

**CABINET**

Minutes of a meeting held on 17 July, 2017.

Present: Councillor J. Thomas (Chairman), Councillor H. Jarvie (Vice – Chairman)  
Councillors: B. Penrose, J. Bird, A. Parker, G. Kemp and G. Cox.

**C28 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July, 2017 be approved as a correct record.

**C29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations were received.

**C30 CARDIFF BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE -**

The following minutes of the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee Annual Meeting held on 21 June, 2017 at Cardiff International White Water were submitted.

Present:

Councillor J.C. Bird	Vale of Glamorgan Council (Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Education)
Mrs. C. Dimond	Cardiff Flood Action Committee
Councillor N. Humphrey	Penarth Town Council
Mrs. N. De Longhi	Operational Manager, Natural Resources Wales
Mr. A. Parker	
Mrs. S. Newbold	British Marine Federation / Royal Yachting Association
Commodore D. Cairncross	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club

Also present:

Mr. T. Gifford	Cardiff Harbour Authority
Mr. D. Hall	Cardiff Harbour Authority
Mrs. K. Bowen	Vale of Glamorgan Council (Democratic and

	Scrutiny Services Officer)
Ms. E. Boylan	Penarth Town Council (Clerk)
Ms. L. Felton	Environmental Health Officer (Natural Resources Wales)

(a) Appointment of Chairman –

Councillor A. Parker was appointed Chairman for the Municipal year.

(b) Appointment of Vice-Chairman –

Mrs. C. Dimond was appointed Vice-Chairman for the Municipal year.

(c) Apologies for Absence –

These were received from Mr. S. Clarke (Chief Executive Officer, Canoe Wales), Mr. J. Maidment (Cardiff Harbour Authority) and Mr. A. Vye-parminter (Harbour Master).

(d) Minutes –

AGREED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 be approved as a correct record.

(e) Matters Arising –

The Clerk advised all Members of the Committee to note the dates of future meetings of the Committee as below:

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 5.15 p.m.

the venue being Cardiff International White Water.

(f) Navigational Safety –

Mr. T. Gifford provided the Committee with a verbal update report advising that there had been some issues of speeding within the Bay and a speed gun trial had been

undertaken with the intention being to promote safety on the rivers. The Harbour Authority was also looking to repeat this process throughout the summer months.

Reference was also made to a recent successful bye-law prosecution with a vessel owner being found guilty of driving in a dangerous manner under the influence of alcohol. There having been no further incidents to date it had been considered that the message had clearly been made and awareness raised.

AGREED – T H A T the update report be noted.

(g) Progress Report re Cardiff Harbour Authority –

Mr. Hall referred to the outdoor living area at Mermaid Quay and the need to ensure that there was no further exploitation of rubbish being thrown into the waters. Again raising awareness was considered to be key with information being provided to the public and training sessions being established at local schools to apprise local children.

Mr. Hall also referred to the environmental importance of keeping plastic out of the water and to a feasibility study that had been trialled in the Grangetown area which had been the subject of an article an engineering literature document. It was suggested that this trial could also be expanded.

The Committee was informed that Cardiff Harbour Authority was one of the relevant Authorities for the Habitats Directive, with good practical guidance being produced. The information was available on line and Mr. Hall agreed to forward the information to the Clerk for Members' information.

The Vice-Chairman referred to regular event posters that were being placed in and around the area that appeared to remain for some time and needed to be taken down. Mr. Hall agreed to look into this. Mrs. Dimond referred to the example of three or four still remaining by the local Police Station.

Following a query regarding oxygen levels, the Committee was informed that the oxygen levels had been compliant in the last month but that the recent heat-wave had had an impact. It was noted that the Oxybarge was usually located further up the River Ely.

AGREED – T H A T the Cardiff Harbour Authority progress report be noted.

