



SPECIAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 5.00PM

PRESENT:

Councillor C. Andrews - Mayor

Councillors:

M. Adams, Mrs E.M. Aldworth, A.P. Angel, C. Bishop, A. Collis, S. Cook, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, W. David, D.T. Davies, N. Dix, K. Etheridge, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, A. Gair, N. George, C. Gordon, L. Harding, D. Havard, A. Hussey, M.P. James, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, S. Kent, G. Kirby, Mrs A. Leonard, Ms P. Leonard, C.P. Mann, P. Marsden, B. Miles, S. Morgan, B. Owen, Mrs L. Phipps, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, Mrs D. Price, J. Pritchard, J. Ridgewell, J.E. Roberts, J. Simmonds, Mrs E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, R. Whiting, L.G. Whittle, T.J. Williams, W. Williams, B. Zaplatynski.

Together with: -

D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services and Housing), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), M.S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), N. Roberts (Principal Group Accountant), A. Southcombe (Finance Manager - Corporate Finance), S. Pugh (Communications Manager), R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer), M. Harris (Committee Services Support Officer)

MINUTE SILENCE

Council held a minute's silence to remember retired Councillor Mr Graham Hughes, who represented the St Cattwg ward for a number of years and had recently passed away.

The Mayor also referred to the distressing events currently unfolding in Ukraine, and Council held a minute's silence in solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine.

RECORDING, FILMING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Corporate Director of Social Services and Housing reminded those present that the meeting was being filmed but would not be live streamed, however a recording would be available following the meeting via the Council's website – [Click Here to View](#). He advised that decisions would be made by Microsoft Forms.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Bevan, P.J. Bevan, C. Bezzina, M. Davies, K. Dawson, C. Elsbury, Mrs C. Forehead, Miss E. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, R.W. Gough, D.T. Hardacre, D. Harse, A.G. Higgs, V. James, Mrs B.A. Jones, Mrs G.D. Oliver, Mrs T. Parry, R. Saralis, Mrs M.E. Sargent, J. Scriven, G. Simmonds, S. Skivens and Mrs J. Stone (Deputy Mayor), together with C. Harry (Chief Executive) and R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Consideration was given to the following reports.

3. CAPITAL STRATEGY REPORT 2022/2023

Consideration was given to the report, which outlined details of the Capital Strategy for 2022/23 in accordance with the Prudential Code that was introduced by the Local Government Act 2003, and sought Council approval on its contents. The report had been considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20th January 2022 who provided comments on the Capital Strategy ahead of its presentation to Council.

Council were advised that the Capital Strategy outlines the principles and framework at the very high level that shape the Authority's capital investment proposals. The principal aim is to deliver an affordable programme of capital consistent with the financial strategy that contributes to the achievement of the Council's priorities and objectives as set out in the Authority's Corporate Plan; consider associated risks; recognise financial constraints over the longer term; and represent value for money. In addition, the Capital Strategy should comply with the Prudential Code for local authority capital investment introduced through the Local Government Act 2003, which has three key objectives: to ensure that capital investment plans are affordable, prudent, and sustainable; that treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice; and that local strategic planning, asset management and proper option appraisal are supported.

Council discussed the report and a query was raised on whether the Authority's investments could potentially be impacted by the emerging situation around the invasion of Ukraine. Mr Steve Harris (Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer) confirmed that he was not aware of any direct investments in Ukrainian banks and that the Authority receives advice from their treasury management advisers to alert them of any situations where investments could be put at risk.

One Member sought clarification on the reasons for the Authority's outstanding nominal debt of £313.7m as of 31st March 2021 and asked if this debt level was likely to be reduced at the end of March 2022. Mr Harris explained that this debt has been taken out over a significant period of time, some of which pre-dates local government reorganisation in 1996. Assurances were given that this level of debt is monitored very closely and the Authority has to operate within its Treasury Management prudential indicators to ensure that borrowing remains affordable moving forward. There will be borrowing at some point in

the future but equally the Authority will be paying off some of its existing loans, and it was reiterated that this borrowing would have been used for a range of purposes over a significant period of time.

