

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday  
27 July 2016**

**Present** Councillor KK Manneh (Chairman), Councillors: SWJ Ashley, SJ Brooks, LJ Chaney, S Evans, M Johnston, R Kemp, R Jones, TA Matthews, J Rees, WJ Walker, DJ Williams and TJ Winter

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

**CL16/027 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Daniels (personal), Davenne (personal) and Standing (personal).

Councillors Howell & Seabourne were also absent due to illness.

**CL16/028 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that Daniel Reeks was currently working for the Council, providing short term, clerical support over the summer. Dan had joined the Council's staff from Randomz, which was a trading arm of Cwmbran Centre for Young People. The Clerk explained that Dan's support would allow him to properly assess the longer term staffing needs of the Council in the light of recent staff changes and current workload. Full details would be reported to Members in due course.

The Chairman reported that he had recently attended the following events:

- Cwmbran High School Achievement Awards Night 23 June 2016
- Poet of Pontypool Presentation Evening 5 July 2016
- Service/Thanksgiving 3 July 2016
- Cwmbran Fire "Graduation Evening" 12 July 2016
- "We Will Rock You." Cwmbran High School 14 July 2016
- Friends of Bruchsal Trust 18 July 2016

**CL16/029 Vice Chairman's Announcements**

None

**CL16/030 Declarations of Interest**

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they had and sign the Interests Sheet to give details of the nature of their interest. The Clerk reminded Members that any Declarations of Interest had to be made in writing, as described above.

**CL16/031 Public Question Time**

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders approved on 25 June 2014, the opportunity for public questions was included as an item on the agenda for the meeting.

No questions had been submitted.

**CL16/032 Cwmbran Policing Update**

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Ian Green to the meeting.

Sergeant Green presented ward-by-ward statistics relating to crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Cwmbran. He referred to recent incidents at Llantarnam School and incidents of vehicle crime, burglaries, inquisitive crime and some drug related incidents. There had been positive developments in relation to youth engagement and "legal highs." He also paid tribute to the work undertaken by the Greenmeadow community to improve community relations and tackle Anti-Social Behaviour.

Sergeant Green described recent joint-working projects with community safety officers at Torfaen County Borough Council, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service and Immigration Services. He described the role of the 101 Service and outlined other ways of contacting the police.

Issues raised by Members included:

- Further information in relation to cycle crime. (Gwent Police were circulating crime prevention advice.)
- Praise for the work of the police and other agencies in relation to work undertaken in the Greenmeadow community.

**Resolved** that Sergeant Green is thanked for his attendance and willingness to answer questions.

**CL16/033 Fire & Rescue Update**

No representative from the Fire & rescue Service was able to attend.

**CL16/034 Council Meeting 22 June 2016.**

The Chairman introduced the minutes of the above meetings.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the above meetings are confirmed.

(The Chairman signed and initialled the minutes of the above meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 12)

**CL16/035 Events & Community Projects Committee 27 June 2016**

Councillor Walker introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

In relation to Minute ENT16/010 (Summer Playschemes 2016) the Clerk drew attention to Invoice DCOM18079981 received from Torfaen County Borough Council in relation to the provision of Summer Playschemes 2016 (Minute CL15/094 also refers.) The invoice was for the sum of £59,500.00.

In relation to Minute ENT16/010 (Summer Playschemes 2016) the Clerk also advised that the Council had been invited to visit Ty Hafan on 1 August 2016 to view a "Gift Tree." The tree recorded the Council's support for the work of Ty Hafan through sponsored walks and other activities undertaken by children who had attended the Playschemes over the years. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee were unable to attend but the Clerk undertook to report back to Members about the visit. He encouraged other Members to contact him if they wished to attend.

In relation to Minute ENT16/011 (Programme of Events 2016/17) the Clerk drew attention to the forthcoming "Merchant Navy Day" on 3 September 2016. The event had been supported by the Council in 2015.

**Resolved that**

- (1) the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.
- (2) the Clerk is authorised to proceed with payment of Invoice DCOM18079981 referred to above.
- (3) the Council agrees to support Merchant Navy Day 2016.

**CL16/036 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 27 June 2016**

Councillor Johnston introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

In relation to Minute GL16/006 items (a) and (e), the Clerk advised that Cae-yr-Ebol Residents Association had clarified the items on which the grant would be spent and that Torfaen Tigers RL Club had provided the financial details requested.

**Resolved that**

- (1) subject to the deletion of the reference to Councillor Chaney as Vice Chairman, the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed. Members noted that Councillor Rees was Vice Chairman of the Committee.
- (2) on this occasion, the grant cheque for Fairwater Life Saving Club is sent by post.

(The Chairman of the Council presented a cheque to Torfaen Tigers RL Club, in accordance with Minute GL16/006(e))

**CL16/037 Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee 6 July 2016**

Councillor Manneh introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

In relation to Minute ESP16/012 (Neighbourhood Services Matters), the Clerk confirmed that he would take forward the recommended actions following Council confirmation of the minutes.

**Resolved that:**

- (1) the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.
- (2) no objection is offered to Planning List 1146.
- (3) in relation to Planning List 1147:
  - re: item 6089, Members asked for clarification of means of exit from the development and expressed concerns about the future of the adjoining canal. Torfaen County Borough Council to contact Councillor TA Matthews to clarify means of exit.

*(Clerk's note: information has since been passed to councillor Matthews)*

- re: item 6090, consideration was deferred for clarification of the observations of Gwent Police in relation to the proposed development.

- re: item 6091, No objection was raised, subject to no adverse observations from the ward member.

*(Clerk's note: Ward member observations have subsequently been passed to Torfaen County Borough Council)*

**CL16/038 Policy & Finance Committee 11 July 2016**

Councillor Matthews introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

In relation to minute PF16/025 (Task Force Review), the Clerk advised that the reconvened meeting would take place on 28 July 2016 at 10.00 am.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.

**CL16/039 Representation on Outside Bodies**

- (i) The Council had been invited to consider nominating a Member to sit on the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal Trust.
- (ii) At the Council's AGM held on 18 May 2016, no appointment was made to represent the Council on Torfaen Community Transport.

**Resolved** that Councillor Ashely is appointed to represent the Council on the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal Trust and Councillor Matthews to represent the Council on Torfaen Community Transport

**Plenary Powers**

**CL16/040 Plenary Powers**

**Resolved** that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, together with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Majority Group, is be granted plenary powers to respond to any matters requiring decisions to be taken during the Summer recess period as no Council Committees or Council Meetings will be held from now until September. Any matters dealt with under this procedure to be reported to the next Meeting of the Council.

**CL16/041 Letter of Thanks & Appreciation**

Thanks were received from the following:

- (a) Mrs M Caruana, 265 Llantarnam Road (Task Force) (telephone)
- (b) Cae-yr-Ebol Residents Association (Grant)  
(Following the meeting, the Chairman presented a cheque to the Association. Minute GL16/006(a) refers)
- (c) Mrs Bessie Horton, 9 Pendoylan Walk (Task Force)

**Resolved** that the expressions of thanks are noted.

Signed .....

*(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)*