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12th April 2022

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 6.30pm
The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting both at Carnegie House and remotely via Microsoft Teams
for Business under the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021.

A link to access the remote meeting is published on the Town Council website at:
<http://www.bridgendtowncouncil.gov.uk/committees-and-minutes/town-council-meetings.aspx>

AGENDA

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence
2. To Receive Declarations of Interests (if any) of Members in respect of the business to be transacted
3. To receive questions or comments from Members of the Public (Standing Order 3(e) refers)
4. To receive questions or comments from the BTC Youth Representatives
5. To confirm and sign minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 21st February 2022
6. To consider matters arising from the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 21st February 2022
7. To confirm and sign minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 28th March 2022
8. To consider matters arising from the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 28th March 2022
9. To note for information Mayoral Announcements and Engagements:
 - Saturday 23rd April – Deputy Mayor and Consort - Cor Bro Ogwr Concert
 - Mayor and Mayoress – Malta:
 - Saturday 23rd April – Travel to Malta for HMS Urge Commemorations
 - Sunday 24th April – Service at St Pauls Pro-Cathedral
 - Sunday 24th April – Tour of Fort St Angelo with the Royal Naval Association
 - Monday 25th April – Talk on the discovery of HMS Urge at Malta University

- Tuesday 26th April – Visit to Manoel Island, home of the 10th Flotilla of which HMS Urge was part
- Tuesday 26th April – Attending a reception given by the British High Commissioner to Malta at the British High Commissioner’s residence
- Wednesday 27th April – Boat Trip to the site of the HMS Urge wreck: Flowers to be laid at sea and rollcall of those lost
- Wednesday 27th April – Main Commemoration and unveiling of the HMS Urge Memorial at Fort St Elmo

10. To receive Town Clerk’s Report since last meeting (for information)

11. Facilities

1. To consider draft minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 24th March 2022
2. To consider the renewal of insurance for the Town Council van

12. Finance

1. To receive a balance of accounts and payments since last meeting

13. Planning

1. To consider draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th April 2022
2. To consider any planning applications received between 11th – 19th April

14. Town Twinning

To receive and consider options and costs for the Civic Dinner on Saturday 28th May 2022.

15. To consider a motion from Cllr S Bletsoe regarding audio visual equipment for future hybrid meetings:

“That Bridgend Town Council purchase an “Owl” Labs 360 degree visual/audio meeting system to integrate with laptop for all committee and full council meetings of the Council”

16. Community Engagement & Events

To receive a report from the Community Engagement & Events Manager regarding the Battle of Britain exhibition and consider postponing until autumn 2022

17. To consider an agenda item agreed at the March Town Council meeting to discuss activities to support Ukrainian people coming to the local area.

a) To consider a Motion from Cllr M Smidman and Cllr L Walters that:

“Bridgend Town Council resolves to set aside the £20,000 that was to be spent on Wartime Bridgend to assist any refugees who come to the town. The support that we propose will come in three stages:

- 1. We will purchase vouchers from a supermarket to be decided, up to the value of £100 per family. This will help them to obtain essential items e.g. necessary clothing, toys and equipment for the children, and any extras that they might need for school.*
- 2. We will organise a series of coffee mornings where refugees can meet each other in an informal and relaxed setting.*

3. We will encourage the refugee families to participate in the Council's Autumn Programme with specific activities/projects to support them and help them integrate in the local community. We will also be looking to involve local support services in offering counselling and support.

This list is not exclusive and there may be other activities that the council will decide to support over the course of the year. We obviously don't know how many refugees will come to Bridgend, but we believe that the proposals outlined above will provide a structure to guide us. The situation will be reviewed by the end of the financial year. If, at that point, it is no longer deemed needed, and there is any money left, it will be transferred back into general reserves."

18. Town Hall

1. To receive an update from the Town Clerk regarding the Tender Process and timescales for appointing a contractor
2. To receive an update regarding rough sleeping at the Town Hall property and damage to a glass panel on the side of the door

19. To consider The Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils, note the key changes and discuss the dates to implement the relevant provisions of The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The relevant dates are listed below:

- Duty on councils to publish annual reports – 1 April 2022
- Eligibility to be able to exercise the general power of competence for the community and town council sector – 5 May 2022
- Duty to make opportunity for public to participate in council meetings – 5 May 2022
- Duty to consider training for councillors and council staff – 1 April 2022, with first training plan to be published by November 2022.

20. Welsh Language Scheme

To consider a communication from the Welsh Language Commissioner regarding the new blue plaque in the Rhiw Shopping centre and consider the introduction of a Welsh Language Scheme.

21. Consultations:

1. Heronsbridge School

The Local Authority is commencing a consultation process for the above proposal. Copies of the consultation papers are available on the BCBC website via the following link:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/equalities-and-engagement/consultations/current-consultations> The consultation period will run from 04/04/2022 to 18/05/2022.

Bridgend Town Council is invited to attend a consultation session with BCBC on Tuesday 17 May 3:30pm to 4:30pm. A link to the remote meeting will be sent to Councillors by email following the election.

2. Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Public Space Protection Order

Bridgend County Borough Council is seeking your views on proposals to extend existing Public Space Protection orders (PSPO) to:

- a) Prohibit the drinking of alcohol in specified areas
- b) To limit public access to parts of the highway by installing a gate which is locked at specified times.
- c) To control dogs in public areas

The consultation will be open until 2nd May 2022.

22. Correspondence:

1. Email from Ewenny Community Council regarding Footpath 10, Ewenny Moors
2. Email from Welsh Government - A remote working strategy for Wales

23. Town and Community Forum

- a) To consider items for inclusion on the Town and Community Council Forum agenda
- b) To consider feedback from meetings of the Town and Community Council Forum
- c) To identify proposals for inclusion on the TCC Charter Action Plan which would aid the development of the Charter

24. Personnel (In Confidence)

1. To receive an update regarding the extension of the temporary Facilities Manager and Facilities Officer contracts
2. To receive an update regarding a Locum Clerk



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