

**Minutes of the meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 23 June 2025 at 6.30pm**

**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**

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 23 July 2025.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the committee to be held on Monday 1 September 2025.

**Present:** Councillors A Bird, R Bennett, G Lloyd-Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, M Villars & W Walker

*(Councillors L Chaney & M Day participated in the meeting via remote means)*

**Absent:** Councillors S Ashley, J Davenne, K Manneh, C Morgan, S Morgan, P Seabourne & S Wharton

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

**Also:** Gareth Davies (Clerk), Andy Smith (RFO), Bethan Mcpherson (Torfaen County Borough Council) & Gareth Cooke (Torfaen County Borough Council)

**GVO25/001 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors S Ashley (Holiday), J Davenne (Personal), K Manneh (Illness), C Morgan, S Morgan, P Seabourne & S Wharton

**GVO25/002 Members' 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.

*Councillor R Bennett declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute GVO25/004 – TCBC Update. She remained in the meeting during the discussion.*

**GVO25/003 Minutes 31 March 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2025 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor A Bird signed the minutes.

**GVO25/004 TCBC Update – Gareth Cooke and Bethan Mcpherson**

*Councillor R Bennett declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute GVO25/004 – TCBC Update. She remained in the meeting during the discussion.*

Members received a presentation from Bethan Mcpherson (Torfaen County Borough Council) & Gareth Cooke (Torfaen County Borough Council) looking at the Communities approach to how the community can play a more active role, targeting issues with a place based approach.

Members were interested in several areas to target support including anti-social behaviour and play facilities for children and young people which have disappeared in many areas and how the key priorities in Torfaen align with the Councils work program.

Members discussed identifying the issues in wards, which can differ between wards, while some issues can overlap several wards.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the groups currently using the annex at no cost for the wellbeing of residents including womens groups, meditation and art classes. Members agreed to forward questions to the Clerk and the item to be discussed at the September Policy & Finance meeting.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) Members forward questions to the Clerk.
- b) the position is noted.

**GVO25/005 Further Information Regarding Previous Applications**

**(i) Cwmbran District Ex Services Association (C.A.D.E.S.A)**

Members received an update from the Clerk and awarded the grant to the sum of :- £1,600 to contribute towards the purchase of uniforms and the VJ Day event.

**(ii) Henllys, Two Locks and Coed Eva Neighbourhood Watch**

Members discussed the application and awarded the grant to the sum of :- £2,000 to contribute towards the cost of signs.

**GVO25/006 New Applications Received**

It was **recommended** that the applications be dealt with as indicated below:

Applicant	Grant Awarded	Statutory Power
Cwmbran 50+ Forum	Grant awarded to the sum of £650 :- to contribute towards the cost of their annual summer outing including coach hire £400 and cream teas £250.	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s137</b>

**GVO025/007 Members Small Schemes**

The RFO reported to members that no small schemes applications had been received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

*Signed .....*

*(Chairman, Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee)*