

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**APPEALS/EMPLOYEE APPEALS/CHIEF OFFICER APPEALS
COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Appeals/ Employee Appeals/Chief Officer Appeals Committee held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Clydach Vale on Thursday, 10 December 2015 commencing at 9.30 a.m .

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor D.H.Williams – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

J.Bonetto, S.A. Bradwick, M.J.Powell and R.Yeo

Officers in Attendance

Mr.N.Jones – Service Director, Operational Finance

Mr.M.Phillips – Revenue Services Manager

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(1) County Borough Councillor S.Bradwick wished to have recorded that as a reference was made in the report to Usk Open Prison, he was previously employed as a Prison Inspector.

(2) County Borough Councillor M.J.Powell declared a personal interest stating “one of the Management Team for the Under 15’s Rugby Squad referred to in the report, is someone I know and lives in my Ward”.

10 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals/Employee Appeals/Chief Officer Appeals Committee held on 19 October 2015.

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information. Transparency in the course of Local Authority business is desirable, however, there is a risk that an individual could be identified from the item to be discussed and

considered. Consequently, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing information.

REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, CORPORATE & FRONTLINE SERVICES CONTAINING EXEMPT INFORMATION

12 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL TO AWARD DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The Committee considered an appeal against the decision of the Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services to refuse an application for Discretionary Rate Relief received from Pacific Fitness Community Leisure Ltd. in respect of its premises at Treforest, Pontypridd.

The Committee was informed that the application made by the Company had not been approved because it could not be demonstrated that:

- (a) The property was being wholly or mainly used for charitable aims and that the benefits to the recipients of these aims were clear and identifiable to meet the requirements of Section 47 of the Act; and
- (b) Any benefits to others were incidental to and secondary to the practice of delivering to the beneficiaries in the charitable aims.

Representatives of the Company were present at the meeting to outline their case and respond to Members' questions.

Following lengthy deliberation, it was **RESOLVED** to dismiss the appeal against the refusal to award discretionary rate relief as the application does not meet the criteria set out in the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy.

**D.H.WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 10.50 a.m.