

**Minutes of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee held on
Wednesday 29 May 2024 at 6.00 pm.**

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on
Wednesday 19 June 2024

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on
Wednesday 4 September 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 A Bird, M Villars & WJ Walker

(Councillors SWJ Ashley & M Day participated in the meeting via remote means)

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

Absent Councillors R Bennett, L Chaney, L Johnston, F Jones, G Lloyd-Tolman,
L Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh, C Morgan & P Seabourne

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

ESP24/001 Appointment of Chairperson and Membership

At the Annual General Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on 15th May 2024, Councillor SWJ Ashley was appointed Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2024/25. Councillor M Villars was appointed as Vice Chair. Membership was appointed as referred to above.

Terms of Reference for the Committee were also agreed at the above meeting.

ESP24/001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillor G Lloyd-Tolman (Illness), L Lloyd-Tolman (Personal), C Morgan (Personal) & K Manneh (Work)

ESP24/002 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.

ESP24/003 Minutes – 10 April 2024

Councillor Walker thanked Mark Thomas, Torfaen CBC for the meeting held at Llantarnam Playing Fields and updated members on the ongoing issues with water and sewage on the site.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2024 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor M Villars signed the minutes.

ESP24/004 Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters

(a) Planning Lists

No objections are offered to Planning Lists 1507 & 1508.

(b) Schedules of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions

Members noted the Schedule of Planning Decisions.

It was **recommended** that:-

- i) to note the Schedules of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions.
- ii) the position is noted.

ESP24/005 Neighbourhood Services

Councillor Mandy Owen, Executive Member for the Environment (Torfaen County Borough Council) was unable to attend the meeting.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

ESP24/006 Environmental Reports

(a) Canal Update

No Canal update was received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

(b) Boating Lake Naming

The Clerk reported that the name of the boating lake is to remain unchanged, and a Plaque is to be installed at the Boating Lake in memory of Reg Hann.

It was **recommended** that:-

- b) the position is noted.

ESP24/007 Reports regarding any Climate & Nature Emergency Activities

a) Raising Recycling Rates

Members discussed and were concerned with the availability of recycling boxes, caddy's and bags in the Torfaen area and the location of the collection point in Cwmbran Library. Items are regularly out of stock, causing wasted journeys to the town centre for residents and the inconvenience of carrying the items home by foot or on a bus.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk contacts Torfaen CBC concerning the collection points.
- b) the position is noted.

b) Windfarm Development

No update was received, the Clerk will request a written report and circulate to members.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk requests a report to be circulated to members.
- b) the position is noted.

ESP24/008 Annual Report 2023

Approval of the annual report is deferred to the full Council Meeting.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the annual report is deferred to the full Council Meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

ESP24/009 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.

ESP24/010 Task Force Performance Information

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

The Clerk reported to members that he is planning to do some ride outs with the Task Force to see what they do on a daily basis and get a better understanding of how the service operates in the community. Members would also be welcome to go out with the team.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Task Force performance information is noted.

Signed
(Chairman, Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee)