

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL SUMMONS

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Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
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Clydach Vale CF40 2XX**

Ms.Karyl May (Tel. No. (01443) 424045)

YOU ARE SUMMONED to a meeting of **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale on **Wednesday, 29th June, 2016** at **5.00 p.m.**

AGENDA

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1** 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 **must** notify the Chairman when they leave.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

3 MINUTES

To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on:-

- 27th April, 2016
- Annual Council Meeting – 25th May, 2016

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4 OPEN GOVERNMENT:

5 STATEMENTS in accordance with Procedure Rule 2

To receive any statements from the Leader of the Council and/or statements from Cabinet Portfolio Holders

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 6 The Council's Draft Corporate Performance** **29 – 88**
- To consider the report of the Chief Executive.
- 7 Change in Membership of the Cwm Taf Community Health Council** **89 - 90**
- To consider the report of the Director, Legal & Democratic Services.
- 8 Fuel Poverty Scrutiny Working Group** **91 - 96**
- To consider the report of the Director, Legal & Democratic Services following the findings of the Scrutiny Working Group in respect of Fuel Poverty following the Notice of Motion that was considered by Council on the 4th March, 2015 and the Interim Report of the Working Group as presented on the 22nd April, 2015.

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

- (1)** To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors B.Morgan, M.Forey, L.M.Adams, (Mrs) T.Bates, D.R.Bevan, H.Boggis, J.Bonetto, S. Bradwick, (Mrs) J.Bunnage, A.Calvert, P. Cannon, S.Carter, J.Cass, A.Crimmings, W.J.David, A.Davies, MBE, (Mrs) A.Davies, J.Davies, (Mrs) M.Davies, (Mrs) L. De Vet, J.Elliott, S.Evans, A.Fox, M.Griffiths, P.Griffiths, (Mrs) E.Hanagan, G.Holmes, G.Hopkins, (Mrs) S.J.Jones, L.Langford, R.Lewis, (Mrs) C.Leyshon, S.Lloyd, R.B.McDonald, C.Middle, K.Montague, A.Morgan, M.A.Norris, S.Pickering, S.Powderhill, K.Privett, S.Rees, (Mrs) A.Roberts, J.Rosser, G. Smith, R.Smith, G.Stacey, B. Stephens, (Mrs) M. Tegg, G.Thomas, R.K.Turner, (Mrs) J.S.Ward, M.J.Watts (Mrs) M.Webber, D.Weeks, C.J.Williams, D.H.Williams, T.Williams, C.J.Willis and R.Yeo:

“Women Against State Pension Inequality”

This Council supports the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) campaign group who are campaigning against the injustice done to women born in the 1950s (on or after 6 April 1951) regarding the changes to their state pension age as a result of the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011.

The WASPI Campaign group have identified that:-

- Letters were sent out to women affected who were born on or after 6 April 1951 – 5 April 1953. This was 14 years after the 1995 Pensions Act was passed.
- A large percentage of these women only received a letter advising them of significant increases to their State Pension Age within 1 year (i.e. when they were 59) of their expected State Pension Age of 60. Very many others received only 2, 3, 4 and 5 years notice.
- Women were given as little as one year's notice of up to a 6 year increase to their State Pension Age, compared to men who received 6 years notice of a one year rise to their State Pension Age.
- Many women report receiving NO letter EVER
- Others say letters were sent to the wrong address despite notifying the DWP of the address change.

This Council therefore calls upon the government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after the 6/4/1951 so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements,

- (2) To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors G.Smith, (Mrs)S.Jones, L.M.Adams, (Mrs) T.Bates, D.R.Bevan, H.Boggis, J.Bonetto, S. Bradwick, (Mrs) J.Bunnage, A.Calvert, P. Cannon, S.Carter, J.Cass, A.Crimmings, W.J.David, A.Davies, MBE, (Mrs) A.Davies, J.Davies, (Mrs) M.Davies, (Mrs) L. De Vet, J.Elliott, S.Evans, M.Forey, A.Fox, M.Griffiths, P.Griffiths, (Mrs) E.Hanagan, G.Holmes, G.Hopkins, L.Langford, R.Lewis, (Mrs) C.Leyshon, S.Lloyd, R.B.McDonald, C.Middle, K.Montague, A.Morgan, B.Morgan, M.A.Norris, S.Pickering, S.Powderhill, K.Privett, S.Rees, (Mrs) A.Roberts, J.Rosser, R.Smith, G.Stacey, B. Stephens, (Mrs) M. Tegg, G.Thomas, R.K.Turner, (Mrs) J.S.Ward, M.J.Watts (Mrs) M.Webber, D.Weeks, C.J.Williams, D.H.Williams, T.Williams, C.J.Willis and R.Yeo:

“Miners Pensions”

This Council resolves to lend its support to the UK Miners Pension Association Justice & Fair Play Campaign

This **Association** is formed with the objective of securing justice and fair play, for every person that paid into the "Miners Pension Scheme". Their aim is to recover funds from the government and ensure no further reductions are made upon the fund.

This Council acknowledges, that working in the Mining industry in this country was a hazardous occupation and that Miners working across Wales and UK were exposed to dangers and risks every day of their working life. On this basis 50/50 sharing of surplus is wrong and more realistic percentage which reflects the guarantors' risk, and recover all monies that rightly belong to the mineworkers of the UK should be renegotiated.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the relevant UK Government Minister outlining our objections to this continued injustice to a scheme which was intended to offer security for Miners in later life. This Council will seek to engage the support of local Members of Parliament to highlight this injustice and support this campaign at a parliamentary level.

- 10 To consider any items which the Mayor, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. J. Lucas', with a horizontal line underneath.

Director, Legal and Democratic Services

To: All Members of the Council

22nd June, 2016