

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on
Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on
Wednesday 11 December 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, J Davenne, G Lloyd-Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh,
C Morgan, S Morgan, P Seabourne, D Thomas, M Villars, W Walker &
S Wharton

*(Councillors S Ashley, R Bennett & M Day participated in the meeting via
remote means)*

Also present: Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk) & Gwent Police representative Cara (Ward
Manager)

Absent: Councillors L Chaney, L Johnson, F Jones & P Jones

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

CL24/071 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors F Jones (Personal) &
P Jones (Personal)

CL24/072 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.

*Councillor S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute ESP24/034
and PF24/028. She remained in the meeting during the discussions.*

CL24/073 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”.

CL24/074 Chair's Announcements & Vice Chair's Announcements

Councillor Morgan reported that it had been a very busy month attending various council meetings, the One Voice Wales conference, Cwmbran@75 concerts, celebration events and the opening of exhibition at the Council House.

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

CL24/075 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.

CL24/076 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update

- i) Members received a report from Gwent Police representative Cara (Ward Manager). The report included an update of the top crimes in the area with the top five offenders being prolific juveniles. A patrol plan is in place to address anti-social behaviour around the town centre, which has been promptly dealt with and arrests made with bail conditions for the individuals to not enter the town centre. Shop lifting had also increased over the last 2 months resulting in arrests and charges.

Members thanked the officer for attending the meeting and asked questions including recent vandalism in Pontnewydd Park and concerns with injuries to wildlife in the Canal area. The office answered members questions and will made further enquires.

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

Councillor L Lloyd-Tolman informed members that she had submitted questions concerning bonfires and South Wales Fire & Rescue Service had confirmed that they have a strategy working with Gwent Police to mitigate the risk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Cara (Ward Manager) Gwent Police is thanked for attending the meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/077 Council Meeting: 25 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.

CL24/078 Events & Community Projects Committee 30 September 2024

Councillor J Davenne introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/079 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 30 September 2024

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/080 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 30 September 2024

Councillor K Manneh introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/081 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 9 October 2024

Councillor S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute ESP24/034. She remained in the meeting during the discussions.

Councillor M Villars introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Planning Consultation lists 1528 & 1529 no objections.
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

CL24/082 Policy & Finance Committee 14 October 2024

Councillor S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute PF24/028. She remained in the meeting during the discussions.

Councillor M Day introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/083 Standing Orders

The RFO gave a report to members on the updated Standing Orders which has been circulated to members.

Members approved and accepted the updated Standing Orders.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the updated Standing Orders are approved.
- b) Members are required to sign that they have read, and will abide by, the updated standing orders.
- c) the position is noted.

CL24/084 Communications Strategy and Logo

i) Communications Strategy

To be deferred to the next meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

ii) New Logo

Members discussed the logo design and amendments to the design. It was agreed go back to the graphic designer with the amendments and review the amended design.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) It was agreed that the design is amended and to be reviewed with the amendments.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/085 Spending Restrictions and Eligibilities

The RFO reported to members that he had attended a recent SLCC meeting and Clerks at the meeting had identified issues with audits regarding the terms of reference not adequately setting out and describing the limits of the committees regarding financial approval. There are currently no limits.

Members discussed the spending restrictions and agreed that the RFO produces a report and the item is deferred to the next Policy & Finance meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the item to be deferred to the next Policy & Finance meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/086 Solar Panel Funding for the Cwmbran CC building & interim advice on Match Funding for Solar Panels on Community Buildings.

Members agreed that the Clerk and RFO make enquiries into external funding for Solar Panels on Community Buildings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Clerk and RFO make enquiries for external funding.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/087 Windrush Event Update

Councillor Wharton updated members on the success of the Windrush Event and the enthusiasm and interest of local schools who attended and engaged with the event.

Members thanked Councillor Wharton on the success and organisation of a very positive enjoyable event.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/088 Wales Climate Week

The RFO informed members that Wales Climate Week will be taking place 11 – 15 November with this years theme 'adapting to our changing climate'.

A funding request for £480.00 has been approved from the Climate Conversations fund, to put on an event aiming to gather information on peoples understanding of climate change, which will feed into the Welsh Governments Policy. Members agreed to the proposal to participate in the event.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) members agreed to participate in Wales Climate Week.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/089 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.

CL24/090 Staffing Update

The staffing update is deferred to the next meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the staffing update is deferred to the next meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

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