

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday  
8 May 2024 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on  
Wednesday 19 June 2024

**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, R Bennett, A Bird, JS Davenne, M Day, F Jones,  
P Jones, K Manneh, C Morgan, D Thomas, M Villars & WJ Walker

*(Councillor L Lloyd-Tolman participated in the meeting via remote means)*

Also present: Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk), David Williams (Chair Friends of Bruchsal  
Society) & Gwent Police PCSO representatives.

**Absent:** Councillors L Chaney, LG Johnson, G Lloyd-Tolman, S Morgan, P Seabourne  
& S Wharton

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

**CL23/158 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor G Lloyd-Tolman  
(illness) & S Morgan (illness)

**CL23/159 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.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**CL23/160 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”.

**CL23/161 Chair’s Announcements & Vice Chair’s Announcements**

No announcements were received from the Chair & Vice Chair.

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

**CL23/162 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.

**CL23/163 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update**

- (i) Members welcomed Gwent Police PCSO representatives and received a report from the officers on recent activity targeting anti-social behaviour in the Cwmbran area. A number of areas in Torfaen have been identified as hotspots by the number of calls received, with one hotspot being Cwmbran Town Centre.

Members were concerned with the number of illegal off road bikes travelling at speed throughout Cwmbran and causing a danger and nuisance to both pedestrians and vehicles.

The officers informed the Council of the additional funding received to employ resources to tackle this issue know as "Operation Harley"

The officers asked members to report all incidents to provide the data required to seize and destroy the off road bikes of individuals identified.

Councillor Bird asked the officers to thank the Inspector for the presence of officers at Cwmbran Station late at night.

Councillor Ashley enquired if there was currently an Allotment Watch in operation, the officers will make enquiries and report back. Members will feed back contact details to the Clerk.

The officers reported to members an update from Inspector Lee Stachow on planting tubs outside the Fairwater Shops, contact had been attempted to speak to both parties and they will be contacted again when they return.

- (ii) No update from South Wales Fire & Rescue Service has been provided.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Gwent Police PCSO are thanked for their report.
- b) contact information for Allotment Watch to be sent to the Clerk.
- c) Clerk to send out details for reporting incidents under Operation Harley.
- d) the position is noted.

**CL23/164 Council Meetings: 27 March 2024**

Councillor C Morgan introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

**CL23/165 Events & Community Projects Committee 3 April 2024**

Councillor M Day introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

**CL23/166 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 3 April 2024**

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.

**CL23/167 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 3 April 2024**

Councillor C Morgan introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Members discussed a Press Release from Torfaen County Borough Council launching a consultation regarding Public Toilets.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Clerk to forward the press release in Members Matters.
- b) the minutes of the above meetings are approved and actioned therein.

**CL23/168 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 10 April 2024**

Councillor S Ashley introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Councillor M Villars informed members that the meeting with Mark Thomas Torfaen CBC concerning the water on Llantarnam playing fields had been postponed in April and asked the Clerk to follow up and arrange a new date for the meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Clerk contacts Mark Thomas Torfaen CBC to arrange a meeting.
- b) Planning Consultation lists 1504 & 1505 no objections.
- c) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actioned therein.

**CL23/169 Policy & Finance Committee 15 April 2024**

Councillor R Bennett introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

**CL23/170 Friends of Bruchsal**

Members received a report from David Williams, Chair Friends of Bruchsal Society. The report detailed the historical background of the Society and Trust from 1979 – 2019, including the signing of the deed in 1987.

The report included information on the structure of the Friends of Bruchsal Society and Trust, including funding and membership. Members can apply for funding support for twinning visits to Bruchsal after 2 years continual membership. A number of requests have been received for visits in 2024 and 2025.

Members discussed how funding support could be restored and provided going forward and looked at on a case by case basis rather than by an annual funding amount.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Friends of Bruchsal provide information on funding requirements.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL23/171 Cwmbran @75**

No update was received.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**CL23/172 Reserves Working Group**

Members discussed establishing a Reserves Working Group to work with the RFO and Clerk to shape an updated reserves policy.

It was agreed that the five members of the group will be Councillors A Bird, L Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh, S Morgan & M Villars.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**CL23/173 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.

**CL23/174 IRPW Report**

The RFO reported to members the information received.

Members discussed making amendments to the form completed by members to allow for annual or monthly payments or the option to opt out. Members agreed to the form amendments.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the form is amended.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL23/175 Budget Update**

Members considered the attached budget reports.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**CL23/176 Funding Request from Torfaen Tourism Association**

Members considered the attached application and proposal for funding and agreed that funding would need to specifically target the Cwmbran area. The proposal included several attractions in Cwmbran.

Members agreed to discuss the proposal at the next Policy & Finance Meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the funding request is moved to the next Policy & Finance meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL23/177 Staffing Update**

No staffing update received.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

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