In response to a query around rising interest rates, Mr Harris confirmed that the Authority meets regularly with its treasury management advisers (Arlingclose) and also reminded Members of the periodic Members' Seminars which provide the opportunity to ask key questions around treasury management and investments. Mr Harris acknowledged the volatile times and the potential pressures on interest rates moving forward and confirmed that Arlingclose provide interest rate forecasts that can be used for financial planning purposes. A query was also received regarding the Authority's investment in commercial activity at a local level, and it was confirmed that when the Authority explores potential commercial ventures, opportunities within the county borough itself will be examined in the first instance.

Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and in noting that there were 45 for, 0 against and 1 abstention, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the annual Capital Strategy Report for 2022/2023 be approved.

4. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL STRATEGY, CAPITAL FINANCE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY FOR 2022/2023.

Consideration was given to the report, which sought Council approval of the Authority's Annual Strategy for Treasury Management and a dataset of Prudential Indicators relevant to Treasury Management and Capital Finance. The report cross-referenced the report by the Corporate Director of Education and Corporate Services on Revenue and Capital Budgets ["the budget report"] also considered in this meeting. The report also sought approval of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy to be adopted by the Authority for 2022/2023. It was noted that the report had been presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20th January 2022, who commented on the report and sought clarity on several areas before supporting the recommendations to Council.

Council were advised that the revised "Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services" requires an Annual Strategy to be submitted to Members on or before the start of a financial year to outline the activities planned within the parameters of the Treasury Management Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Practices. The Local Government Act 2003 also requires the Authority to set out its Treasury Management Strategy for borrowing for the forthcoming year and to prepare an Annual Investment Strategy, which sets out the policies for managing its investments, giving priority to the security and liquidity of those investments. The Authority is also obliged to approve and publish a number of indicators relevant to Capital Finance and Treasury Management and to prepare an annual Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement.

During the course of the ensuing debate, clarification was sought on the proposed borrowing of £42.0m for the General Fund to support the 2022/23 capital programme and £17.7m for the HRA WHQS and Affordable Homes programme, in view of the Authority's outstanding nominal debt. Officers explained that the figures within the report are an accumulation of borrowing approvals over a number of years, and that the Council currently follows a practice of internal borrowing, as the cost of borrowing is currently higher than the returns that can be achieved on investments. Therefore, it is more financially prudent to undertake internal borrowing and use available cash balances to temporarily

fund the capital programme instead of borrowing at the present time. In terms of the level of borrowing, budgets must be established to meet the Council's borrowing requirements as there will come a point where cash balances used for internal borrowing will need to be replenished, and this is the reason why borrowing approval is sought from Members year-on-year in the Treasury Management Strategy.

One Member was pleased to note that the policy of internal borrowing is continuing and another Member asked if any increase in investment returns would be cancelled out by an increase in inflation rates. Mr Harris confirmed that this currently presents a balancing act for the Authority as increasing interest rates could mean better returns but could also result in an increase in the cost of borrowing.

Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and in noting that there were 46 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions, this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the Annual Strategy for Treasury Management 2022/23 be approved;
- (ii) the strategy be reviewed quarterly within the Treasury Management monitoring reports presented to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee and any changes recommended be referred to Cabinet, in the first instance, and to Council for a decision. The Authority will also prepare a half-yearly report on Treasury Management activities;
- (iii) the Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management be approved as per Appendix 5 of the report;
- (iv) the Prudential Indicators for Capital Financing be approved as per Appendices 6 and 7 of the report;
- (v) Members adopt the MRP policy as set out in Appendix 8 of the report.
- (vi) the continuation of the 2021/22 investment strategy and the lending to financial institutions and Corporates in accordance with the minimum credit rating criteria disclosed within this report be approved;
- (vii) the Authority borrows £42.0m for the General Fund to support the 2022/23 capital programme and £17.7m for the HRA WHQS and Affordable Homes programme;
- (viii) the Authority continues to adopt the investment grade scale as a minimum credit rating criterion to assess the credit worthiness of suitable counterparties when placing investments;
- (ix) the Authority adopts the monetary and investment duration limits as set in Appendix 3 of the report.

5. BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2022/23 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The Cabinet Member for Performance, Economy and Enterprise presented the report, which had been endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting on 23rd February 2022, and sought

Council's approval of the budget proposals for 2022/23. The report also provided an update on the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

Members were advised that the ambitious set of budget proposals will support and protect the community as the Council emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic and progresses on the journey of transformation. Despite the allocation of circa £17m to meet unavoidable inflationary cost pressures, the 2022/23 budget proposals include £9.6m of investment and protects key frontline services from cuts. It was emphasised that the Council has made continued efforts to protect the community from significant financial pressures whilst undertaking a prudent and cautious approach to financial management. The proposed budget will allow the Council to protect key services, meet the needs of communities and plot a path for the organisation as it recovers from the pandemic.

Members were advised that the original budget proposals presented to Cabinet on 19th January 2022 included a proposed Council Tax increase of 2.5% which is well below the rate of inflation and the lowest increase for a number of years. However, the concerns raised by residents during the budget consultation process have been listened to and therefore the final budget proposals now include a lower proposed Council Tax increase of 1.9% which equates to a 45p weekly increase for a Band D property.

Council were referred to the £9.6m of new investment in the budget proposals. £5.7m of this will be specifically targeted at social care, including a pledge to pay the Real Living Wage. £250k is proposed for a new CCBC apprenticeship scheme along with significant investment in public protection services, new investment in additional weed control measures to improve Street Scene, additional investment in Community Safety Wardens, and the allocation of £235k to target flood prevention measures and protect vulnerable communities.

Members were advised that within the last week the Welsh Government has announced further funding of £50m for the Local Government Financial Settlement across Wales for the current financial year i.e. 2021/22. This additional one-off funding is intended to displace expenditure met through councils' own resources during the year to enable more flexibility in managing pressures moving forward. The additional funding can be used for any purpose and can be carried forward in reserves. The funding will not be formally approved by the Senedd until March 2022, but it is anticipated that Caerphilly CBC will receive circa £2.9m.

It was explained that this additional sum will increase the current projected General Fund balance of £14.516m as detailed in the budget proposals report. It was therefore proposed that an additional recommendation be added at Section 1.3.8 of the Officer's report for Members to note that the projected General Fund balance may increase by £2.9m, subject to formal confirmation of the recent additional funding announcement by WG.

Council were referred to the financial outlook and the significant challenges that lay ahead for the Authority, including many inescapable cost pressures such as likely increases in pay awards and inflation levels being at a 10-year high. A financial gap of circa £9.7m is currently anticipated for the 2-year period 2023/24 to 2024/25 and the Council's ambitious Transformation Programme and series of service reviews will be key in ensuring financial resilience.

It was emphasised that the budget has regard to the ethos of "Caerphilly Cares" and will support and protect the community during these difficult times, with the key message to residents being one of investment in the community, protecting services and protecting the public from cuts. The Cabinet Member encouraged all Members to support the budget proposals for 2022/23.

The Cabinet Member acknowledged the hard work involved in the development of the budgets proposals over recent months and placed on record her thanks to all Officers and Members who have contributed to the process.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report, together with the proposed additional recommendation in relation to the recent funding announcement by WG, be approved.

Council debated the proposed Council Tax increase of 1.9% at length and a number of Members stated that they were unable to support the proposed increase, particularly in view of the financial pressures already being faced by many residents as a result of increasing energy bills, rising fuel prices, the National Insurance rise in April, and other increases in the cost of living. Some Members called for a zero increase in Council Tax, expressing significant concerns around the mounting cost of living crisis and the difficult choices being made by many residents in supporting their families. One Member emphasised that she supported the other budget proposals but could not support the recommendation for the proposed increase in Council Tax.

During the course of the debate, a Member made several references to the projected £10.463m underspend in the 2021/22 revenue budget that had been reported to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 22nd February 2022. The Member suggested that some of this underspend could be used to offset the amount that would be generated as a result of the proposed Council Tax increase for 2022/23. The Member also suggested that the Council's Capital Reserves could be used as another alternative to increasing Council Tax rates. Another Member referred to the additional funding from Welsh Government and also suggested that the Authority could utilise internal borrowing to absorb and offset any shortfall in Council Tax revenue.

Mr Harris advised Members that internal borrowing is for capital purposes only and cannot be used to fund the revenue budget. He also advised that if the Council were to use any underspends or balances currently available to fund a Council Tax freeze, this would only provide funding for one year, and that in subsequent years the Council would need to find additional funding to plug the gap. A Council Tax freeze for 2022/23 would result in a further £1.428m being needed to balance the budget in the following year, meaning that the anticipated financial shortfall of £9.759m for the two-year period 2023/24 to 2024/25 would increase to circa £11.2m.

