

**Minutes of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee held on  
Wednesday 2 July 2025 at 6.00 pm.**

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 meeting of the committee to be held on  
Wednesday 3 September 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 A Bird, M Day, P Seabourne & W Walker

*(No Councillors participated in the meeting via remote means)*

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

**Absent** Councillors S Ashley, R Bennett, L Chaney, F Jones, P Jones, G Lloyd-  
Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh, C Morgan & M Villars

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

**ESP25/011 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors S Ashley (Illness),  
L Chaney (Personal), G Lloyd-Tolman (Personal), L Lloyd-Tolman (Personal),  
K Manneh (Illness), C Morgan (Family) & M Villars (Holiday)

**ESP25/012 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 received.

**ESP25/013 Minutes – 28 May 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2025 were confirmed as a correct  
record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor A Bird signed the minutes.

**ESP25/014 Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters**

**(a) Planning Lists**

Planning lists 1559 & 1560 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.

**ESP25/015 Neighbourhood Services**

Robert Murray Planning Officer (Torfaen County Borough Council) was unable to attend the meeting.

Members discussed the recent issues for residents with delayed waste collections and Councillor Bird expressed concerns with street sweeping on pavements, due to pips falling from Cherry Trees in Northville causing a hazard for both pedestrians and cyclists.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**ESP25/016 Environmental Reports**

**(a) Canal Update**

The Clerk confirmed that a report from MBACT will be available at the next meeting.

**(b) Windfarm Development**

No update received.

**(c) Solar farm development**

No update received.

**(d) Christmas Tree Update**

The Clerk confirmed that 5 Trees have been ordered for delivery in October.

**(e) Bin Replacement Schedule**

The Clerk confirmed that the artwork has been submitted, and the order is on-going.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**ESP25/017 Reports regarding any Climate & Nature Emergency Activities**

No reports received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**ESP25/018 Project Development**

No update received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**ESP25/019 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.

**ESP25/020 Task Force Performance Information**

Members viewed the Task Force Video case study – One Voice Wales, which will be published on the Council website.

Members considered the Task Force performance information.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Task Force Video case study – One Voice Wales is published on the Council website.
- b) the Task Force performance information is noted.

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