



## **CABINET AS TRUSTEES OF CWMCARN MEMORIAL COTTAGE HOSPITAL FUND**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN  
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 3.41 P.M.**

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PRESENT:

Councillor K.V. Reynolds - Chair

Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead (HR and Governance/Business Manager), N. George (Community and Leisure Services), D.T. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), B. Jones (Corporate Services), R. Passmore (Education and Lifelong Learning), D.V. Poole (Housing), T.J. Williams (Highways, Transportation and Engineering) and R. Woodyatt (Social Services).

Together with:

C. Burns (Interim Chief Executive), C. Harry (Corporate Director - Communities), D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services and S151 Officer).

Also in Attendance:

L. Lane (Corporate Solicitor), C. Evans (Committee Services Officer)

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies received.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED**

### **3. CWMCARN MEMORIAL COTTAGE HOSPITAL FUND**

The report sought the authority of Cabinet, acting for the Council as corporate trustee (The Trustee) to expend the remaining capital and interest of the Cwmcarn Memorial Cottage Hospital Fund ("the Fund").

Cabinet noted that the charity was established following a public collection in 1875 following a flooding disaster in the Cwmcarn Valley. The monies were originally collected with a view to establishing a cottage hospital as a memorial. That original object of the charity could not be achieved and in 2004 a report sought authority to wind up the charity and expend the capital of the charity. At that time it was resolved that the Council being satisfied that the restriction with respect to the expenditure of capital which is permanent endowment comprised in the trusts of the charity be removed in accordance with the provisions of Section 75 of the Charities Act 1993.

The Head of Legal Services, Head of Lifelong Learning and Leisure and the Group Manager Countryside Services in consultation with local members made arrangements for the provision of a memorial in the form of a bench depicting the wave that washed away the Flannel Factory. This was completed in 2007 and the charity was wound up.

The current balance of the fund including interest up to 31st March 2015 is £18,695.98. Both Abercarn and Risca surgeries have been approached regarding the proposal to distribute the funds and have each provided a list of items which, would contribute to the running of each practice and the service they provide to patients. The total cost of the items requested by Risca Surgery is £5,999.94 and in respect of Abercarn the total cost of £6,000.80. The remaining balance would total £6,695.24, which will provide an additional memorial to commemorate the disaster.

Cabinet thanked the officer for the report and considered the recommendations. Clarification was sought as to when the Cabinet would no longer be Trustees of the Fund. It was noted that whilst the Authority still holds the finances, Cabinet would remain trustees of the fund, until the money is spent.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report:

- (i) The sum of £6,000.80 and £5,999.94 be distributed to Abercarn and Risca surgeries respectively to be spend on the items identified in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) The remaining sum of £6,695.24, together with any additional interest which may accrue be used towards the costs of an additional memorial to commemorate the event, this project to be undertaken by the Cwmcarn Residents and Community Association;
- (iii) The power to release the remaining funds to the Cwmcarn Residents and Community Association (to be used towards a memorial to commemorate the event) be delegated to the Head of Legal Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning.

The meeting closed at 3.51pm

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 25th November 2015.

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CHAIR