A number of Members welcomed the budget proposals and were particularly pleased to note that the Council had taken into account the views of residents when preparing the final budget proposals. Individual Members made reference to key aspects of the proposals, including the significant investment in highway resurfacing works and the improvements to roads, footways and drainage schemes in key towns, the investment in the Apprenticeship Scheme which would create opportunities for the young people in the county borough, and the proposed investment to increase the number of Community Safety Wardens. Some Members highlighted how the budget proposals would protect key services, particularly across Social Services, and reference was also made to Caerphilly Council having the second lowest rate of Council Tax across local authorities in Wales.

One Member made reference to the impact on four schools arising from the loss of Welsh Government's Small and Rural Schools Grant, and he expressed a need for investment to be made within small schools. Mr Richard Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services) acknowledged the need for schools to have a reasonable budget in order to operate but emphasised that the Council is already allocating circa £6m to protect school budgets from any increases that they are facing in 2022/23. Assurances were

given that the Authority does its very best to support all its schools, particularly when they come under financial pressures, and the Authority have already offered a strategy to one school that would be impacted by the withdrawal of the WG grant. It was also emphasised that the Authority will continue to work with Headteachers and governing bodies to ensure that schools are protected, and that it was important to recognise that there is already a significant amount of protection in the budget and that there are strategies available to schools to mitigate any impact arising from the loss of grant funding.

An amendment was moved and seconded in relation to Recommendation 1.3.6 of the Officer's report, for a 0% increase in Council Tax. The mover of the motion referred to the projected increase in funding of £2.9m arising from the recent additional funding announcement by Welsh Government, but subsequently clarified that his amendment included a proposal for any shortfall in the budget arising from a Council Tax freeze to be met through the use of Council reserves.

Council debated the amendment and a number of Members reiterated their views that the proposed increase in Council Tax could be frozen and the shortfall could be addressed through other avenues. Mr Harris emphasised that the anticipated £2.9m of additional WG funding is one-off funding for 2022/23 only and is not money that would be available in future years. Therefore this would only be of benefit in 2022/23, and beyond that, the Council would then have to plug the gap that would be experienced through freezing the Council Tax in the current year. Other Members expressed the need for the Authority to be fiscally responsible by retaining their reserves as planned in order to meet any unforeseen challenges in future years and to continue to support key services, and expressed concerns that the use of reserves could have a detrimental effect on the levels of Council Tax increases moving forward.

The Cabinet Member for Performance, Economy and Enterprise highlighted the Council Tax Reduction Scheme in place, where 9034 households across the county borough receive a 100% reduction in their Council Tax, and she encouraged any struggling families to contact the Council to see if any assistance can be provided to them. The Cabinet Member also highlighted the work of the Caerphilly Cares team who are engaging with residents and can offer advice and support in regards to the cost of living crisis. In response to a query on Band A and Band B Council Tax increases, the Cabinet Member confirmed that the proposed 1.9% increase would equate to 30p a week for Band A and 35p a week for Band B.

Voting then took place on the amendment in respect of Recommendation 1.3.6, which proposed a 0% increase in Council Tax and for the shortfall in the budget to be met through the use of Council reserves. By way of Microsoft Forms and in noting there were 10 for, 37 against and 1 abstention, the amendment was declared lost.

Further debate took place on the substantive motion, with some Members reiterating their concerns around the Council Tax increase and the additional pressures this would place on the cost of living. Other Members highlighted the significant investment in key areas and the financial support already available to its residents through a number of avenues, with particular reference made to the work of the Tenancy Support team. It was emphasised that the budget will enable the Council to continue to safeguard and protect its services whilst listening to its residents and working hard to support them.

Members acknowledged the significant work involved in the planning of the budget and thanked Mr Steve Harris and his staff who had worked so diligently in the preparation of a balanced budget for 2022/23.

Having already moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report and additional recommendation 1.3.8 be approved, voting then took place on this substantive motion.

In accordance with Rule of Procedure 15.4(1) a request was made for a recorded vote which was supported by 10 Members.

