



CABINET SITTING AS TRUSTEES OF BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN
ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2019 AT 11.10 A.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor D.V. Poole – Chair

Councillors:

C. Cuss (Social Care and Wellbeing), N. George (Neighbourhood Services), C. Gordon (Corporate Services), B. A. Jones (Finance, Performance and Governance), P. Marsden (Education and Achievement), S. Morgan (Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability), L. Phipps (Homes and Places) and E. Stenner (Environment and Public Protection).

Together with:

C. Harrhy (Interim Chief Executive), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director - Education and Corporate Services), M. S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director - Communities), D. Street (Corporate Director – Social Services and Housing).

Also in attendance:

P. Hudson (Marketing and Events Manager), R. Crane (Senior Solicitor) and C. Evans (Committee Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. CABINET AS TRUSTEES OF BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE, THE NINE MILE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE JOHN EDWARDS FUND

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2019 (minute nos. 1 - 5) be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE – MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

At the Cabinet as Trustees meeting of Blackwood Miners' Institute held on the 16th January 2019 it was resolved that Officers seek advice in respect of reviewing the membership of the Trustees to include arts and commercial sector expertise, to maximise opportunities within the Blackwood Miners' Institute (BMI), and ensure that revenue remains sustainable and resilient and that a further report be brought in response.

Currently the local authority acts as sole corporate trustee and has a legal duty to operate the charity in accordance with the governing document and has a legal obligation to account for the charity's finances in accordance with the Charity Act 2011. All charities must produce annual statements of accounts under charity law.

There are a number of ways that the Council can effect a change in the membership in order to progress towards delivering a sustainable and resilient service, as follows:

- Incorporate the charity;
- Appoint new Trustees under the existing Trust;
- Set up Holding Trust;
- Set up an Advisory Group.

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners' Institute were asked to consider the options in 5.1.1 to 5.1.4 of the report.

Cabinet thanked the Officers for the report and discussion ensued.

Cabinet considered each of the options within the report and sought further information on 5.1.2 (Appoint new Trustees under the existing Trust) and 5.1.3 (Holding Trust) and the benefits of these options. Officers provided details on each of the options and explained that current circumstances would demonstrate that 5.1.2 would be the most suitable option as Trustees could be added or replaced under the powers contained in the Charity's governing document. As a result, job descriptions and person specifications could be developed and adverts could be posted for Trustees with relevant skills and knowledge as required.

Following consideration and discussion it was moved and seconded that subject to the inclusion of an additional recommendation whereby a total of 9 new Trustees be appointed, 4 from members of the public and 5 Cabinet member representations, the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's Report and subject to the aforementioned additional recommendation:

- i) option 5.1.2 outlined in section 5 of the Cabinet report to 'Appoint new Trustees under the existing Trust' be agreed as the favourable option;
- ii) *a total of 9 new Trustees be appointed, 4 from members of the public and 5 Cabinet member representatives.*

The meeting closed at 11.20am.

CHAIR