

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday
14 December 2022 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on
15 February 2023

**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: SWJ Ashley, A Bird, J Davenne, L Johnston, G Lloyd-Tolman,
L Lloyd-Tolman, K K Manneh, S Morgan, C Morgan, P Seabourne,
L Simmonds, W J Walker.

(Councillors Rh Bennet, L Chaney & M Villars participated in the meeting via
remote means)

Also Gareth Davies, who has been appointed as the new Clerk to the Council.

Absent: Councillors M Day, F Jones, P Jones & S Wharton

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

CL22/073 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors M Day (personal),
P Jones (sick), F Jones (sick) & S Wharton (personal)

CL22/074 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.

Councillor S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute CL22/078
Council Meeting 9th November 2022. She remained in the meeting.

Councillors S Morgan and S Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in
Minute CL22/081 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 23rd
November 2022. They remained in the meeting.

Councillor S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute CL22/084 –
Task Force – Draught Proofing Measures. She remained in the meeting.

Councillors S Ashley and P Seabourne declared a non-prejudicial interest in
Minute CL22/085 Greater Gwent Pension Fund – 2022 Actuarial Valuation.
They remained in the meeting.

CL22/075 Chair's Announcements & Vice Chair's Announcements

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

- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Pontnewydd
- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Council House

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

CL22/076 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.

CL22/077 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update

- (i) No update from Gwent Police has been provided.
- (ii) No update from Wales Fire & Rescue Service has been provided.

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

CL22/078 Council Meeting 9th November 2022

Councillor S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item.

The Chair introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

With regards to item CL22/067 Policy & Finance Committee, the Member reported that there had been discussions within the community safety team who had requested that the Community Alcohol Partnership be Torfaen wide.

With regards to Item CL22/067, the Member noted that they had written to Torfaen again but the 2 speed signs had still not been installed to date.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) that the above matters are noted
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are received.

CL22/079 Events & Community Projects Committee 14th November 2022

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

With regards to item ECP22/037, Councillor Ashley thanked the Task Force for arranging the Remembrance poppies around Cwmbran again this year.

With regards to item ECP22/038, Councillor Walker noted the Tree Lightings this year, and mention was made to the quality of the trees and lights.

With regards to item ECP22/042, Councillor S Morgan mentioned the community planting scheme and plaque that was suggested at the last meeting, to acknowledge and celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign. The Chair suggested that this is deferred to the Environmental Committee for further consideration.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) that the above matter is noted.
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are received.

CL22/080 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 14th November 2022

Councillor P Seabourne introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

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

CL22/081 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 23rd November 2022

Councillors S Morgan and S Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item.

Councillor Ashley introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

With regards to item ESP22/043 Neighbourhood Services, Members again expressed their concerns regarding missed and late collections within the Llantarnam Ward area.

With regards to item ESP22/044, Members were looking forward to attending the canal walk on 21st December 2022 at 10 am.

With regards to item ESP22/045 Winter Warmer Scheme, the Chair announced that the scheme has received recognition from Climate Cymru. Members agreed to do a stock take within the office and through partners and order more blankets if needed.

With regards to item ESP22/045 Fuel Bank Schemes – the Chair updated members confirming that the transfer had been made to the Citizens Advice Bureau in the sum of £10,000. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

With regards to item ESP22/045 – daffodil planting, installation of bins and noticeboards – Members were requested to advise the office of any needed items within their wards.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Council will write a letter to TCBC expressing members concerns regarding missed collections
- b) Members noted that they were looking forward to the canal walk
- c) the office will undertake a stock check of blankets with their partners and order more blankets if required
- d) to note that the Chair updated members confirming the transfer had been made to the Citizens Advice Bureau in the sum of £10,000. To be reviewed at the next meeting
- e) Members contact the office with their requests for bins, daffodils and noticeboards
- f) the minutes of the above meeting are noted and approved.

CL22/082 Policy & Finance Committee 28th November 2022

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

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

CL22/083 Representation on Outside Bodies

Councillor S Morgan has now stepped down from Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre. Councillor J Davenne expressed an interest in representing Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre.

It was **Resolved** that the above matter is noted.

CL22/084 Task Force – Draught Proofing Measures

Councillor S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest.

Members discussed the logistics of putting together a draft proofing scheme through the Council's Task Force. A Member suggested that Housing Associations and Landlords such as Bron Afon and Melin Homes should be consulted before starting any work on people's homes.

It was **Resolved** that the Council draft a letter to Bron Afon and Melin Homes regarding the above schemes.

CL22/085 Greater Gwent Pension Fund – 2022 Actuarial Valuation

Councillors S Ashley and P Seabourne declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item.

Members approved the report from the Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund – 2022 Actuarial Valuation.

It was **Resolved** that the above matter is noted and approved.

CL22/086 Governor’s Vacancy at Woodlands Community Primary School

Members agreed to nominate Councillor Gareth Lloyd-Tolman as a candidate for the above vacancy.

Members also noted that Councillor Luke Simmonds had been nominated for the vacancy at Nant Celyn Primary School.

It was **Resolved** that Councillor Gareth Lloyd-Tolman be nominated for the vacancy at Woodlands Community Primary School and Councillor Luke Simmonds be nominated for the vacancy at Nant Celyn Primary School.

CL22/087 Exclusion of the Press & Public

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was agreed that the following matter 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.

CL22/088 Revenue Estimates 2023-24 and Earmarked Reserves

Members agreed to defer this to the next meeting for consideration.

The Chair reported to members that the Council had received an invoice from CCYP for Cwmbran Community Council's contributions to CCYP building maintenance costs. This money is earmarked to CCYP in the sum of £22,950, 002 Building Maintenance Fund. The Council approved the payment.

It was **Resolved** that :-

- a) the Reserves are deferred to the next meeting
- b) the invoice for CCYP building maintenance costs are approved in the sum of £22,950 from earmarked reserves, 002
- c) the position is noted.

CL22/089 Staffing

(a) Members approved the report from Torfaen County Borough Council regarding the Local Government Service Pay Agreement 2022-23

- (b) The Chair updated members on the Clerk's post and introduced the new Clerk to Members, Gareth Davies.
- (c) Members approved the honorarium Payment for LG for the additional work she has undertaken supporting the recruitment of the Clerk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- i) The pay award is implemented
- ii) The position is noted
- iii) The honorarium payment to LG is processed.

Signed..... (Chairman, Cwmbran
Community Council)