For the Motion

M. Adams, Mrs E.M. Aldworth, C. Andrews, A. Collis, S. Cook, C. Cuss, W. David, D.T. Davies, M. Evans, A. Gair, N. George, C. Gordon, L. Harding, D. Havard, A. Hussey, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, G. Kirby, Mrs A. Leonard, Ms P. Leonard, P. Marsden, B. Miles, S. Morgan, Mrs L. Phipps, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, Mrs D. Price, J. Pritchard, J. Ridgewell, J. Simmonds, Mrs E. Stenner, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, R. Whiting, T.J. Williams, W. Williams, B. Zaplatynski **(37)**

Against the Motion:

A.P. Angel, C. Bishop, D. Cushing, N. Dix, K. Etheridge, M.P. James, S. Kent, C.P. Mann, B. Owen, L.G. Whittle **(10)**

Abstentions:

J.E. Roberts **(1)**

Councillor J.E. Roberts confirmed that he had abstained from voting as he had not been present during the whole of the debate.

The vote on the substantive motion was declared carried by the majority present and it was

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the revenue budget proposals for 2022/23 of £395.071m as detailed throughout the report and summarised in Appendix 1 be approved;
- (ii) the movements on the General Fund in Appendix 3 and the current projected balance as at the 31st March 2022 of £14.516m be noted;
- (iii) it be agreed that the General Fund balance will be subject to review when the 2021/22 Provisional Revenue Budget Outturn Report is presented to Cabinet and Council in July 2022;
- (iv) the proposed Capital Programme for the period 2022/23 to 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 4 be approved;
- (v) the proposals for the use of £3.8m capital grant funding recently announced by the Welsh Government as detailed in paragraph 5.8.4 be approved;
- (vi) the proposal to increase Council Tax by 1.9% for the 2022/23 financial year to ensure that a balanced budget is achieved (Council Tax Band D being set at £1,253.95) be approved;
- (vii) the updated MTFP in Appendix 5 showing an indicative potential savings requirement of £9.759m for the two-year period 2023/24 to 2024/25 be noted;
- (viii) it be noted that the projected General Fund balance may increase by £2.9m, subject to formal confirmation of a recent additional funding announcement by Welsh Government.

6. COUNCIL TAX SETTING RESOLUTION 2022/23

Consideration was given to the report which provided details of the Council Tax Resolutions for the 2022/23 financial year.

It was moved and seconded that the resolutions contained in the Officer's report be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms and in noting that there were 38 for, 2 against and 4 abstentions, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED: -

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on the 8th December 2021 the Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2022/2023 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) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

- (a) **61,062.71** 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 amended), as its council tax base for the year.

- (b) **Part of Council's Area:**

	<u>No. of D Band</u> <u>Equivalent Properties</u>
Aber Valley	2,016.21
Argoed	871.94
Bargoed	3,694.09
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	3,948.40
Blackwood	2,972.91
Caerphilly	6,293.38
Darren Valley	714.21
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	619.91
Gelligaer	6,285.34

	<u>Tax Base</u>
	<u>No. of D Band</u>
	<u>Equivalent Properties</u>
Llanbradach & Pwllypant	1,501.97
Maesycwmmmer	905.37
Nelson	1,595.45
New Tredegar	1,338.76
Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn	4,516.18
Rhymney	2,551.88
Risca East	2,040.30
Risca West	1,813.84
Van	1,652.77
Remainder	15,729.80
Total	61,062.71

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 2022/2023 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-*

- (a) **£395,072,587** *being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (d) of the Act;*
- (b) **£1,050,000** *being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a), (aa) and (c) of the Act;*
- (c) **£394,950,653** *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) **£317,453,001** *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) **£1,269.15** *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) **£928,066** *being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in section 34(1) of the Act;*
- (g) **£1,253.95** *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;*

(h) Part of the Council's Area	County		Total County
	Local	Borough	Borough & Community
	Precept	Levy	Council Band D
	£	£	Charge
			£
Aber Valley	19.84	1,253.95	1,273.79
Argoed	15.50	1,253.95	1,269.45
Bargoed	40.49	1,253.95	1,294.44
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	25.77	1,253.95	1,279.72
Blackwood	20.00	1,253.95	1,273.95
Caerphilly	15.50	1,253.95	1,269.45
Darren Valley	18.17	1,253.95	1,272.12
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	32.26	1,253.95	1,286.21
Gelligaer	21.13	1,253.95	1,275.08
Llanbradach & Pwllpant	23.12	1,253.95	1,277.07
Maesycwmmmer	20.21	1,253.95	1,274.16
Nelson	18.18	1,253.95	1,272.13
New Tredegar	12.64	1,253.95	1,266.59
Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn	14.22	1,253.95	1,268.17
Rhymney	13.72	1,253.95	1,267.67
Risca East	12.00	1,253.95	1,265.95
Risca West	27.79	1,253.95	1,281.74
Van	16.55	1,253.95	1,270.50
Remainder	0.00	1,253.95	1,253.95

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;

(i)

Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	11.00	13.00	15.00	18.00	21.00
Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
County Borough Council	835.97	975.29	1,114.62	1,253.95	1,532.61	1,811.26	2,089.92	2,507.90	2,925.88
Community Councils									
Aber Valley	13.23	15.43	17.64	19.84	24.25	28.66	33.07	39.68	46.29
Argoed	10.33	12.06	13.78	15.50	18.94	22.39	25.83	31.00	36.17
Bargoed	26.99	31.49	35.99	40.49	49.49	58.49	67.48	80.98	94.48
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	17.18	20.04	22.91	25.77	31.50	37.22	42.95	51.54	60.13
Blackwood	13.33	15.56	17.78	20.00	24.44	28.89	33.33	40.00	46.67
Caerphilly	10.33	12.06	13.78	15.50	18.94	22.39	25.83	31.00	36.17
Darren Valley	12.11	14.13	16.15	18.17	22.21	26.25	30.28	36.34	42.40
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	21.51	25.09	28.68	32.26	39.43	46.60	53.77	64.52	75.27
Gelligaer	14.09	16.43	18.78	21.13	25.83	30.52	35.22	42.26	49.30
Llanbradach & Pwllpant	15.41	17.98	20.55	23.12	28.26	33.40	38.53	46.24	53.95
Maesycwmmmer	13.47	15.72	17.96	20.21	24.70	29.19	33.68	40.42	47.16
Nelson	12.12	14.14	16.16	18.18	22.22	26.26	30.30	36.36	42.42
New Tredegar	8.43	9.83	11.24	12.64	15.45	18.26	21.07	25.28	29.49
Penyrheol, Treceenydd & Energlyn	9.48	11.06	12.64	14.22	17.38	20.54	23.70	28.44	33.18
Rhymney	9.15	10.67	12.20	13.72	16.77	19.82	22.87	27.44	32.01
Risca East	8.00	9.33	10.67	12.00	14.67	17.33	20.00	24.00	28.00
Risca West	18.53	21.61	24.70	27.79	33.97	40.14	46.32	55.58	64.84
Van	11.03	12.87	14.71	16.55	20.23	23.91	27.58	33.10	38.62
Remainder	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Valuation Bands									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Totals For Community Council Areas									
Aber Valley	849.20	990.72	1,132.26	1,273.79	1,556.86	1,839.92	2,122.99	2,547.58	2,972.17
Argoed	846.30	987.35	1,128.40	1,269.45	1,551.55	1,833.65	2,115.75	2,538.90	2,962.05
Bargoed	862.96	1,006.78	1,150.61	1,294.44	1,582.10	1,869.75	2,157.40	2,588.88	3,020.36
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	853.15	995.33	1,137.53	1,279.72	1,564.11	1,848.48	2,132.87	2,559.44	2,986.01
Blackwood	849.30	990.85	1,132.40	1,273.95	1,557.05	1,840.15	2,123.25	2,547.90	2,972.55
Caerphilly	846.30	987.35	1,128.40	1,269.45	1,551.55	1,833.65	2,115.75	2,538.90	2,962.05
Darren Valley	848.08	989.42	1,130.77	1,272.12	1,554.82	1,837.51	2,120.20	2,544.24	2,968.28
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	857.48	1,000.38	1,143.30	1,286.21	1,572.04	1,857.86	2,143.69	2,572.42	3,001.15
Gelligaer	850.06	991.72	1,133.40	1,275.08	1,558.44	1,841.78	2,125.14	2,550.16	2,975.18
Llanbradach & Pwllpant	851.38	993.27	1,135.17	1,277.07	1,560.87	1,844.66	2,128.45	2,554.14	2,979.83
Maesycwmmmer	849.44	991.01	1,132.58	1,274.16	1,557.31	1,840.45	2,123.60	2,548.32	2,973.04
Nelson	848.09	989.43	1,130.78	1,272.13	1,554.83	1,837.52	2,120.22	2,544.26	2,968.30
New Tredegar	844.40	985.12	1,125.86	1,266.59	1,548.06	1,829.52	2,110.99	2,533.18	2,955.37
Penyrheol, Treceenydd & Energlyn	845.45	986.35	1,127.26	1,268.17	1,549.99	1,831.80	2,113.62	2,536.34	2,959.06
Rhymney	845.12	985.96	1,126.82	1,267.67	1,549.38	1,831.08	2,112.79	2,535.34	2,957.89
Risca East	843.97	984.62	1,125.29	1,265.95	1,547.28	1,828.59	2,109.92	2,531.90	2,953.88
Risca West	854.50	996.90	1,139.32	1,281.74	1,566.58	1,851.40	2,136.24	2,563.48	2,990.72
Van	847.00	988.16	1,129.33	1,270.50	1,552.84	1,835.17	2,117.50	2,541.00	2,964.50
Remainder	835.97	975.29	1,114.62	1,253.95	1,532.61	1,811.26	2,089.92	2,507.90	2,925.88

