



CABINET AS TRUSTEES OF BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE

MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH JANUARY 2023 AT 1.30PM

PRESENT:

Councillor S. Morgan – Chair

Councillors:

J. Pritchard (Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration & Climate Change), N. George (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property), C. Andrews (Cabinet Member for Education & Communities), S. Cook (Cabinet Member for Housing), J. Simmonds (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation), E. Forehead (Cabinet Member for Social Care), P. Leonard (Cabinet Member for Planning & Public Protection) and C. Morgan (Cabinet Member for Waste, Leisure & Green Spaces).

Together with:

C. Harrhy (Chief Executive), D. Street (Corporate Director - Social Services and Housing), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director – Economy and Environment), and S. Harris (Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer).

Also in Attendance:

R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), A. Bolter (Visitor Economy and Destination Manager), E. Tong (Theatre and Arts Services Manager), R. Kyte (Head of Planning and Regeneration), J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Leader reminded those present that the meeting was being live streamed, and a recording would be made available to view via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items. [Click Here To View](#).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. CABINET AS TRUSTEES OF BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

4. BLACKWOOD MINERS' INSTITUTE ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

Consideration was given to the report which provided Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute (BMI) the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022.

Cabinet placed on record their thanks to E. Tong, the staff of Blackwood Miners' Institute and the Public for their faith and support in the venue which had struggled post pandemic but was now seeing visitor numbers returning to pre-covid levels and in the case of the 2022 Pantomime season generated the highest attendance levels of any previous production.

Cabinet noted a matter of concern raised by Audit Wales in relation to the annual statement of accounts and was advised that this related to the way in which the Blackwood Miners' Institute accounts were recorded in the General Ledger and their recommendation that this be recorded as a separate entry. The Section 151 Officer confirmed that because of pressures within Financial Services it had not been possible to complete this work during this financial year, however a commitment had been made to do so in this next financial year.

The Theatre and Arts Services Manager updated Cabinet on the successes of the last year and highlighted the flagship co-production 'The Invisible Man'. The importance of co-production works such as this was highlighted and the plans for the new Spring Season were detailed.

Cabinet was assured that the BMI was working hard to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible and this included the streamlining of product sales.

The work of the BMI Advisory Group was outlined and Cabinet noted the varied membership of the Group and the invaluable contribution that these volunteers made to the BMI.

Following full consideration and discussion it was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained within the Officer's report be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report the content of the Annual Report and audited Statement of Accounts for Blackwood Miners' Institute for Financial Year 201/22 be considered noted and endorsed.

The meeting closed at 13:50.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the next meeting.

CHAIR