

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on
Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on
Wednesday 29 January 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 (Vice Chair), A Bird, J Davenne, P Jones, D Thomas, M Villars & W Walker

(Councillors S Ashley, M Day, G Lloyd-Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, S Morgan & S Wharton participated in the meeting via remote means)

Also present: Gareth Davies (Clerk), Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Councillors L Chaney, L Johnson, F Jones, K Manneh, C Morgan & P Seabourne

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

CL24/091 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors L Chaney, F Jones, K Manneh, C Morgan & P Seabourne

CL24/092 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 D Thomas declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute CL24/101- Planning Consultations. He remained in the meeting during the discussions.

CL24/093 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”.

CL24/094 Chair’s Announcements & Vice Chair’s Announcements

Councillor Bennett reported to members the recent events attended by Councillor C Morgan, including the tree lighting ceremony at Pontnewydd village green and the Cwmbran Otters Swimming Gala.

Members received a report from Councillor Bennett on the events she had attended since the last meeting, including the Memorial Dedication Ceremony, Remembrance Sunday at Cwmbran Park and St Gabriels Church and the Torfaen Play Christmas Card Presentation which took place at the Council House Monday 9th December.

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

CL24/095 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.

CL24/096 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update

- i) the response from Gwent Police has been circulated to members. Councillor Walker was concerned with the response and would like to receive positive answers.

Members were interested if Gwent Police would be operating a designated driver scheme over the Christmas Period. The Clerk will make enquiries.

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

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Clerk will make enquires concerning a designated driver scheme over the Christmas Period.
- b) the position is noted.

CL24/097 Council Meeting: 6 November 2024

Councillor R Bennett introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/098 Events & Community Projects Committee 11 November 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.

CL24/099 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 11 November 2024

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

Members discussed a grant application from United Response and agreed to discuss the application at the next meeting.

Members suggested making the Members Small Schemes a standing item on the agenda for reporting of the grants awarded, to be considered at the next meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL24/100 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 11 November 2024

The meeting was cancelled.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/101 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 20 November 2024

Councillor D Thomas declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute CL24/101- Planning Consultations. He remained in the meeting during the discussions.

Councillor M Villars introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Planning Consultation list 1532, item 6644, members were concerned that the application is for the erection of new spectator seating at Cwmbran Stadium and not the regeneration of the existing stand. The Clerk will make enquiries.

Planning Consultation list 1533 no objections.

- b) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

CL24/102 Policy & Finance Committee 25 November 2024

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.

CL24/103 Update on work with TCBC Energy Team regarding Solar Panels for the Council House

The Clerk reported to members that smart meters are to be installed at the Council House to give accurate information and assess the energy use of the building.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/104 Medium Term Strategy Document

Members considered the attached strategy document, which will be available to residents and discussed branding the current document as draft.

The Clerk informed members that this was the first stage of the document to set out the broad objectives, while working towards developing the document for the next Council.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/105 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.

CL24/106 Budget Update

Members considered the attached budget reports.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/107 Reserves Policy Update

Members received an update from the RFO.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/108 Staffing Update

Members received a staffing update from the Clerk, with the Task Force team aiming to clear the decorating list before starting gardening in the summer.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL24/109 Winter Resilience Funding

The Clerk updated members on the winter resilience funding and members agreed that funding applications received are to be agreed by the Chair and Leader and issued by the Clerk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) winter resilience funding is to be agreed by the Chair and Leader and issued by the Clerk.
- b) the position is noted.

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