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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**  
**COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE SUMMONS**

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**YOU ARE SUMMONED** to a hybrid meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held on **WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2021** at **5.00 PM.**

**AGENDA**

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<b>TIME</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PAGE(S)</b>
5 Minutes	<b>ITEM 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>  To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct  1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest; and 2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of prejudicial interest they <b><u>must</u></b> notify the Chairman when they leave.	
10 Minutes	<b>ITEM 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
5 Minutes	<b>ITEM 3. MINUTES</b>  To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 3.30pm.	5 - 10
	<b>OPEN GOVERNMENT:</b>	

10 Minutes	<b>ITEM 4. STATEMENTS</b>  In accordance with Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rule 2, to receive any statements from the Leader of the Council and/or statements from Cabinet Portfolio Holders:	
20 Minutes	<b>ITEM 5. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</b>  To receive Members questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2.  (N.B a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for questions on notice.)	11 - 20
	<b>COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME - FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION</b> <a href="#">Council Work Programme 2021/22</a>	
	<b>OFFICERS' REPORTS</b>	
15 Minutes	<b>ITEM 6. DIVERSITY IN DEMOCRACY</b>  To receive the report of the Service Director Democratic Services & Communications.	21 - 28
15 Minutes	<b>ITEM 7. ANNUAL REPORTS 2020/21</b>  To receive a report from the Service Director Democratic Services & Communications.	29 - 66
20 Minutes	<b>ITEM 8. NOTICE OF MOTION</b>  To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of:  S. Bradwick, M. Forey, L. M. Adams, J. Barton, D. R. Bevan, H. Boggis, J. Bonetto, J. Brencher, A. Calvert, G. Caple, A. Crimmings, A. Davies-Jones, L. De- Vet, J. Edwards, J. Elliott, S. Evans, G. Jones, M. Fidler Jones, A. Fox, E. George, M. Griffiths, J. Harries, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, R. Lewis, W. Lewis, C. Leyshon, A. Morgan, S. Morgans, M. A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, S. Pickering, S. Powell, S. Rees, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, G. Stacey, M. Tegg, G. Thomas, W. Treeby, R. K. Turner, M. Webber, D. Williams, R. Williams, T. Williams, R. Yeo  Banks should be an essential service in our communities, giving residents convenient access to their finances and allowing them to take care of their affairs. They are often situated in the heart of our town centres, in close proximity to other vital facilities and shops.  The notice that Barclays are intending to close their branch at Victoria Square in Aberdare in March 2022 is the latest (potential) withdrawal of financial services from communities in Rhondda Cynon Taf and, should the plans go ahead, will have a detrimental impact, not just to our residents in accessing facilities, but also to	

	<p>the vibrancy of our town centres. The Council has worked hard to make our town centres attractive and welcoming hubs of the communities they serve, especially after the exceptional difficulties faced by local traders over the past 18 months.</p> <p>Aberdare has already seen NatWest and HSBC withdraw their services from the town, whilst Treforest, Treorchy, Porth and Mountain Ash are among the other areas to have also seen banks close over recent years.</p> <p>The assurances provided by Barclays that Merthyr Tydfil and Pontypridd are the closest services will be scant consolation to many, with both journeys taking between 40 and 50 minutes each way.</p> <p>This Council wishes to record its opposition to the closure of Barclays Bank in Aberdare and resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request the Leader of the Council to write to the Head of Corporate Relations Wales and West and the Chief Executive of Barclays Bank to call for the plans to be reconsidered.</li> <li>• Requests that the Council seeks to ensure that the social benefits of maintaining a local banking presence in our communities forms part of our future relationships with the banking sector.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>ITEM 9. URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>To consider any items which the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.</p>	

**Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication**

**To: All Members of the Council**