(h) Natural Resources Wales: Progress Update –

Ms. De Longhi commenced by introducing to the Committee Ms. L. Felton, an Environmental Health Officer within Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and subsequently advised of the following:

### **Blue Green Algae – Roath Dock**

Roath Dock had had blue green algae since early May, NRW had taken samples weekly and as of Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, the dock had been clear.

### **Dissolved Oxygen**

There had been two reports of sub 5mg/l DO, one at Site 5 from 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the other at Site 17 from 29<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June. There were no signs of dead or distressed fish. The low readings were due to the light winds and rising water temperature (above 19°C) with both readings at the “bottom” of the Bay. There had also been low levels recorded on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

- Mitigation:*
- (1) *The aeration system was operating continuously at maximum output and would continue in this mode for the foreseeable future.*
  - (2) *The oxybarge was deployed to the River Ely on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June and remained on standby if dissolved oxygen levels fell again.*

### **Deshoaling**

Every two or three years, there was a need to remove recent accumulations of river-bed material (deshoaling) in order to maintain safe navigable water depths for the water taxis. The material removed was to be placed into deep areas within the Bay (selected as the reduction in depth in these deep spots would assist in the reduction of failure of the dissolved oxygen standard). NRW were agreeing the processes for permissions with Cardiff Harbour Authority.

### **UEFA Champions League Final**

For the football festival, a floating football pitch had been constructed, a Marine Licence issued and the structure had now been removed.

### **Grab Sampling**

Cardiff Bay was included in a UK wide survey looking at micro-plastics. The Marine Licence has been issued; this was due to occur in August; and results have been asked to be shared with NRW.

### **Fish Counter Data**

NRW proposed to include a substantive item on “Fisheries Issues” for the September agenda which was agreed and NRW would bring along a fisheries expert for the item.

AGREED – T H A T the Natural Resources Wales update report be noted and that the Committee receive a report to the September meeting in relation to “Fisheries Issues”.

(i) Any Other Business –

(i) **Penarth Town Council**

Following a recommendation at the last meeting of the Committee the Clerk from Penarth Town Council was in attendance in order to ensure Penarth’s engagement with the Volvo Ocean Race (VOR). Ms. Boylan advised that Penarth was keen to maximise its involvement and to support the events as a result of the VOR coming to Cardiff in 2018.

(ii) Ms. Boylan also referred to the Great Places Scheme (Funding opportunity) where Local Authorities and Community Councils could come together to create stories and trails regarding their areas and apply for up to £500,000 grants funding in order to promote the areas. It was suggested that where possible this funding opportunity be further explored.

(j) Date of Next Meeting –

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was to be Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 5.15 p.m. at Cardiff International White Water.

After presenting this item, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services noted that he had been appointed as chairman of the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee; and further highlighted the discussions held at the meeting in relation to water health, the Volvo Ocean Race, and the Great Places Scheme.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee be noted.

Reason for decision

To note the minutes.

**C31 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE ACT 2015 UPDATE (HBS) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) -**

Cabinet was provided with an update regarding the work being progressed in response to the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 (VAWDASA).

Domestic and Sexual abuse was a priority for the Safer Vale Partnership which was chaired by the Director of Environment and Housing Services. The Safer Vale Partnership was the Strategic Board responsible for reducing Crime and Disorder in the Vale of Glamorgan. Partners that were represented on the Board were; Vale of Glamorgan Council, South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue, Cardiff and Vale Health Trust, National Probation Service, Police and Crime Commissioner and the Voluntary Sector. The Board reviewed performance and identified opportunities for improvements.

A Domestic and Sexual Abuse Co-ordinator - post was hosted by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and was managed by the Safer Vale Manager. The role of the co-ordinator was to ensure that the Council fulfilled its statutory functions in delivering the VAWDASA requirements. The post reviewed the current multi agency services that were in place and recommended improvements in services and provided that central point of expertise. The post holder managed a number of schemes, including the implementation of the National Training Framework, target hardening, domestic homicide reviews and monitoring of commissioned services.

