

**Minutes of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee held on Wednesday
12 April 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on
10 May 2023

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on a
date to be agreed.

**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 (Chair), A Bird, C Morgan, M Villars and WJ Walker

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

Also Gareth Davies (Clerk) and Councillor Mandy Owen, Executive Member
for Environment (Torfaen County Borough Council)

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

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

ESP22/069 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors G Lloyd-Tolman (work
commitments) and KK Manneh (work commitments)

ESP22/070 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.

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In regard to item ESP22/065 (b) Mon and Brec Canal Regeneration: The Clerk confirmed that the funding contribution of £6000 for de-weeding the Canal has been paid to Torfaen County Borough Council. Work to commence after the bird nesting season.

In regard to item ESP22/065 (d) Rolling Roads Safety at Schools Programme: Councillor Bird proposed the installation of 10 ballards at a cost of £2500 at Wayfield Crescent and in front of Maendy Primary School. Members approved the proposal.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

The Chair signed the minutes.

ESP22/072 Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters

(a) Planning Lists

No objections are offered to Planning List 1453, items 6437, 6438, 6439, 6440, 6441 and 6442 & Planning List 1454, items 6443, 6444 and 6445.

(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 1453, items 6437, 6438, 6439, 6440, 6441 and 6442 & Planning List 1454, items 6443, 6444 and 6445.
- ii) to note the Schedules of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions.
- iii) The position is noted.

ESP22/073 Neighbourhood Services

Councillor Mandy Owen, Executive Member for Environment (Torfaen County Borough Council) attended the meeting via remote means and answered questions from Members.

Councillor Walker expressed his concerns with the continuing issues with missed waste collections in Llantarnam which are not being resolved and enquired about an ongoing issue with a sewage leak in the playing fields of the old Llantarnam School which was reported 5 months ago, and fenced off by Torfaen CBC and left unresolved. Councillor Mandy Owen was not aware of the sewage issue and would investigate and report back to Members.

Members enquired if recycling could be increased at flats and Councillor Owen confirmed that they were working with the housing associations, schools and trade to increase recycling.

Members also expressed concerns with the number of consultations taking place in the Cwmbran area. Councillor Owen confirmed that they were looking to add more Consultation dates in the evenings and outside supermarkets.

Councillor Villars enquired on when the ongoing repair works to Court Farm & Oakfield Community Centre would be completed. The work commenced at the beginning of March and was due to take 4 weeks to complete. Councillor Owen would make enquires and report back.

Councillor Mandy Owen enquired if any of the members would be interested in a vacancy for School Governor for Greenmeadow Primary School. The Clerk to note and to be discussed at the next full Council Meeting.

It was **recommended** that:-

- (i) Councillor Mandy Owen is thanked for attending the meeting.
- (ii) The position of School Governor at Greenmeadow Primary School to be discussed at the next Full Council Meeting.
- (iii) The position is noted.

ESP22/074 Proposal to fund Skip Amnesty

Members considered the proposal to fund the cost of £250 for a skip amnesty at Trostrey Shops on Friday 12 May. Members discussed the manning of the skips by volunteers and the possibility of rolling it out to other areas, to assist residents on low incomes without transport to dispose of bulky household waste.

It was **recommended** that:-

- (i) Deferred to next Full Council Meeting.
- (ii) The position is noted.

ESP22/075 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.

ESP22/076 Task Force Performance Information

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

The Clerk confirmed that he will providing a geographical breakdown of the Task Force at the next meeting and will also report back on the other duties carried out by the Task Force.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Task Force performance information is noted

Signed
(Chairman, Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee)