Cyngor Tref Rhydaman / Ammanford Town Council

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the Council Chamber**

**Ammanford Town Hall, Monday 10th October 2016**

**Present -**

Presiding the Town Mayor -

Alex Smith.

**Members -**

 Irena Hopkins; Jonathan Jennings; Paula Treharne; Colin Evans; Helen Rees; Jonathan Davies; Jonathan Gwynfryn Evans and Wendy Evans.

**Apologies received -**

Noire Williams; Carol Cadman in advance - on holiday; Andrew Lewis in advance - on business.

**No Apologies received** -

Deian Harries; Chris Jones and Julia Rees.

**Declarations of interest -**There were no declaration of interest.

**Min.522/16 Oct Police Matters**

Reported that -

* Offences - there were 36 reported offences committed in September, compared with 47 last year. These included 5 criminal damage, 6 possession of cannabis (3 on the street), 4 burglaries, 6 sexual assaults, 3 shoplifting and 6 assaults.
* Halloween & Bonfire Night - reference was made to the notice "no callers please" School children had been instructed to respect the request.
* Clowns - there were reports of sightings and scares in some parts of the country but no arrests in Ammanford. Press release about knife carrying clowns and public advised not to confront but report to police. It was stressed that it was not illegal to dress as clowns.
* the three apprehended in the street for possession of cannabis were caught because of the smell given off by the drug.
* there were no calls received about motor bike riders using the Tesco - Pantyffynnon walkway. If the gate is locked there will be no access to pedestrians. It was pointed out that riding without insurance, tax or MOT is an offence.

The PCSO was thanked for his report.

**Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor informed members of an event he had attended in Llandovery last month which was quite good; it featured a 50 duck race (plastic ducks) on the river - 99% got trapped and did not finish the course.

**Min. Oct. / 523/16 To confirm as being a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19th September 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were considered to be a true and accurate record after the following amendments were made:-

Min. Sept 514/16 - in the first line Andrew Davies should read Andrew Lewis.

Min. Sept 521/16 - that the number of defibrillators required was 4 and not 3.

With the above amendments agreed the minutes were accepted as being a true and accurate record.

**Min.Oct./524/16 Proposed new Staff Structure**

Proposed by CE and seconded by JD and agreed by members present that a Special Meeting of Council be convened on the 24th of October 2016 to consider the Staff Structure.

**Min.Oct./525/16 Ammanford Task Force**

The Town Mayor provided a short summary of the topics covered in the meeting held on the 20th September 2016. Noted that the next meeting will be held on the 17th October 2016.

**Min.Oct./526/16 Projects -Tesco to Pantyffynon footpath**

The project is complete and a lease will be signed by Council, subject to Carmarthenshire County Council accepting the ongoing responsibility for treatment of the Japanese knotweed.

**Christmas Lights (update AS)**

A meeting of the Sub Group will be called as soon as possible.

**Tesco Project - sub group report (JD)**

A quotation from Parks and Play for the supply and installation of the grant application works was awaited.

**Market Stalls Project (AD) (JJ)**

The acquisition of the containers and marked stalls will be pursed as soon as funds are available to the Council.

**Min.Oct./527/16 Gwyl Y Twrch Trwyth / The Enchanted Boar Festival**

Cllr Irena Hopkins drew attention to an e-mail addressed to the Town Clerk and members of the Council dated 10th August 2016 from the Ammanford Enterprise Partnership requesting that the Town Council sponsor specific activities which totalled £1,909.00. "Payment for these activities will be made directly to the companies and not by donation to any other organisation therefore keeping the transactions as clean and transparent as possible." This conflicted with the decision made in the last Council meeting whereby the budgeted contribution amounting to £2,000.00 (which will be payable to the Ammanford Enterprise Partnership) was approved.

**Min.Oct./528/16 Reports**

There were no written reports received.

**Min.Oct./529/16 Any Other Business**

There was no other business and the meeting was closed.

 **Signed ..........................................Chairperson**