During the period April 2016 and April 2017, Vale of Glamorgan Police received approximately 3000 Domestic Abuse calls (PPNs, Public Protection Notifications), On average 10% of the calls would be High Risk victims which were supported through the MARAC process, this left 90% of families with little or no support in respect of Domestic and Sexual Violence.

In January 2017 Welsh Government wrote to all Local Authorities in Wales to advise that 2017/18 would be a transition year for regional arrangements to be implemented. Discussions had taken place between officers of both local authorities and options were currently being reviewed.

This was a matter for Executive decision

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the update regarding the current work in regard to Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the allocation of funding from Welsh Government to support the ongoing work of addressing the needs in response of the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 be approved.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services to approve the specification, commissioning and award of tender and contract for a pilot service to deliver advocacy support to victims of domestic and sexual abuse.
- (4) T H A T the Head of Legal services be authorised to draft and execute the necessary form of contract with the provider of the pilot service.
- (5) T H A T further reports on the Council's actions in satisfying our duties under the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 be brought back to Cabinet in due course.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) In order to demonstrate the Council's commitment to provide support to vulnerable victims of domestic and sexual abuse.
- (2) To continue with existing strategic support which had already proved and enabled the Council to implement new ways of working due to the strong partnerships and operational arrangements that had been put in place.
- (3) To pilot a new support and preventative service in the Vale that would provide a more consistent holistic approach to supporting victims and enabled the support to be provided at an earlier stage.

- (4) To ensure compliance with the Council's procurement and contract policies.
- (5) To ensure that Cabinet was kept suitably informed.

**C32 UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT, 2014 (SCHL) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) -**

Cabinet was advised of the progress related to the first year post-implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (the Act) became operational from 6 April, 2016. During the planning for implementation and the first year post implementation, Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet members had received regular reports to ensure they were aware of the changes required to implement the new policy and legislative frameworks.

Significant progress had been made in the first year of implementation of the Act. Many elements were now considered business as usual. There remained areas which were afforded less priority in the first year of implementation. The priority areas identified for 2017-18 were:

- To retain capacity and leadership of a named individual at Director or Head of Service level to lead a team across the regional board to:
  - Continue to work with the Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru, to drive forward the programme of change to implement the Act in collaboration with footprint partners particularly the NHS, third and private sectors;
  - support the implementation of the new statutory partnership (RPB) and the delivery of a plan and their statutory duties.
- To continue delivering a regional plan agreed with NHS, third and private sector partners reflecting key priorities and key responsibilities for delivery.
- To support the ongoing implementation and review of processes and practice in relation to assessment, eligibility, care planning. Further development of guidance to support practice and to promote the Act to external agencies and providers. Support the development of policies and ensure representation at the national work streams.
- To provide consistency in the performance measurement framework.
- To ensure effective implementation of the Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS) within the Council, and ensure consistency across the region.

- To continue to implement the DEWIS Cymru information portal across the region, developing sustainable models for the future provision of accessible information.
- To develop new models of service for preventative services, commissioning and social enterprises, responding to population assessments and the market position statement.
- To implement a Social Value Forum across the region to encourage a flourishing social value sector that is able and willing to fulfil service delivery opportunities.
- Advocacy for children - to ensure a regional contract is in place in June 2017 that will enable the Council to adopt The National Approach to Statutory Advocacy for Children and Young People that has been endorsed across Wales.
- Advocacy for adults – continue working with the Golden Threads Project to jointly commission an Independent Professional Advocacy Service or a range of Independent Professional Advocacy Services.
- To ensure sustainable arrangements are in place for citizen engagement, with investment in developing our engagement strategies.
- Increase Commissioning Capacity to support the implementation of joint commissioning and pooled budgets.
- Safeguarding – continue to support the Local Adults Safeguarding Board to ensure that processes are developed on a regional footprint in relation to ‘Adults at risk’ and the capacity for teams to respond to safeguarding concerns with appropriate training. Raise awareness to professionals, providers and the public on issues relating to safeguarding, and consider how we can progress regional working appropriately with other partners.