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. That it be noted that for the year 2022/2023 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	202.53	236.29	270.04	303.80	371.31	438.82	506.33	607.60	708.87

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 2022/2023 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aber Valley	1,051.73	1,227.01	1,402.30	1,577.59	1,928.17	2,278.74	2,629.32	3,155.18	3,681.04
Argoed	1,048.83	1,223.64	1,398.44	1,573.25	1,922.86	2,272.47	2,622.08	3,146.50	3,670.92
Bargoed	1,065.49	1,243.07	1,420.65	1,598.24	1,953.41	2,308.57	2,663.73	3,196.48	3,729.23
Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen	1,055.68	1,231.62	1,407.57	1,583.52	1,935.42	2,287.30	2,639.20	3,167.04	3,694.88
Blackwood	1,051.83	1,227.14	1,402.44	1,577.75	1,928.36	2,278.97	2,629.58	3,155.50	3,681.42
Caerphilly	1,048.83	1,223.64	1,398.44	1,573.25	1,922.86	2,272.47	2,622.08	3,146.50	3,670.92
Darren Valley	1,050.61	1,225.71	1,400.81	1,575.92	1,926.13	2,276.33	2,626.53	3,151.84	3,677.15
Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry	1,060.01	1,236.67	1,413.34	1,590.01	1,943.35	2,296.68	2,650.02	3,180.02	3,710.02
Gelligaer	1,052.59	1,228.01	1,403.44	1,578.88	1,929.75	2,280.60	2,631.47	3,157.76	3,684.05
Llanbradach & Pwllpant	1,053.91	1,229.56	1,405.21	1,580.87	1,932.18	2,283.48	2,634.78	3,161.74	3,688.70
Maesycwmmmer	1,051.97	1,227.30	1,402.62	1,577.96	1,928.62	2,279.27	2,629.93	3,155.92	3,681.91
Nelson	1,050.62	1,225.72	1,400.82	1,575.93	1,926.14	2,276.34	2,626.55	3,151.86	3,677.17
New Tredegar	1,046.93	1,221.41	1,395.90	1,570.39	1,919.37	2,268.34	2,617.32	3,140.78	3,664.24
Penyrheol, Treceenydd & Energlyn	1,047.98	1,222.64	1,397.30	1,571.97	1,921.30	2,270.62	2,619.95	3,143.94	3,667.93
Rhymney	1,047.65	1,222.25	1,396.86	1,571.47	1,920.69	2,269.90	2,619.12	3,142.94	3,666.76
Risca East	1,046.50	1,220.91	1,395.33	1,569.75	1,918.59	2,267.41	2,616.25	3,139.50	3,662.75
Risca West	1,057.03	1,233.19	1,409.36	1,585.54	1,937.89	2,290.22	2,642.57	3,171.08	3,699.59
Van	1,049.53	1,224.45	1,399.37	1,574.30	1,924.15	2,273.99	2,623.83	3,148.60	3,673.37
Remainder	1,038.50	1,211.58	1,384.66	1,557.75	1,903.92	2,250.08	2,596.25	3,115.50	3,634.75

The meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2022.

MAYOR