

Minutes of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee held on Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 6.00 pm.

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on
1 February 2023

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on a
Wednesday 1 March 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 A Bird, M Villars, WJ Walker

(Councillors SWJ Ashley, R Bennett, RLJ Chaney, L Lloyd-Tolman participated in the meeting via remote means)

Also Gareth Davies

Absent Councillors M Day, L Johnston, F Jones, G Lloyd-Tolman, KK Manneh, C Morgan, P Seabourne

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

ESP22/050 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors G Lloyd-Tolman (work), KK Manneh (holiday), C Morgan (holiday), P Seabourne (personnel)

Councillor Walker requested that the low attendance at the meeting be noted.

ESP22/051 Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have and sign the Interests Sheet to give details of the nature of the interest.

Councillor SWJ Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute ESP22/053 Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters. He remained in the meeting during the discussions.

ESP22/052 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2022 were confirmed as a correct record. The Chair signed the minutes.

ESP22/053 Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters

Councillor SWJ Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute ESP22/053 Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters. He remained in the meeting during the discussions.

(a) Planning Lists

No objections are offered to Planning List 1441, items 6414, 6415 and 6416 & Planning List 1442, items 6417 and 6418.

(b) Schedules of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions

Members noted the Schedule of Planning Decisions.

It was **recommended** that:-

- i) no objections are offered to Planning List 1441, items 6414, 6415 and 6416 & Planning List 1442, items 6417 and 6418.
- ii) to note the Schedules of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions.

ESP22/054 Neighbourhood Services

Members expressed concerns regarding an ongoing Sewage issue at the North End of Llantarnam playing fields which is currently fenced off by Torfaen CBC.

It was **recommended** that:-

- (i) Contact is made with Councillor Mandy Owen and her team to resolve the issue.
- (ii) Councillor Mandy Owen is thanked for the recycling over the past few weeks which seems to be working well.
- (iii) The position is noted.

ESP22/055 Seminars & Outside Bodies

Members attended the recent canal walk and commented on a very enjoyable day and had a constructive discussion on route with Alice Rees Canal Trust Co-ordinator.

Members discussed being represented at the Canal Action Group.

It was **recommended** that:-

- (i) Contact Alice Rees concerning representation at the Canal Action Group.
- (ii) The position is noted.

ESP22/056 Future, New Environmental Projects/Well-Being & Anti Poverty /Foodbanks

- a) The Winter Warmer Scheme – The Chairman updated members on the distribution of blankets by the Community Council offices and local community organisations including CCYP, Age Connect, Citizens Advice, Co-star and Thornhill 4U. Councillor Leanne Lloyd-Tolman informed members of the distribution progress by Thornhill 4U with the initial supply allocated and an additional amount also distributed.
- b) Fuel Banks Scheme – The Chairman updated members that the Scheme has not yet started, it is due to start in the next week.

It was **recommended** that:-

- (i) The Winter Warmer Scheme allocation is monitored and reviewed at the next meeting.
- (ii) The Fuel Banks Scheme is reviewed at the next meeting.

ESP22/057 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.

ESP22/058 Task Force Performance Information

Members considered performance information regarding the recent work of the Task Force.

Members commented on the 2 outstanding payments and the Chairman advised that several reminders are issued and if payment was still not received the person would not be able to use the Task Force services in the future.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Task Force performance information is noted

Signed
(Chairman, Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee)