

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday 1 March 2017**

**Present** Councillor S Evans (in the Chair), Councillors SWJ Ashley, LJ Chaney, M Day, R Jones & WJ Walker

Also Councillor PJ Williams

Councillor BJ Cunningham (Torfaen County Borough Council, Executive Member)

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council) and Clare Facey (Administration Officer)

**ESP16/042 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor RA Seabourne.

**ESP16/043 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. Councillors SWJ Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minutes ESP16/044 and ESP16/047 below.

**ESP16/044 Planning, Highways, Footpaths and Licensing Matters**

(Councillor Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item.)

(a) Planning Lists

Members considered outstanding planning list 1171 and 1172.

It was **recommended** that no objection is offered to lists 1171 and 1172.

(b) Planning Decisions of Torfaen County Borough Council.

It was **recommended** that the decisions are noted.

**ESP16/045 Primary Schools Eco Quiz 9 February 2017: Sponsored by Knauf Insulation**

Members reviewed the success of the above event, which had become an established part of the Council's calendar of events and addressed important goals for the Council. Members praised the contribution made to the Quiz by participating schools. The Administration Officer reported that Knauf Insulation had offered to provide the winning team with a buffet and tour of their premises. She also reported details of a small overspend due to the timing of the event and a tie for the prize of third place.

It was **recommended** that the report is noted.

**ESP16/046 Neighborhood Services Matters**

Councillor John Cunningham (Torfaen County Borough Council's Executive Member Neighbourhoods) informed members on the following:-

- 2017/18 Budget and investment in Neighbourhood Services.

- Torfaen “Deep Clean.”
- Torfaen “Spring Clean.” (Further details of this initiative were also included on the agenda for the meeting.)
- Forthcoming Events and “Litter Picks”.
- Drainage Improvements at Greenmeadow Way
- Engineering Schemes Update.
- New Local Bus Services.

Issues raised by Members included drainage conditions at Nant Celyn Cemetery.

It was **recommended** that Councillor Cunningham is thanked for his full report to members.

#### **ESP16/047 Sponsored Litter Bins – Canal**

(Councillor Ashley declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item.)

Members considered proposals to provide litter bins in the vicinity of the canal. Details of costs and other associated arrangements were reported along with details of available finance. In supporting the proposals, Members also discussed the potential to provide bins at other locations.

It was **recommended** that two bins are provided from within budget heading N05 and one from within heading N10, subject to sufficient funds being available.

#### **ESP16/048 Historical Buildings and Landscapes**

At the meeting of Full Council held on 15 February 2017, Members considered a Motion submitted by Councillor PJ Williams. The Motion is set out below:

“Cwmbran Community Council agrees to liaise with Henllys Community Council and Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council to collate a list of buildings and landscapes that are integral to the heritage and history of Cwmbran, which should be preserved and protected. “

The proposal was referred to this committee for consideration. At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor PJ Williams addressed the committee and elaborated on his proposal.

Members discussed the practical implications of producing such a list and the purpose behind it. Members considered that there could be merit in identifying buildings or landscapes which should be protected as part of any future development proposals. Members identified a number of local landmarks which could be included within such a list and discussed the proposal within in the context of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

It was recommended that

- (1) the Clerk to the Council contact neighbouring local councils to ascertain the level of support for working with Cwmbran Community Council in relation to the above proposal.
- (2) the Clerk to the Council contact Torfaen County Borough Council to enquire whether any support would be available from them.

**ESP16/049 Exclusion of the Press & Public**

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is 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.

**ESP16/050 Task Force**

At a meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 24 October 2016, Members recommended that responsibility for receiving regular performance management information about the work of the Task Force was assigned to this committee. (Minute PF16/053 refers).

Members therefore considered performance information about the recent work of the Task Force. Members emphasised the need to pay close attention to the impact of recent changes to the Task Force fees on demand for the services provided by the Task Force. The Administration Officer undertook to clarify some aspects of the way in which some of the performance information was reported.

It was **recommended** that the position be noted.

*Signed* .....

*(Chairman, Cwmbran Community Council)*