

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee of
Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday 12 April 2017**

Present Councillor S Evans (in the Chair), Councillors SJ Brooks, LJ Chaney, M Day, R Jones, TA Matthews, D Standing, WJ Walker and TJ Winter,

Also Councillor M Johnston

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

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

ESP16/051 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor KK Manneh and Councillor SWJ Ashley.

ESP16/052 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.

ESP16/053 Planning, Highways, Footpaths and Licensing Matters

(a) Planning Lists

Members considered outstanding planning lists 1176 and 1177.

It was **recommended** that no objection is offered to lists 1176 and 1177.

(b) Planning Decisions of Torfaen County Borough Council.

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

(c) Proposed Traffic Regulation Order. 20 MPH Zone – Pontnewydd Village

It was **recommended** that the proposed Order is noted.

ESP16/054 Neighborhood Services Matters

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

- Torfaen Deep Clean
- Torfaen Spring Clean
- Highways Maintenance Issues (inc. an update on Winter Maintenance, resurfacing works at Sainsburys roundabout, external funding and Station Road (Pontnewydd) Road Safety Scheme – 20mph zone)
- Blenheim Road Flying Start Building
- Retirement of Duncan Smith, Chief Officer at Torfaen County Borough Council

Issues raised by Members included:-

- pot holes at Penylan Way
- drain cleaning at Penylan Way/Henllys Way
- “sleeping policeman” at Two Locks Road

The Chairman advised that this would be the last meeting which Councillor Cunningham would be attending. Members thanked Councillor Cunningham for his valuable contribution to meetings of this committee. Councillor Cunningham suitably responded.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) Councillor Cunningham is thanked for his full report to members.
- (2) the Council’s best wishes are conveyed to Duncan Smith upon his retirement.

ESP16/055 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. The committee recommended that 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 and Torfaen County Borough Council to enquire about any support would be available from them.

At the meeting of Full Council held on 29 March 2017, Members also agreed to establish a sub group to take these matters forward, the membership to be appointed at the Annual Council meeting. These matters would therefore be taken forward once the sub group was in place. The sub group would report to this committee.

Members agreed to give further consideration to these matters following the forthcoming election.

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

ESP16/056 Exclusion of the Press & Public

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

ESP16/057 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.

The Clerk reported that the Task Force would be switching from decorating to gardening following the Easter holiday. He also advised that he was trying to acquire a single vehicle, such as a transit van, which the Task Force could use all year round.

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

Signed

(Chairman, Cwmbran Community Council)