

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on  
Wednesday 26 March 2025 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on  
Wednesday 7 May 2025

**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 S Ashley, A Bird, L Chaney, J Davenne, M Day, L Johnston,  
F Jones, P Jones, C Morgan (Chair), S Morgan, P Seabourne, D Thomas,  
M Villars & W Walker.

*(Councillors R Bennett & L Lloyd-Tolman participated in the meeting via  
remote means)*

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

**Absent:** Councillors G Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh & S Wharton.

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

**CL24/128 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors G Lloyd-Tolman  
(Work) & K Manneh (Illness)

**CL24/129 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.

**CL24/130 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”.

**CL24/131 Chair's Announcements & Vice Chair's Announcements**

Councillor C Morgan reported to members the meetings and events he had recently attended, including the Friends of Bruchsal, Friends of Pontnewydd Park and representing Cwmbran Community Council at the borough community council charter group. He had also attended a meeting regarding progress for Crow Fest, which is demonstrating rapid progress by officers.

Councillor Morgan said that it was a privilege to present the community awards at the recent awards dinner and it was fabulous to see so many people receiving awards, many of whom would not otherwise be recognised in public receiving their due award for their hard work and contributions they make instinctively in the community.

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

**CL24/132 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.

**CL24/133 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update**

- i) Members welcomed Officers from Gwent Police to the meeting who currently work in the Cwmbran and Pontypool areas.

The Officers updated members on the crime figures and offences for March in the Cwmbran area, with shoplifting representing 20% of the crime, with several arrests and charges being made over 35 incidents so far this month. The team are working across towns in Torfaen and other boroughs to identify individuals shoplifting in several areas, so that when they are caught offending, they can be identified and charged with a number of offences.

Members asked the officers questions including the use of electric motorcycles for crime and anti-social behaviour, including a unicycle being ridden in the town centre which had been causing issues for pedestrians.

Councillor Ashley was concerned with a fire in Pontnewydd Park and asked officers if they could make officers aware of this when patrolling the area especially in the evening.

- ii) The Clerk reported that 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.

**CL24/134 Council Meeting: 29 January 2025**

Councillor C Morgan introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

Councillor S Morgan asked for it to be recorded that she had given apologies for the meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

**CL24/135 Events & Community Projects Committee 17 February 2025**

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.

**CL24/136 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 17 February 2025**

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.

**CL24/137 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 17 February 2025**

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.

**CL24/138 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 26 February 2025**

Councillor S Ashley introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Planning Consultation list 1546 & 1547 no objections.
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

**CL24/139 Policy & Finance Committee 3 March 2025**

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.

**CL24/140 One Voice Wales**

The Clerk confirmed that an invoice had been received for the 2025/26 membership from One Voice Wales.

Members considered the invoice and the information and advice available from One Voice Wales and agreed to continue membership and approved payment of the invoice.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) payment to One Voice Wales for 20025/26 membership is approved.
- b) The position is noted.

**CL24/141 Annual Report**

The Clerk reported to members the structure of the annual report and asked members to provide information on their individual wards to be included in the annual report.

Members discussed the structure and content of the annual report and agreed to include ward information and produce a video report for social media. Members to supply the information to the Clerk and confirm if they would like to take part in the video report.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Members to provide ward information to the Clerk.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL24/142 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.

**CL24/143 Budget**

Members received a report for the end of financial year from the RFO.

The RFO updated members on small schemes applications received, which were approved by members and the RFO confirmed to members that applications for the current financial year can be submitted up to the 31 March 2025.

The Clerk updated members on current wellbeing funding applications and members approved the payment of funds by the Clerk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Small schemes applications approved.
- b) Members approved the payments of wellbeing funding by the Clerk.
- c) the position is noted.

**CL24/144 Child Poverty Innovation Grant**

The Clerk informed members of the Child Poverty Innovation Grant which is a government funded project with funding of up to £25,000 available for the Cwmbran area, applications are to be submitted by 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Members agreed to proceed with the application and for a meeting to be arranged for group of members to discuss the application details and share information. Members were asked if they would like to participate in the group and the Clerk will arrange the meeting and send out invitations.

It was Resolved that:-

- a) the Clerk arranges a meeting to discuss the grant application.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL24/145 Staffing Update**

Members received a staffing update from the Clerk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

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