

Minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration & Major Grants Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 8 January 2024 at 7.00pm

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

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on 31 January 2024.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the committee to be held on 19 February 2024

Present: Councillors S Ashley, K Manneh, C Morgan (Chair), S Morgan, P Seabourne, M Villars & W Walker

(Councillors L Chaney & L Lloyd-Tolman participated in the meeting via remote means)

Also Gareth Davies (Clerk to the Council) & Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Councillors R Bennett, A Bird, M Day, G Lloyd-Tolman, D Thomas & S Wharton

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

RMG23/022 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors M Day (illness), G Lloyd-Tolman (Personal) & R Bennett (Personal)

RMG23/023 Members' 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 Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute RMG23/027 – Update on recent initial discussions. He remained in the meeting during the discussions.

RMG23/024 Minutes 13 November 2023

Councillor Walker enquired on the progress of the installation of a Splash Pad at Cwmbran Boating Lake. The Clerk confirmed that the gathering of information had started and is ongoing.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2023 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor C Morgan signed the minutes.

RMG23/025 Marketing, Targeting & Publicity

The Clerk spoke to members about the options available for the effective marketing and appropriate publicity and accompanying information to encourage effective dispensation of this funding stream and raising awareness of the grants available.

Members discussed ways to gather information and ideas for regeneration from local residents, including posters in notice boards and using social media and the local press. Members agreed that an information pack could be created with useful information which members could pass on to local groups.

Members also discussed a survey of residents and Councillor S Morgan offered to assist with the set up. Various examples of regeneration were highlighted, and members were asked to pass the examples to the Clerk.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) to look at producing an information pack.
- b) Members to pass on examples of Regeneration to the Clerk.
- c) the position is noted.

RMG23/026 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.

RMG23/027 Update on Recent Initial Discussions

Councillor Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute RMG23/027 – Update on recent initial discussions. He remained in the meeting during the discussions.

The Clerk and RFO updated members on recent meetings held with potential applicants for the funding stream and how they are also assisting the applicants with other possible funding opportunities including grants available from the National Lottery.

Members agreed that officers pursue the applications with a view to assisting with funding benefiting the community as a whole and suggested that advice on funding could be included in the information pack.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the Clerk and RFO assist potential applicants with funding advice.
- b) the position is noted.

Signed

(Chairman, Regeneration & Major Grants Committee *Committee*)