Cwmbran Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Cwmbrân

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee

1 July 2015 at 6.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY

AGENDA

To: Councillors SWJ Ashley, M Day, S Evans (Vice Chair), R Jones (Chair), KK Manneh, N Salkeld, D Standing, WJ Walker, DJ Williams and TJ Winter

Councillors M Johnston, LJ Chaney SJ Brooks & WM Howell (Ex Officio Members)

To: *ALL OTHER MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION*

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Members' Declarations of Interest**

3. **Blaen Bran Community Woodland**

On 15 April 2015 Members reviewed matters discussed at a recent seminar about the woodland. (Minute ESP14/056 refers). The Clerk was asked to examine options for sponsoring an area of woodland and report back.

The Clerk subsequently met representatives of Blaen Bran Community Woodland on site to discuss potential options. The following were identified:

(i) Planting a "living hedge." This would help form a boundary and provide a focus for biodiversity. Possible sites near the northern edge ("Beech Avenue") of the woodlands were examined. Potential costs could be around £2,500 - £3,000

(ii) New planting to replace damaged larch. Possible sites near the northern edge ("Top Larch") of the woodlands were examined. Potential costs could be around £2,500 - £3,000. There may be a need to delay this option to wait and see what new growth emerges at this location.

(iii) As an alternative to tree/hedge planting, there is an option to refurbish the children's education area. This could include wildflower planting and works to replace items recently lost due to fire damage, such as a Display Board ("Parsons Wood.") This option has not yet been fully costed.

(iv) Planting in an area of existing banking. This would provide a readily identifiable area of planting but would require site clearance and more maintenance than the other options. Potential costs could be around £2,500 - £3,000.

Each option could be used as an opportunity to commemorate the centenary of World War One or as a memorial to former members who have passed away. Sympathetic signage could refer to the support of the Community Council.

The committee's budget includes £1500 for "Sponsored Litter Bins, benches, trees and £1500 for "New Projects." Planting could be undertaken in the current financial year.

Representatives of Blaen Bran Community Woodland will attend the meeting.

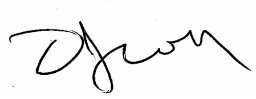
4. **Planning, Highways & footpaths Matters**

(a) Planning Lists - To deal with any outstanding planning consultations.

(b) Schedule of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions attached.

5. **Neighborhood Services Matters**

Councillor Cunningham, Torfaen County Borough Council's Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services and Performance will attend this meeting.



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