The number of Task and Finish Groups were fewer now, clearly demonstrating that practice was becoming embedded. The work programme for 2017-18 would be monitored through the Regional Steering Group, with the responsibility for ongoing implementation and continued compliance being with the Head of Resources Management and Safeguarding role, and the Assistant Director for Integration (Part 9 of the Act).

At the meeting, the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure congratulated staff from the Social Services Directorate for their hard work on implementing the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. The Cabinet Member commented that the outstanding priority areas identified for 2017-2018 listed in Paragraph 13 of the report did not detract from the work done to date.

This was a matter for Executive decision

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report detailing progress in the past year be noted.
- (2) T H A T the areas identified within the report for ongoing work be noted.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee for information.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To note the impact of changes in the policy and legislative framework to practice as a consequence of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.
- (2) To ensure that the Vale of Glamorgan Council remained compliant with the requirements outlined under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.
- (3) To ensure that the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee was able to exercise effective oversight of the policy and its implementation.

**C33 JENNER PARK CLUBHOUSE (SCHL) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) -**

Approval was sought to grant a 5 year short term lease for the use of the lounge area at the Jenner Park Clubhouse (Jenner Suite), in addition to the former bar areas and skittle alley.

The clubhouse buildings at Jenner Park comprised; changing rooms, a lounge area (Jenner Suite) and the former bars and skittle alley. A layout of the buildings showing each area was attached at Appendix A and B to the report.

In 2016 the Council conducted a consultation exercise on the possible uses for the former bar and skittle areas that involved the return of questionnaires and a public meeting held at the stadium involving senior officers and elected Members on 29 February, 2016.

A copy of the consultation report was attached at Appendix C to the report. 27 responses were received to the online survey and 23 residents attended the public meeting. As the consultation report indicated, this was a slightly disappointing response when considering the steps the Council had taken to engage with the stakeholders. As also advised however, it could be interpreted that local residents did not feel particularly strongly about what the Council did with the facility going forward.

As part of the process there was a question on possible future uses of the former bar and skittle areas. There were concerns raised that the area should not operate as it did previously due to problems with certain of the clientele leaving the venue and associated anti-social behaviour. As previously advised this would have to be covered by the new lease and the situation closely monitored by officers. As Barry Town Utd clearly had an interest in the Stadium and the local area it was felt that their management of the facilities would be responsible and respectful of those living nearby.

The main concern raised at the meeting was that of insufficient parking. A parking study was conducted in January 2017 and whilst it was found that the increased use of the Stadium did affect the on-street parking available at certain times of the day, the issue was not considered to be so acute as to require additional parking controls in the area. This would however need to be carefully monitored when the former bar and skittle alley areas were re-opened.

After presenting this item, the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure commented that this was a positive report that reflected the success of Barry Town United Football Club in securing promotion to the Welsh Premier League. The Cabinet Member noted the concerns of residents regarding anti-social behaviour, and commented that this could be addressed under the terms of the lease and licensing arrangements.

This was a matter for Executive decision

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with the Head of Finance, the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure, to agree terms for a new 5 year short term lease (non-renewable), to allow Barry Town United Football Club to occupy the clubhouse buildings at Jenner Park (excluding changing rooms).
- (2) T H A T provision be made within the lease for the Council to make use of the facilities at least 5 times each month for its own purposes at no additional cost.
- (3) T H A T the football club also become responsible for all metered utilities associated with the clubhouse with the exception of shared services with the changing rooms which will remain within the Council's control.
- (4) T H A T the Head of Legal Services be authorised to draft and execute the new short term lease.
- (5) T H A T a further report be provided to Cabinet in due course on proposals for the long term management of the stadium.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To enable the Club to operate the Clubhouse.
- (2) To enable the Council to make use of an attractive asset owned by the Council.
- (3) To ensure that the appropriate costs were paid by the Football Club.
- (4) To ensure compliance with Council procurement and contract procedures.
- (5) To allow detailed considerations of possible future management arrangements.