

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on  
Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on  
Wednesday 23 July 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 R Bennett (Chair), A Bird, J Davenne, M Day, F Jones, P Jones,  
L Lloyd-Tolman, P Seabourne, D Thomas, W Walker & S Wharton

*(Councillors S Ashley, L Chaney, G Lloyd-Tolman & M Villars participated in  
the meeting via remote means)*

Also present: Gareth Davies (Clerk), Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk) & Mark Ward-Jones  
(Fairwater Square Regeneration Campaign)

**Absent:** Councillors L Johnson, K Manneh, C Morgan & S Morgan

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

**CL25/017 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors L Johnson (Personal),  
K Manneh (Illness), C Morgan (Holiday) & S Morgan (Holiday)

**CL25/018 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.

**CL25/019 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”.

**CL25/020 Chair's Announcements & Vice Chair's Announcements**

Members received a report from Councillor R Bennett on recent meetings and events attended including the Big Event held at the Cwmbran Boating Lake Saturday 14 June 2025. The Big Event was a very well attended fantastic event with a variety of activities at the event for residents to enjoy. Members thanked the staff for their hard work organising the event and on the day.

Members congratulated Councillor Davenne who has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services towards Children and Young People in the King's honours list.

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

**CL25/021 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.

**CL25/022 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update**

- i) The Clerk circulated to members the update received from Inspector Lee Stachow Gwent Police.
- ii) No update received from South Wales Fire & Rescue Service.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**CL25/023 Council Meetings: 7 May 2025 & 14 May 2025 (AGM)**

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.

**CL25/024 Events & Community Projects Committee 9 June 2025**

This meeting was postponed until 23 June 2025.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**CL25/025 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 9 June 2025**

This meeting was postponed until 23 June 2025.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**CL25/026 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 9 June 2025**

This meeting was postponed until 23 June 2025.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**CL25/027 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 28 May 2025**

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Councillor Villars informed members that he will have a report for LLARCS at the September ESP meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Planning Consultation list 1557 & 1558 no objections.
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

**CL25/028 Policy & Finance Committee 2 June 2025**

Councillor P Jones introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Mark Ward-Jones attended the meeting, and members discussed the Fairwater Square Regeneration Campaign and considered the motion to publicly support the campaign. Members approved the motion.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the motion to publicly support the campaign is approved.
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

**CL25/029 Annual Report**

Members discussed the Annual Report 2024-25 and approved the final version and instructed the Clerk to publish the document.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Annual Report is approved and the Clerk is instructed to publish the document.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL25/030 Crowfest 2026**

Members discussed the Crowfest event and approved the event for 2026, to allow for bookings and arrangements to be made.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Crowfest 2026 is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL25/031 Henllys Church in Wales Primary School**

The Clerk informed members of a vacancy for a Minor Authority Governor at Henllys Church in Wales Primary School. Members nominated Councillor Wharton, the nomination was approved and Councillor Wharton accepted the position.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Councillor S Wharton is appointed the Minor Authority Governor at Henllys Church in Wales Primary School.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL25/032 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.

**CL25/033 Financial Reserves**

Members received a report from the RFO and approved the movement of reserves.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the movement of reserves is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL25/034 Annual Return 2024 – 2025**

Members discussed and approved the annual return to Audit Wales for 2024 – 2025 and instructed the RFO to submit the return by 30 June 2025.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the annual return 2024 – 2025 is approved and the RFO is instructed to submit the return.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL25/035 Financial Statement 2024 - 2025**

Members received a report from the RFO and approved the year-end financial statement for 2024-2025.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the year-end financial statement 2024 – 2025 is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

**CL25/036 Staffing Update**

Councillor D Thomas left the meeting 6.25pm.

Members received a staffing report update from the Clerk and discussion was had regarding funding of £15,000 for a proposed project for Cwmbran Centre for Young People. Members approved the project funding of £15,000 for CCYP.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the CCYP £15,000 funding is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

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