

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday
21 June 2023 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on
26 July 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, L Chaney, JS Davenne, M Day, F Jones, P Jones,
G Lloyd-Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, C Morgan, S Morgan, P Seabourne, M Villars
& WJ Walker

(There were no remote members)

Also present: Gareth Davies (Clerk to the Council), Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk),
Stephanie Kopec (Events & Outreach Officer), David Leach (TCBC)

Absent: Councillors A Bird, R Bennett, LG Johnson, L Simmonds, K Manneh &
S Wharton

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

CL23/017 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors A Bird, R Bennett,
K Manneh & S Wharton

CL23/018 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.

CL23/019 Voting

It was **Resolved** that the manner of any voting at this meeting would be by
calling each name alphabetically with a response of "for" or "against" or
"abstain".

CL23/020 Chair's Announcements & Vice Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported that she had opened the Cwmbran Big Event on 10th of June and restated the Council's thanks to staff for a well organised day with lots of positive feedback from residents.

Chair announced that she would attend the Cwmbran Baroque Singers Concert on Saturday 24th June with an open invitation to members to attend.

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

CL23/021 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.

CL23/022 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update

Following a query from Pontnewydd Councillors the Clerk reported that an incident had taken place in Pontnewydd Village with armed units as there was a report of a woman with a bladed weapon, the incident was resolved with no injuries to Police or Public.

(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.

CL23/023 Council Meetings: 10 May 2023 & 17 May 2023 (AGM)

The Chair introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the minutes of the above meetings are approved and actioned therein.

CL23/024 Events & Community Projects Committee 12 June 2023

Councillor M Day introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actioned therein.

CL23/025 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 12 June 2023

Councillor P Seabourne introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actioned therein.

CL23/026 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 12 June 2023

Councillor L Lloyd-Tolman introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actioned therein.

CL23/027 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 31 May 2023

Councillor S Ashley introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Planning Consultation list 1462 no objections.
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actioned therein.

CL23/028 Policy & Finance Committee 5 June 2023

Councillor L Lloyd-Tolman introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actioned therein.

CL23/029 Community Operating Model Update

David Leech, Strategic Director for Adults and Communities gave an update on progress and took questions about the pace of progress and how Cwmbran CC could contribute.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Clerk to look at options for Members, with staff support, to develop a locally led model for delivery in the Cwmbran CC area.
- b) the position is noted.

CL23/030 Internal Audit final report

Andy Smith presented the report as submitted to Councillors, the report recognised progress since the interim report on addressing areas of concern and reported that the further recommendations were in progress and would be delivered in a timely manner.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL23/031 The Annual Return

The Clerk presented the annual return and financial report for the financial year 2022/23 and recommended that Councillors approve the report and authorise the Clerk and Chair to sign the annual return for submission to Wales Audit Office.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Annual Return was approved and duly signed in the presence of Councillors for submission.
- b) the position is noted.

CL23/032 Financial System Overview

The RFO presented a short report outlining potential changes to the current financial monitoring system for the Council to consider. A further report with options appraisal is to be brought to a future Council meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) report back with options for appraisal to a future Council meeting
- b) the position is noted.

CL23/033 Task Force Remit

The Clerk presented a short report based on Councillors desire to widen the scope of the discount scheme for the Task Force which authorised the discount to be made available to any family with a disabled child or adult.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the changes in the discount scheme are adopted as drawn up.
- b) the position is noted.

CL23/034 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.

CL23/035 Staffing

The Clerk introduced the new RFO/ Deputy Clerk Andy Smith and thanked him for his quick start and contribution to the effort for the Big Event.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

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