made to the Chair.

19. MEMBERSHIP ON COMMITTEES

It was proposed that subject to it being noted that the Sustainable Development Advisory Panel has been re-established as a cross-party Future Generations Advisory Panel, Members be appointed to serve on the listed committees in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that subject to the foregoing, Members be appointed to serve on the following in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups:-

- Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)(3 Members/3 substitutes)
- Appointments Committee (8 Members plus relevant Cabinet Member)
- Audit Committee (12 Members)
- Democratic Services Committee (16 Members)
- Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (7 Members)
- Licensing Committee (15 Members)
- Planning Committee (20 Members)
- Standards Committee (2 Members/2 substitutes)
- Future Generations Advisory Panel (formally Sustainable Development Advisory Panel (11 Members)

20. CONSTITUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS AND BOARDS

It was proposed that subject to it being noted that the Constitutional Working Party has been disbanded, Members be appointed to serve on the following sub-committees/working parties/panels and boards in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that subject to it being noted that the Constitutional Working Party has been disbanded, Members be appointed to serve on the following sub-committees/working parties/panels and boards in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups:-

Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors (8 members)
Bargoed Town Centre Management Group (6 local Members and Cabinet Member)
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group (5 local Members and Cabinet Member)
Bryn Compost Liaison Group (adjoining ward Members and Cabinet Member)
Caerphilly Community Safety Delivery Strategy Group (1 Member)
Caerphilly Homes Task Group (Welsh Housing Quality Standard)(7 Members)
Caerphilly Local Access Forum (Cabinet Member)
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group (9 ward Members and Cabinet Member)
Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee (16 Members)
Corporate Health and Safety Committee (7 Members)
Corporate Joint Consultative Committee (all Cabinet Members)
Education Achievement Service Board (1 Member)
Education Achievement Service Audit/Risk Assurance Committee (2 Members)
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel (15 Members)
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group (ward Members and Cabinet Member)
Pensions/Compensation Committee (8 Members)
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Scrutiny Panel (2 Members)
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee (5 Cabinet Members)
Risca Town Centre Management Group (5 local Members and Cabinet Member)
River Rhymney Task Group (3 Members)
Scrutiny Leadership Group (Chair/Vice - Scrutiny Committees/Democratic Services Committee and Audit Committee)
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (6 Members)
View Point Panel (relevant Cabinet Members)
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee (15 Members)
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group (4 local Members and Cabinet Member)

21. REPRESENTATION ON ASSOCIATIONS/OUTSIDE BODIES

It was proposed that subject to clarification as to whether the Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund Management Group is still in existence and it being noted that the Rest Convalescent Home is to be disbanded, Members be appointed to serve on the following associations/outside bodies in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups. By show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that subject to the foregoing, Council be represented on associations and outside bodies by the following Members and/or officers: -

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
Councillors C. Hawker, J.A. Pritchard (vacancy)

Anti-Poverty Champion
Councillor Ms E. Forehead

Army Benevolent Fund - Gwent
Councillor A.G. Higgs

Armed Forces Community Covenant Champion
Councillor A.G. Higgs

Association of Public Services Excellence (APSE) Welsh Regional Committee
Cabinet Members for Corporate Services, Housing, Highways, Transportation and Engineering - Councillors Mrs B.A. Jones, D.V. Poole and T.J. Williams

Caerphilly Foster Panel
Councillor Mrs P. Cook

Carbon Reduction Group
Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development -
Councillor K. James

Care and Repair - Caerphilly
Cabinet Member for Housing - Councillor D.V. Poole and Mr K. Williams (Private Sector Housing Manager)

Catalogue Supplies Joint Committee (Joint Supplies Service Joint Committee) -
to be disbanded in due course
Cabinet Members for Corporate Services and Performance and Asset Management -
Councillors Mrs B.A. Jones and D.T. Hardacre

Child Poverty Champion
Cabinet Member for Social Services - Councillor R. Woodyatt

Citizens Advice Bureau Trustee Board
Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

Coleg Gwent Further Education Corporation (Crosskeys Community Partnership)
Councillor Mrs G. Oliver

Coleg Harlech WEA North
Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning - Councillor D. Havard

Coleg Y Cymoedd Corporation (formerly Ystrad Mynach College Board of Governors)
Sian Farquharson, Challenge Advisor EAS

Consortium of Local Authorities Wales (CLAW)
Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Housing - Councillors K.V Reynolds and D.V. Poole

Corporate Parenting Group
Cabinet Members for Social Services and Education and Lifelong Learning -
Councillors R. Woodyatt and D. Havard, Mrs P. Cook (Fostering Panel Member), Ms L. Ackerman and J.A. Pritchard

