

**Summary (Notes) of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday 5 October 2022 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on 9 November 2022

**Venue: The meeting was held remotely and at the Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**

**Present:** Councillors: AL Bird (in chair), LJ Chaney, M Day, F Jones, P Jones, L Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh, C Morgan, S Morgan, PJ Seabourne, M Villars, WJ Walker & S Wharton

(Councillors M Day, L Lloyd-Tolman, S Morgan & S Wharton participated in the meeting via remote means)

Also Clare Facey (Interim Clerk)

**Absent:** Councillors R Bennett, JS Davenne, LG Johnson & G Lloyd-Tolman

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors R Bennett (illness), JS Davenne (illness) & G Lloyd-Tolman (personal).

**2 Declarations of Interest**

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they had and give details of the nature of their interest.

**3 Chair's Announcements & Vice Chair's Announcements**

The Chair reported that he had participated in numerous meetings and events:-

- NALC Meeting 11 August 2022
- Federation of Small Businesses Awards 11 August 2022
- Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre Billboard Art Exhibition 13 August 2022
- The Congress Theatre Board 15 August 2022
- Friends of Bruchsal Management Committee 23 August 2022
- Merchant Navy Flag Raising 31 August 2022
- Public Affairs Cymru Lecture 1 September 2022
- Friends of Bruchsal Society/Trust AGM 8 September 2022
- CoStar Hub Launch 9 September 2022
- Cwmbran Swimming Club 10 September 2022

- Accession of Proclamation for Gwent 11 September 2022
- Accession of Proclamation for Torfaen 11 September 2022
- Ebenezer Church Coffee Morning 13 September 2022
- Memorial Service for the late Queen 16 September 2022
- Bron Afon AGM 17 September 2022
- CADESA Service for the late Queen 19 September 2022
- Policing Wales Coffee Morning 20 September 2022
- Maendy Primary Coffee Morning 23 September 2022
- Meeting with Cwmbran Centre 27 September 2022
- Remembrance Parade Meeting 29 September 2022

The Vice-Chair reported that she had participated in the following meetings and events:-

- Memorial Service for the late Queen 16 September 2022
- Chaired the P&F meeting 28 September 2022

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

#### 4 **Public Question Time**

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders the opportunity for public questions was included as an item on the agenda for the meeting.

No questions had been submitted.

#### 5 **Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update**

- (i) Members noted that the Inspector was unable to attend the meeting but had replied to members questions regarding "boy racers" at Morrison's carpark and ASB outside McDonald's in the Caradoc Road Car Park.
- (ii) Members noted that Station Commander Mark Bowditch from the Fire & Rescue Service was unable to attend the meeting but had replied to members questions regarding further fires taking place at the Dowlais Brook site.

It was **Resolved** that Inspector Jennie Brustad-Tinsley and Station Commander Bowditch are thanked for their responses.

#### 6 **Council Meeting 27th July 2022**

The Chair introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the above meeting are received.

**7 Events & Community Projects Committee 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

*Members noted that a recent Remembrance Meeting had been held with the Acting Clerk, Chair, Councillor's Walker and Villars and various representation from military groups, such as CADESA, the church and girl guides. Members who had attended the meeting reported that the group had discussed the organisation of the event and reported that it would predominantly be planned and organised by Cwmbran Community Council, with some support from CADESA and Members of the Council agreed. Members were pleased to note that the parade would be a short walk from Clomendy Road, along Wesley Street to Cwmbran Park, where the service would take place.*

*Councillor Simmonds suggested that, with his military background, he would like to be considered to take part in future preparations, and members agreed.*

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) members noted the planning arrangements of this year's Remembrance Parade and Cwmbran Community Council's support of the event
- b) Councillor Simmonds is invited to future planning meetings
- c) the recommendations included in the minutes are approved.

**8 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Councillor P Seabourne introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

*It was noted that Councillor P Seabourne chaired the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.*

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the above meeting are approved, subject to the amendment above.

**9 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 7th September 2022**

- a) Councillor Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting. With reference to item ESP22/024 Neighbourhood Services, it was noted that there had been improvement with the issues experienced in the Llantarnam Ward regarding collections. However, the Ward Councillors would like reassurances on what contingency plans are in place to prevent these issues from arising in the future.

With reference to item ESP22/027 a discussion ensued regarding the Winter Warmer Projects. A member raised issues regarding the Council's use of reserves and the approach the Council were taking, and how it contrasted with other Councils. It was suggested that this discussion be deferred.

The Acting Clerk updated members on progress relating to the thermal blanket scheme and recent meetings and discussions that had taken place between CCYP and Age Connect, with promising partnership arrangements. Both partners were running projects throughout winter creating warm spaces and an energy project launch that would work extremely well alongside the blanket rollout. The Acting Clerk was continuing to make further enquiries with other organisations. She explained that once the accompanying booklet was approved, the packs of thermal blanket, socks and leaflet would be produced shortly after ready for distribution through our partners.

Members mentioned warm spaces that were being created within their wards at such a crucial time for the community. Mention was also made to the use of the Council's Annexe that could possibly be made available for the same purpose of a "warm space" for members of the public. Councillor Manneh requested a formal motion that this type of project was not initiated unless the Council sought advice, a vote was subsequently taken; For 4, Against 6, Abstain 2.

- (b) Planning Consultations – Members considered the outstanding planning lists and there were no objections to planning lists 1428 and 1429.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- i) the Llantarnam Ward Councillors would like reassurances on what contingency plans are in place to prevent these collection issues arising in the future
- ii) the minutes of the above meeting are approved
- iii) no objection is offered to Planning Lists 1428 and 1429.

## **10 Policy & Finance Committee 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

*With reference to item PF22/035 May Elections, at the last meeting Members requested a breakdown of the election costs, this was reported to the meeting which members noted.*

It was **Resolved** that the minutes are approved.

## **11 Accounting Statements & Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022**

Members noted that the results of the external audit of the Accounting Statements & Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 were still awaited from Audit Wales. Members were made aware that relevant notices had been displayed in the Council's noticeboards and on the website.

It was **Resolved** that this is noted.