



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor K. V. Reynolds – Chair

Councillors:

N. George (Community and Leisure Services), D. Havard (Education and Lifelong Learning), D. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), D.V. Poole (Housing), T. Williams (Highways, Transportation and Engineering)

Together with:

C. Burns (Interim Chief Executive), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services & S151) and C. Harray (Corporate Director Communities)

Also in Attendance:

B. Hopkins (Assistant Director - Education), M.S. Williams (Head of Community & Leisure Services) and C. Evans (Committee Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Forehead (Human Resources and Governance/Business Manager), Mrs B. Jones (Corporate Services), R. Woodyatt (Social Services) and D. Street (Corporate Director – Social Services).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D. Hardacre declared an interest in the item relating to Fochriw Community Centre – Youth Service Provision. Details are minuted with the respective item.

3. CABINET – 7TH SEPTEMBER 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2016 (minute nos. 1 - 6) be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. FOCHRIW COMMUNITY CENTRE – YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION

Councillor D. Hardacre declared an interest (as Treasurer of Fochriw Community Centre) and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

The report sought the agreement of Cabinet to utilise £126,000 previously set aside in the Capital Programme to develop youth service facilities and provide an extension on the Fochriw Community Centre Site.

Members noted that a budget of £126,000 was originally set aside in the Council's Capital Programme in 2013-14 to provide an extension to accommodate the Youth Service on the Site of Fochriw Community Centre. At that time, the £126,000 was intended to be the Council's match funded contribution to a bid by the Community Centre Management Committee to the Welsh Government's Community Facilities Programme, which was not successful.

Currently the Youth Service holds Youth Club provision within the Community Centre and rent space for 2 nights a week for 30 weeks per annum. The Fochriw Youth Club serves 133 members, most of whom attend the centre on a weekly basis. An updated proposal has recently been developed which would provide a smaller scale extension to the Community Centre, which would include a separate store room and multi use rooms.

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

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report, the £126,000 set aside in the Capital Programme be used to develop the youth service facilities on the site of Fochriw Community Centre.

5. WASTE COLLECTION REVIEW AND PROPOSED MINOR CHANGES TO CURRENT COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOOD/GARDEN WASTE

The report, which was presented to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 20th September 2016, provided Cabinet with an update on the progress made with the Collaborative Change Programme (CCP), provided details of the outcome of the recent Wales Audit Office Review of Waste Management and sought the views and the endorsement of Cabinet to the collection arrangements for food and garden waste.

Cabinet noted that the CCP was established by Welsh Government to facilitate the delivery of more sustainable waste management service across Wales by offering strategic and tailored support, to help local authorities achieve the outcomes of the Towards Zero Waste Strategy. Caerphilly has been engaged in the CCP since early 2015 and is currently reviewing its waste collection/disposal options. The CCP is not yet complete and there are no firm recommendations to consider at this present time, although considerable progress has been made.

In May 2016 the Wales Audit Office (WAO) undertook a high level review of the Council's progress in considering changes to the waste and recycling service to meet future statutory targets. Based on the review, WAO were "reassured that the Council is undertaking a measured and mature approach in considering options for its waste and recycling service and recognised areas that require strengthening". The letter also addressed some areas for consideration.

Members noted that the co-collection weekly food/garden waste collection service was introduced in October 2009, to coincide with the transition to fortnightly residual waste collection. The service currently collects approximately 11,000 tonnes per annum (estimated split of circa 8,000 tonnes food waste and 3,000 tones of garden waste). This is currently processed via in vessel composting (IVC) at Bryn Compost Gelligaer. It was recognised that in the longer term, food waste needs to be collected and treated separately via Anaerobic Digestion (AD) in accordance with Welsh Government policy. In January 2016, Cabinet agreed that the Authority would commence a food/garden waste treatment procurement. In addition, it was noted that the current contractual agreement with Bryn Compost provides that

the Council can use the AD plant, which is currently not being utilised and would involve a change to the currently collection.

Cabinet were asked to consider the food/garden waste collection Options outlined within the report, in addition to interim options, which would be required in order to cover the winter of 2016/17. Cabinet considered the recommendations from Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee and noted that, whilst there are some additional costs, these will be offset by savings in treatment costs. It was agreed that Option 2 (The use of Twin Pack Collection Vehicles to collect Food and Garden Waste Weekly All Year Round) and interim Option C (continued weekly collection of food waste and implementation of a "request only" collection service for garden waste for winter of 2016/17 using two refuse collection vehicles and 4 staff followed by new twin pack collection to commence April 2017) be approved.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report and having consideration for the recommendations of Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee:

- (i) the content of the update on the Collaborative Change Programme review and the WAO letter received be noted;
- (ii) Option 2 and interim Option C as contained in Section 8 of the report (the purchase and use of twin pack collection vehicles and the implementation of a request-only service for garden waste collection during the winter interim period 2016/17) be endorsed.

6. INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS

The report, which was presented to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 20th September 2016, sought the views of Cabinet on the fee structure for the interment of cremated human remains.

Cabinet noted that a report was presented to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 28th June 2016 and Cabinet on 27th July 2016 in which Members considered a report on the introduction of a new scale of charges for additional service provision across the Community and Leisure Services division. The report, as presented on 20th September 2016 is as a result of a Member request for further information and an additional report relating to the charges for the interment of cremated remains in a grave spaces where there were previous interments.

Cabinet were asked to consider a number of options in respect of the Interment and in the case of new cremated remains plots outlined within the report. Cabinet, having considered the recommendation from Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee agreed that the reduction in reopen fees for interments within cremated remains plots and full graves where there will be no future burials be considered during Medium Term Financial Planning discussions and that the fee to reopen additional interments within the new cremated remains vaults be set at £100.

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 and having consideration for the recommendations of Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee:

- (i) the recommendation contained in Paragraph 4.7.2 of the report (that the reopen fee for interments within cremated remains plots and full graves where

there will be no future coffin burials be reduced to £250), which was endorsed by the majority at the Scrutiny Committee, be considered during the deliberations as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan proposals for 2017/18;

- (ii) the recommendation contained in Paragraph 4.7.3 of the report (that the reopen fee be set at £100 in the case of additional interments within the new cremated remains vaults) be endorsed.

The meeting closed at 2.34pm

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 5th October 2016.

CHAIR