

**Minutes of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee held on  
Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 6.00 pm.**

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on  
Wednesday 7 May 2025

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on  
Date to be confirmed.

**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 (Chair), A Bird, L Chaney, G Lloyd-Tolman, C Morgan,  
M Villars & W Walker

*(Councillors R Bennett & F Jones participated in the meeting via remote  
means)*

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

**Absent** Councillors M Day, L Johnston, L Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh & P Seabourne

*(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)*

**ESP24/069 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors L Lloyd-Tolman,  
K Manneh & P Seabourne

**ESP24/070 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.

**ESP24/071 Minutes – 26 February 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2025 were confirmed as a  
correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor S Ashley signed the minutes.

**ESP24/072 Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters**

**(a) Planning Lists**

Planning list 1548 & 1549 no objections received.

**(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.

**ESP24/073 Neighbourhood Services**

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

Councillor Ashley updated members on the response received concerning the issues at the site of the new 3G pitch at Llantarnam playing fields.

Members discussed the issues including the major blockage at the northwest of the site, a sewage discharge from a broken pipe and the active travel path between Court Farm Road and Newport Road which is locked outside school times. The site is currently inaccessible due to the construction of the 3G pitch.

Members were concerned with the response received. The Clerk will contact Torfaen County Borough Council with the concerns of the members.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk contacts Torfaen County Borough Council
- b) the position is noted.

**ESP24/074 Environmental Reports**

**(a) Canal Update**

No update received, the Clerk to request an update for the next meeting and invite Chris Wyatt to attend the meeting.

**(b) Raising Recycling Rates**

No update received, Councillor C Morgan informed members that an update will be available at the next meeting. Members discussed the current recycling rates.

**(c) Windfarm Development**

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting will be held 30 April 2025 and a consultation will be starting next week for a period of 5 weeks.

**(d) Solar farm development**

Members discussed the solar farm planning application and the public notice which has been posted.

**(e) Schools eco funding**

The Clerk confirmed that requests for funding had currently been received from 8 schools. Feedback to be circulated to members.

**(f) Christmas Trees**

Members discussed sites for the trees and the Clerk asked members to forward all requests for Christmas Trees by Friday 18 April 2025, the Clerk will then contact Bron Afon with the site information.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) Chris Wyatt is invited to the next ESP meeting.
- b) the Clerk circulates the schools eco funding feedback to members.
- c) requests for Christmas Trees are submitted by Friday 18 April 2025.
- d) the position is noted.

**ESP24/075 Reports regarding any Climate & Nature Emergency Activities**

**i) Paths & Pedestrian Crossings**

Members discussed the active travel path from Morrisons roundabout to Henllys Way roundabout, the Clerk will make enquiries into the timescale for the path.

Members were concerned with the active travel path from the town centre to the roundabout for Pontnewydd, with the path being dual use for pedestrians and cyclists. Members discussed a section of the path which has been resurfaced and is not currently marked. The Clerk will make enquiries.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk makes enquiries concerning the path from the town centre to the Pontnewydd roundabout.
- b) the position is noted.

**ESP24/076 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.

**ESP24/077 Task Force Performance Information**

Members considered the Task Force performance information.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Task Force performance information is noted.

*Signed .....*  
*(Chairman, Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee)*