Domestic Abuse Champions
Cabinet Members for Human Resources and Governance/Business Manager and Community and Leisure Service - Councillors Mrs C. Forehead and N. George

Equalities Champion

Councillor J. Pritchard

Fields in Trust (formerly National Playing Fields Association)

Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services - Councillor N. George

Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee

Councillors A. G. Higgs and Mrs B. Jones

Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund Management Group - to be confirmed

Cabinet Members for Corporate Services and Human Resources and Governance/Business Manager - Mrs B.A. Jones, Mrs C. Forehead and Councillor C.P. Mann

Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee

Councillors J. Simmonds and J. Taylor

Groundwork Wales

Councillor D. Havard

Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations

Ms J Dix and Councillor G. Kirby

Gwent Frailty Joint Committee

Cabinet Member for Social Services - Councillor R. Woodyatt

Gwent Archives Joint Committee

Councillors A.G. Higgs and Mrs B. Jones

Gwent Police and Crime Panel

Councillors Mrs C. Forehead, C.P. Mann and Mrs G. Oliver

Homeless Person Champion

Cabinet Member for Housing - Councillor D.V. Poole

Industrial Communities Alliance (formerly Coalfield Communities Campaign)

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development - Councillor K. James and J. Bevan

Islwyn Indoor Bowls Club Management Board

Councillor G. Kirby and Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services - Councillor N. George

Joint Council For Wales

Cabinet Members for Housing and Human Resources and Governance/Business Manager - Councillors D.V. Poole and Mrs C. Forehead

The Learning Centre (formerly Pupil Referral Unit)

Councillor M. Evans

Local Authority Action for Southern Africa (LAACTSA)

Councillor R. Saralis

Local Government Association

Leader and Cabinet Members for Corporate Services, Housing, Highways, Transportation and Engineering - Councillors K.V. Reynolds, Mrs B.A. Jones, D.V. Poole and T.J. Williams

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Regeneration Partnership

Cabinet Members for Highways, Transportation and Engineering and Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development - Councillors K. James and T. Williams (substitute Councillor A. Lewis)

Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust

Councillor D. Havard

Older Persons Champion

Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

PFI Liaison Committee

Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning - Councillor D. Havard

Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee

Cabinet Members for Community and Leisure Services and Corporate Services - Councillors N. George and Mrs B. Jones

Regional Technical Statement (Aggregates)

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development - Councillor K. James

Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales

Councillor A.G. Higgs

Rest Convalescent Home, Porthcawl - to be disbanded

Councillor D.W.R. Preece

Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership

Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services - Councillor N. George

Schools Admission Forum

Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning - Councillor D. Havard

Schools Budget Forum

Cabinet Members for Education and Lifelong Learning and Corporate Services - Councillors D. Havard and Mrs B. Jones

Sight Cymru

Councillor C. Elsbury

South East Area Environment Group

Councillor D.V. Poole

South East Wales Strategic Planning Group

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development - Councillor K. James

South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillors C. Elsbury, D.T. Davies and C. Hawker

South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party

Cabinet Member for Highways, Transportation and Engineering - Councillor T.J. Williams

Sportlot Community Chest Panel

Councillors D. Havard, C. Hawker and A. Lewis

St. Johns Cymru Wales

Councillor A. Higgs

Urban Commission (Local Government Association)

Councillor D.V. Poole

Valleys Regional Equality Council – to be deleted

Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

Wales and National Nuclear Free Zone Forum

Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

Wales Council for Deaf People

Councillor C. Hawker - substitute to be determined

Welsh Books Council (3 years) and Wales Book Council Executive Committee (1 year)

Councillor H.R. Davies

Welsh Centre for International Affairs

Councillor D. Havard

Welsh Church Fund

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services - Councillor Mrs B.A. Jones, Substitute

Welsh Local Government Association

Leader and Cabinet Members for Corporate Services, Housing and Highways, Transportation and Engineering - Councillors K.V. Reynolds, Mrs B.A. Jones, D.V. Poole and T.J. Williams

Welsh Purchasing Consortium - to be disbanded in due course

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services - Councillor Mrs B.A. Jones

White Ribbon Campaign

Councillor N. George

Workers Education Association - South Wales District Committee

Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

Youth Champion (appointed by Youth Forum)

Councillor M. Prew

Youth Forum

Councillors C. Cuss and J. Pritchard, Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning - Councillor D. Havard and Young Peoples Champion

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting on 7th June 2016 they were signed by the Mayor.

Mayor