



You are summoned to participate in the following meeting:

Cwmbran Community Council Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 6.00 pm

The meeting will commence at 6.00 pm at the Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY.

Members of the Council, members of the press and the public may attend in person.

The meeting will also take place remotely using a video conferencing facility in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Members of the Council, press or public wishing to attend on a remote basis should notify the Clerk to the Council in advance so that guidance can be provided on how to attend the video conference.

AGENDA

To: Councillors: SWJ Ashley, RM Bennett, AL Bird, SJ Brooks, LJ Chaney, JS Davenne, M Day, LG Johnston, F Jones, RD Kemp, KK Manneh, S Morgan, J Rees, LM Ryan, M Villars, WJ Walker, DH Williams and LE Williams

For meetings of the Full Council, the Quorum shall be at least a third of the total membership.

1 **Apologies for absence**

To receive any apologies for absence from members.

Apologies must be submitted in advance by the Member concerned.

(Members are reminded that failure to attend at least one relevant meetings within six months will result in automatic disqualification from holding office unless the absence is approved.)

2 **Membership**

To note the vacancy in membership of the Council following the recent death of Councillor M Johnston (Two Locks Ward)

An election must be held, if requested if the vacancy occurs other than within six months before the day on which that councillor would regularly have retired.

An election is therefore not required.

(The funeral will take place on 7 February 2022 at 12.30 pm at Gwent Crematorium.)



3 Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have and to give details of the nature of the interest.

4 Voting

To agree that the manner of any voting at this meeting will be by calling each name alphabetically with a response of 'for,' 'against' or "abstain."

5 Chair's Announcements and Vice Chair's Announcements

To receive any announcements from Councillor SJ Brooks and Councillor LG Johnston.

6 Public Question Time

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, the opportunity for public questions is hereby included as an item on each Council agenda. Details of any questions submitted will be reported.

(Note: Questions must be submitted to the Clerk in writing within 3 clear working days of the date of the meeting by 12 noon. The period designated for public participation shall not exceed 10 minutes. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and not for more than 10 minutes. A speaker may ask a supplementary question. A question asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate.

The Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for an oral response or to an employee for a written or oral response. A record of any public participation session will be included in the minutes of the meeting.)

7 Gwent Police Update/ South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update

- (i) To receive representatives from Gwent Police who will report to Members and answer Members' questions.
- (ii) To receive representatives from the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service who will report to Members and answer Members' questions.

Members are requested to submit any questions to the Clerk in advance,

8 [Council Meeting 15 December 2021](#)

To receive and, if approved, confirm the above minutes (attached).

The Chairman will be asked to sign and initial or authenticate the minutes of the above meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12 paragraph 41.

9 [Events & Community Projects Committee: 10 January 2022](#)

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the above meeting.

- (1) To receive and, if approved, confirm the recommendations in the above minutes.
- (2) In relation to Minute ECP21/012 (Provisional Programme of Events) to consider rearranging the proposed date of the Primary Schools Choral Festival to avoid the forthcoming Pre-Election Period, which is expected to commence on 18 March 2022,

10 [Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee: 10 January 2022](#)

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the above meeting.

To receive and, if approved, confirm the recommendations in the above minutes.

11 [\(a\) Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee: 12 January 2022](#)

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the above meeting.

- (1) To receive and, if approved, confirm the recommendations in the above minutes.
- (2) In relation to Minute ESP21/016 (c) Mynydd Maen Wind Farm proposal to appoint a Member to represent the Council on a community liaison group (CLG) for the proposed Mynydd Maen Wind Farm. The first meeting will be held online, via Microsoft Teams, on 16th February at 6.00 pm.

(b) Planning Consultations

- (1) To deal with any outstanding planning consultations from Torfaen County Borough Council.
- (2) To note that observations have been forwarded to Torfaen County Borough Council in relation to applications 21/P/0631, 21/P/0984, 21/P/0981 and 21/P/0049.

12 [Policy & Finance Committee: 17 January 2022](#)

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the above meeting.

- (1) To receive and, if approved, confirm the recommendations in the above minutes.
- (2) In relation Minute PF21/023 (Itemised Schedule of Receipts & Payments (November 2021)) to note that Unity Trust Bank has reviewed interest rates. Rates reduced on 21 May 2020 to 0% on Instant Access, following the bank of England base rate changes earlier that year. The rate has now increased to 0.15% as of the 17 December 2021.
- (3) In relation to Minute PF21/024 (Review of Internal Audit and Audit Plan) to confirm that references to "Annual Review" in the Audit Plan should state "Annual Return."
- (4) In relation to Minute PF21/034 (Governance and Financial Management: A Self-Evaluation Toolkit for Community and Town Councils in Wales), to note that the Clerk and Councillor Morgan will be participating/participated in a Focus group session on 7 February 2022 to discuss our experience of using the toolkit.

13 [Estimates 2022/23](#)

- (1) To confirm the attached Estimates for 2022/23 (Minute PF21/027 also refers)
- (2) To confirm the Precept as the Precept for 2022/23 is confirmed as £601,675.00
Band D £44.13 (£601,675 / 13,634)

14 **Dates of Future Meetings: Pre-Election Period**

To consider the cancellation of meetings during the forthcoming Pre-Election Period, which is expected to commence on 18 March 2022. It is understood that Torfaen County Borough Council and Pontypool Community Council will not be meeting during this period.

15 **Exclusion of the Press & Public**

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is **recommended** that the following matters be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

16 **Staffing Matters**

To consider the attached report.



David Collins DMS

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