

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING
HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2020 AT 4.30PM - Via Google Meet**

PRESENT:

Mr P Croke (Chair)
Dr B Calvert
Mr D J Finch
Ms T D'Souza
Mrs S Davies - Staff Governor
Dr J Graystone
Mr K Halabuda - Staff Governor
Mrs K Lewis
Mr T Lewis - Student Governor
Mr H Llewellyn
Ms A Morgan
Ms S Parkhouse - Student Governor
Mr S Pirotte - Principal
Mrs S Pryce
Cllr Dr C Smith

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms V Buckley (VB) - Deputy Principal
Mrs G Carr-Evans - Head of Curriculum (Partnerships)
Mrs N Eyre (NE) - Clerk
Mr A Gibbs (AG) - Vice-Principal

The meeting commenced at 4.30pm

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted from Mrs J Longville.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dr C Smith declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 - "Partnerships and Collaborative Working Arrangements" due to his position as the Cabinet member for Education and Regeneration at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

No other declarations were made.

3. MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2020

The minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 15 October 2020 were **CONFIRMED** as an accurate record of the meeting.

The members agreed that the section highlighted in yellow should be withheld from publication on the College's website due its commercial sensitivities.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. APPOINTMENT OF A NEW GOVERNING BODY MEMBER

The Chair informed the members that the Search & Governance Committee had interviewed Mrs Joanne Oak in November and recommended that she is appointed onto the Governing Body and Resource Planning Committee for a four year term.

One of the members commented that he knows Mrs Oak professionally and stated that this is an excellent appointment onto the Governing Body.

All members present APPROVED the appointment of Mrs Oak as outlined above and her term of office will commence immediately.

6. PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIVE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS - STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

This minute is redacted.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A member commented that a lot of time has now been spent considering this partnership and drew attention to the fact that Junior Apprenticeships are costing the College more than Penybont 6. The Deputy Principal stated that the College is in talks with BCBC and a meeting is being held before Christmas about the need for the programme to be appropriately funded. The programme is highly successful but there hasn't been a Year 10 intake in September 2020 due to cost reasons. The Principal commented that fantastic opportunities are being offered to 14-16 year olds that do not fit in well in a school environment and the vast majority then continue onto an FE course at the College at the end of Year 11.

DEBRIEF

Mrs G Carr-Evans thanked the Chair and Governing Body for the invitation to this meeting to hear the honest opinions of the Governing Body first hand.

A member commented that the governors really care about the learners.

Another member commented that he liked the single item agenda as this really focused the discussion.

Mrs S Davies, Staff Governor, said that she is a parent of pupils at the school and how the partnership has made a big difference at the school.

The Chair thanked the two Student Governors for their contributions and Ms S Parkhouse added that as a mother of a teenager, she very much supports the pick and mix option presented by the Deputy Principal.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 6.07pm.