



Cwmbran Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Cwmbrân

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Policy & Finance Committee

24 October 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 (July & August 2016)**

Schedules of receipts & payments and bank reconciliations are attached for members only. Quarterly financial monitoring is also attached. (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. **[Monmouthshire Building Society: Interest Rate Reduction](#)**

To consider the letter from the Building Society.

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

5. **[Wales Local Government Reform](#)**

To report the current position in relation to the above, as described in the attached Statement from the Society of Local Council Clerks. The Statement focusses on the implications for Town & Community Councils. (See also item 11 (iv))

It is **recommended** that Members note the information.

6. **Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales**

The Boundary Commission for Wales has published Initial Proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales. The Commission's Initial Proposals Report was published on 13 September 2016 and is available on the Commissions' website: www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk or at public locations across Wales. Details have been sent to all Members of the Council.

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The representation period will end on 5 December 2016.

It is **recommended** that Members consider whether the Council wishes to respond to the proposals.

7. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report 2017/18**

The Panel is responsible for the remuneration of community and town councils. Previous Annual Reports have developed ideas for remuneration of community and town councillors, allowing flexibility to meet appropriate responsibilities. These are shown as “Determinations” within each Annual Report. The report can be accessed by clicking the ‘Related Link’ on the right hand side of this webpage:

<http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/?lang=en>

The Panel recognises a wide variation in geography, scope and scale across community and town councils in Wales. Therefore Determinations 44 to 51 (attached) are permissive powers, which require a formal decision by the Council annually. A council can adopt any or all of the determinations but if it does make such a decision, it must apply to all its members.

An individual member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these allowances by giving notice in writing to the Clerk.

Observations on the draft report are requested by 28 November 2016.

It is **recommended** that Members consider whether the Council wishes to respond to the proposals.

8. **Business Risk Register 2016/17: Review of Progress**

To consider the attached report.

9. **Council House Update (Oral reports)**

- (i) Maintenance Matters
- (ii) Replacement of Council House Annex (Community Centre)

10. ***Council Meetings: May 2017***

The ordinary meeting of Full Council for May 2017 is set for 10 May. As this is after the date of the election on 4 May 2017 it needs to be brought forward in order that existing Members can consider all committee minutes before the election.

It is **recommended** that the date of the meeting is brought forward to Monday 24 April 2017 at 6.00 pm.

The date of the AGM would remain as 17 May 2017. The agenda would be published on Wednesday 10 May 2017.

11. **Seminars & Outside Bodies**

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

- (i) [Police & Crime Commissioner’s Engagement with Town & Community Councillors](#) 7 September 2016
- (ii) [Members Seminar: Torfaen Well Being Assessment](#) 19 September 2016
- (iii) [Torfaen Museum Trust](#) 20 September 2016

- (iv) [One Voice Wales Conference & AGM](#) [1 October 2016](#)
- (v) [One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys Partnership](#) [4 October 2016](#)
- (vi) [PSB Welfare Reform Project Group](#) [10 October 2016](#)

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

12. **[Gwent Archives Exhibition Material](#)**

To consider the attached report and display.

13. **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.

14. **Task Force Review Group**

To consider the attached minutes of the meeting of the Task Force Review Group held on 27 September 2016.

Members are asked to approve the recommendations set out in the minutes.



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