



You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Policy & Finance Committee

27 October 2014 @ 6.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY

AGENDA

To: Councillors SWJ Ashley, LJ Chaney, D Daniels, M Day, R Jones, R Kemp,
TA Matthews (Vice Chair), J Rees, WJ Walker and DJ Williams

Councillors S Evans, M Johnston, S Brooks and WM Howell (Chair)
(Ex Officio Members)

To: ALL OTHER MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Members' Declarations of Interest**
3. **Itemised Schedule of Receipts & Payments (August & September 2014) and Quarterly Financial Monitoring.**

Schedules of receipts & payments and bank reconciliations are attached for members only. (Members of the public may obtain this information from the Clerk to the Council)
Background papers will be brought to this meeting to allow members to interrogate any transactions etc. in more detail, should they wish.

Details of the Quarterly Financial Monitoring (Quarter 2) are also attached. (Members of the public may also obtain this information from the Clerk to the Council)

4. **Investment Opportunities**

To further consider options for investing in more than one bank or Building Society.

5. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report**

Please see below a link to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report 2015, (75 pages) which would have effect for the financial year 2015/16.



<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dsjlg/publications/141002-irp-draft-report-15-16-en.pdf>

Chapter 10 relates to Town & Community Councils and an extract from the draft report setting out this section of the report is therefore [attached](#). Representations should be received by 27 November 2014.

Determinations 42 to 47 (which relate to allowances) are permissive powers that require a formal decision by the Council. Where the Council makes such a decision, it must apply to all its members at the levels determined. An individual member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these allowances by giving notice in writing to the proper officer of the council.

The Council is also required to publish the total sum paid by it to each member/co-opted member in respect of basic salary, senior salary, co-opted member fee, care, travel and subsistence allowances. This information is currently being collated.

6. Remembrance Update

Councillor Matthews to report on the outcome of a planning meeting held on 6 September 2014 in relation to Remembrance Sunday 2014 in Cwmbran.

7. Support to Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council

The Clerk to the Council will report on progress.

8. Proposed Llanyrafon Manor Event

The Council has been approached by Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council in relation to a proposed event at Llanyrafon Manor in 2015. That Council would like to work in partnership with this Council in providing an event for the community. The nature of the event would be a Jazz Festival including trios and quartets and a headline act. There would be scope to feature some local acts, such as Cwmbran's "Bluesey Susie". Potentially the event could be held in conjunction with a craft day at the Manor. The event would be organised by Lawrence Miller Company who would match fund the event, that is £2,500 each year from each Community Council and £2,500 from Lawrence Miller Company. Funding could continue each year but could be withdrawn if the event became self-funding or was able to rely on private sponsorship and/or patronage. An admission charge of perhaps £15 would also help fund the event. In time the event could become an event of national significance for the benefit of the local community.

If the Council was minded to support the event, members may wish to consider using funds currently set aside for Regeneration.

9. **Regeneration Sub Committee**

At a meeting of this committee held on 15 September 2014, the question of members of any sub committee established in relation to the above was deferred to Full Council.

At a meeting of the Council held on 8 October 2014, consideration was further deferred.

10. **“An Evening to Celebrate Cwmbran and its Communities” (March 2015)**

The Clerk to report on progress.

11. **Seminars & Meetings of Outside Bodies**

To consider the attached reports in relation to seminars and meetings of outside bodies, attended by representatives of the Council.

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| (a) Torfaen Museum Trust | 9 September 2014 |
| (b) TCALC | 9 September 2014 |
| (c) World War One Centenary Co-ordination Group | 11 September 2014 |
| (d) Torfaen LSB Joint Executive & Tactical Group | 18 September 2014 |
| (e) Cwmbran Centre for Young People | 18 September 2014 |
| (f) Local Councils in Partnership Committee | 23 September 2014 |
| (g) One Voice Wales Conference/AGM | 4 October 2014 |
| (h) One Voice Wales Larger Council's Network | 15 October 2014 |



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