

Minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration & Major Grants Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday 3 April 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 8 May 2024.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the committee to be held on
Date to be confirmed

Present: Councillors A Bird, M Day, P Jones, K Manneh, C Morgan, S Morgan & WJ Walker

(Councillors SWJ Ashley & L Chaney participated in the meeting via remote means)

Absent: Councillors R Bennett, G Lloyd-Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, D Thomas, M Villars & S Wharton

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

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

RMG23/034 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors R Bennett (Personal), L Lloyd-Tolman (Personal) & M Villars (Personal)

RMG23/035 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.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

RMG23/036 Minutes 20 February 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2024 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor C Morgan signed the minutes.

RMG23/037 Marketing, Targeting & Publicity

Members discussed the poster and facebook publicity, which has been shared by members. Members agreed that they need to be proactive making residents aware of the Regeneration Funding available, so that the community can bring ideas and suggestions of what they would like to see improved in the area.

The Clerk informed members that there needs to be a triage process in advance, to look at the enquiries for Regeneration Funding to see if they are appropriate or offer advice and support on alternative funding avenues.

Members discussed the possibility of renovating public toilets using community groups to open as required and conducting a survey of the wards to assess the facilities and provide a list of toilets available to the public in the Cwmbran area, including public toilets and businesses such as cafes and pubs who would allow the public to use their facilities and introducing a badging system.

Concerns were also highlighted with vandalism, cleaning and the ongoing costs of reopening out of use public toilets or providing new facilities. Members suggested looking at the priorities and criteria of where there is a need for facilities especially in areas used by residents for health and wellbeing such as in parks and gardens.

The Clerk will collate the data map showing when toilets are open and provide a link to the information on the website and social media.

Members also enquired if something similar could be done for defibrillators, Councillor S Morgan has previously looked at this and there were no lists available guaranteed to be up to date and the advice from the health service was to ring 999 for advice quickly on the nearest available defibrillator.

Councillor Bird informed members of a project which would be looking for funding at a future date to update the underpass at Cwmbran Station, to include decorating, cameras, and lighting.

Members agreed and proposed looking at the following areas:-

- i) research and mapping where toilets are available for public use and a badging system for businesses willing to allow access to the public.
- ii) forming a sub group to look at clarifying the criteria, how it will be managed and the costs.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk collates the map of when toilets are open.
- b) the Clerk will carry out research for the next meeting.
- c) the position is noted.

RMG23/038 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.

RMG23/039 Update on Recent Initial Discussions

The Clerk updated members on recent meetings held with potential applications to this funding stream, the publicity is starting to work with organisations coming forward. The Clerk and RFO will look at the applications and if they are not suitable for Regeneration Funding, they can be assisted to access more appropriate funding sources.

Members considered an application for grant funding received from Cwmbran RFC, the Clerk informed members of the details of the application.

Members discussed as part of the process applicants attending meetings to give a presentation and answer questions from members.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

Signed

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