



You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Policy & Finance Committee

11 July 2016 @ 6.00 pm

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

AGENDA

To: Councillors: SWJ Ashley, D Daniels, M Day (Vice Chair), S Evans, WM Howell, M Johnston, R Kemp, WJ Walker, DJ Williams and TJ Winter

Councillors: KK Manneh, R Jones, SJ Brooks and TA Matthews (Chair)
(Ex Officio Members)

To: ALL OTHER MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Members' Declarations of Interest**
3. **Itemised Schedule of Receipts & Payments (May 2016)**

Schedules of receipts & payments and bank reconciliations are attached for members only (Members of the public may obtain this information from the Clerk to the Council).

Background papers will be brought to this meeting to allow members to scrutinise any transactions etc. in more detail, should they wish.

4. [Foodbank & Other Anti Poverty Initiatives](#)

To consider the attached report.

Emma Davies, Collaboration and Improvement Officer at Torfaen County Borough Council has agreed to attend the meeting to assist Members.

5. **Randomz "Friday Night Project"**

At a meeting held on 13 June 2016, the committee considered a request for further funding of the above project. Members asked for further information about the extent of funding required and the purposes to which it would be put before considering the matter further. (Minute PF16/009(v) refers)

Information subsequently received from Randomz is set out below:

- Venue cost £27 for one hour.
- 2 x paid staff £27 for one hour.
- 10 travel cost for transport of young people.
- Totalling per week £64.



Members are asked to consider a way forward.

(Note: in 2015/16 the Council awarded this project £444 from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget (K01). Other potential budgets which could be used include Youth Engagement (I11). This budget is managed by this committee. £1050 is identified for Youth Engagement for 2016/17.)

6. **Local Government Ethical Framework**

At a meeting held on 22 June 2016, Council confirmed this committee's recommendation to adopt a revised Code of Conduct. (Minute PF16/007) Council also approved a report back form the Clerk on the detailed implications of the new arrangements following training which would be provided by the Monitoring Officer. This training will be delivered on 12 July 2016. A report back form will therefore be submitted to a future meeting.

It is **recommended** that the information is noted.

7. **One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting 2016: Saturday 1 October 2016**

The following members have been nominated to attend the above: Councillors S Brooks, R Jones, DJ Williams and TJ Winter, (Minute CL16/024(2) refers). One Voice Wales has been advised. The Council also agreed not to submit a Notice of Motion this year.

It is **recommended** that the information is noted.

8. **Residents Handbook**

The latest Residents Handbook was launched at the Big Event on 11 June 2016. Copies were also available for visitors on Armed Forces Day (22 June 2016.) The handbook has been distributed to households by the pupils of Cwmbran High School. (Years 7 – 10 and 12.) Further copies will be distributed via Primary Schools. Additional hard copies have also been distributed to other venues.

The Handbook is also available on-line and via the Council's Social Media platforms. An electronic copy will be available in Welsh, with hard copies available on request.

It is **recommended** that the information is noted.

9. **Council House Maintenance Matters**

To report progress on current matters, including:

- arson Assessment undertaken 23 June 2016; ([report attached](#))
- annual Boiler/Heating Service (27 June 2016); and,
- temporary arrangements to provide caretaker/cleaner cover (wef 4 July 2016).

10. **Community Notice Board**

Llantarnam Residents Conservation Society (LLARCS) have purchased a notice board to be erected near to the car park at the junction of Oakfield Road and Llantarnam Road.

Planning consent is required for the erection of the board, and an application fee would be payable. However, the application fee would be halved to £150 if this Council made the application on LLARCS' behalf. The Board would be used to publicise community activities such as the "Picnic in the Park" on 10 September 2016 Oakfield Flower Gardens - a family based event supported by organisations such as Cwmbran Brass Band, Torfaen Play Services, All Creatures Great and Small, Gwent Police and other small stall holders.

Funding for the fee could be released from the Regeneration Budget (I13).
Members are asked to consider the request.

11. **Seminars & Outside Bodies**

To consider the attached reports in relation to seminars and meetings of outside bodies, attended by representatives of the Council.

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| (i) | Torfaen Public Services Board | 9 June 2016 |
| (ii) | TCALC/LCP | 21 June 2016 |
| (iii) | CIPFA Seminar re Future Generations (Wales) Act | 24 June 2016 |

It is **recommended** that the reports are noted.

12. **Exclusion of the Press & Public**

The following item is not for publication because, in accordance with paragraphs 12 & 14 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Access to Information Variation Order Wales 2007), it contains information about a particular individual or individuals and information relating to the financial and business affairs of particular persons, including the council and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing information.

13. **Task Force Review**

To report progress.



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