

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on
Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on
Wednesday 6 November 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: R Bennett, A Bird, L Chaney, J Davenne, M Day, L Johnson,
F Jones, P Jones, G Lloyd-Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, C Morgan (Chair),
P Seabourne, D Thomas, M Villars, W Walker & S Wharton

Also present: Gareth Davies (Clerk), Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk) & Gwent Police
PCSO representatives.

Absent: Councillors S Ashley, K Manneh & S Morgan

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

CL24/053 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors S Ashley, K Manneh &
S Morgan

CL24/054 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 received.

CL24/055 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”.

CL24/056 Chair’s Announcements & Vice Chair’s Announcements

Councillor Morgan reported that he had been very busy attending a number of
meetings and events including:-

- a) Playscheme awards where he presented some of the awards.
- b) Bridge 46 to Two Locks Flotilla as a steward.

- c) Torfaen Tigers Rugby League awards evening to present some of the awards.
- d) The Merchant Navy Flag raising at the Council House.
- e) The Solar Farm Consultation.
- f) Consultation for the Pontnewydd Park development in conjunction with the Canal Officer.
- g) Cwmbran Otters Championship to present medals.
- h) The Clerks performance review with Cllr L Lloyd-Tolman.
- i) Several meetings with the Friends of Bruchsal.
- j) Cwmbran@75 meetings.
- k) Joint Cwmbran Council leaders meeting for Cwmbran@75 arrangements for November.

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

CL24/057 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.

CL24/058 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update

- i) Members received a report from Gwent Police PSCO representatives on crime in the Cwmbran area with the top 3 crimes remaining the same including violence without injury, public order offences and violence with injury, with the top 5 offenders being prolific shoplifters.

There had been an amount of recent shoplifting and anti-social behaviour in the town centre which had been dealt with by a patrol plan and robust prompt action taken by the team to quickly deal the issue.

Operation 'Bang' will be increasing patrols and engaging locally and at schools to deter anti-social behaviour around bonfire night.

Planning has started for operation 'Tinsel' to target the prevention of shoplifting, test shop lifting events will be running with Police Cadets in partnership with Cwmbran Security.

Operation 'Harley' is continually patrolling hotspot areas to deal with off road bikes including the canal area.

Members thanked the officers for attending the meeting and discussed the complaints they receive from residents concerning off road bikes and the use of electric bikes for drug offences. The officers said that residents should report all incidents to assist officers.

Councillor Walker was concerned with several garage and shed break ins around the Court Farm area. The officers confirmed that enquires had been made to gather information and the Proactive Policing Team are looking at the incidents as they may be linked.

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

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) The Officers from Gwent Police are thanked for attending the meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/059 Council Meeting: 24 July 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 actions approved therein.

CL24/060 Events & Community Projects Committee 2 September 2024

Councillor C Morgan introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

Councillor C Morgan updated members on the plans for the Cwmbran@75 Plaque unveiling in Cwmbran Town Centre Sunday 3 November at 3pm.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/061 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 2 September 2024

Councillor L Chaney introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/062 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 2 September 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 actions approved therein.

CL24/063 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 4 September 2024

Councillor M Villars introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Planning Consultation lists 1522 &1523 no objections.
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

CL24/064 Policy & Finance Committee 9 September 2024

Councillor M Day introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

The Clerk updated members that the gates on the active travel path will be open at Llantarnam Primary School during the play schemes for children to access the school safely.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/065 Data Security Policy

The RFO reported to members that a Data Security Policy needs to be in place due to the office now accepting card payments, however card details from payments will not be stored.

Members discussed the Data Security Policy and approved the policy.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Data Security Policy is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/066 Publication of Accounts

The RFO confirmed that the accounts had been published and confirmation had been received from Audit Wales that there had been a typing error with the date of the audit report and the correct date was 2022-2023.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/067 Windrush Event Update

Councillor Wharton updated members on the arrangements for the Windrush Event which will take place on Friday 25 October at the Parkway Hotel. Arrangements are well underway with a Gospel Choir and guest speakers attending the event to celebrate the Windrush Generation.

The Clerk confirmed that funding for the event of £3,000 had been received from Torfaen & Gwent Community Cohesion Fund.

Members discussed the Welsh Governments Race Equality Plan and agreed to invite a representative to attend a meeting to deliver the Equality Plan.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) a representative for the Race Equality Plan is invited to a meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/068 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.

CL24/069 Member Allowance Forms

The RFO asked all members who are required to complete the Member Allowance Form return the form as soon as possible as it is an audit requirement.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/070 Staffing Update

Members received a staffing update from the Clerk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

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