

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday 4 October 2017**

**Present** Councillor R Jones (in the Chair). Councillors SWJ Ashley, Rh Bennett, AL Bird, SJ Brooks, PJ Cathcart, JS Davenne, AJ Davies, M Day, M Johnston, F Jones, RD Kemp, KK Manneh, M Villars and WJ Walker

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

**CL17/045 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from N Hopkins (School Governor Duties))

**CL17/046 Chairman's Announcements**

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

Members' Playschemes Visits	8 August 2017
Playschemes Awards 2017	25 August 2017

*(The Chairman paid tribute to the work of the staff who had organised the visits and the awards)*

Merchant Navy Day (Red Ensign Day)	1 September 2017
Farewell Service to Rev V Ashley	3 September 2017
"Picnic in the Park" (Llantarnam)	23 September 2017

**CL17/047 Vice Chairman's Announcements**

The Vice Chairman announced that he had attended the following events.

Poetry Evening at Penygarn	6 July 2017
Code of Conduct Training	13 July 2017
Cwmbran Amateur Swimming Club Awards	9 September 2017
Merchant Navy Day (Red Ensign Day)	1 September 2017
Fire Safety Risk Assessment	14 September 2017

**CL17/048 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.

Any Declarations of Interest had to be made in writing, as described above.

Councillor SWJ Ashley and Councillor SJ Brooks declared a non-prejudicial interest in item CL17/055 (2) below.

**CL17/049 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.

**CL17/050 Cwmbran Policing Update**

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Ian Green and PC Christine Smith of Gwent Police.

Sergeant Green was pleased to report details of new appointments, as follows:

P.C.541 Christine Smith. Covering  
Llantarnam/Croesyceiliog/Llanyravon

P.C. 479 Kimberley Meyrick covering Two Locks/ Coed Eva/ Fairwater  
/ St Dials.

Community Support Officer 277 Catherine Cromie covering Coed Eva

Community support officer 276 Scott Saunders covering upper  
Cwmbran

Community support officer 282 Alex Hall covering Two locks.

He provided an overview of recent incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour on a ward by ward basis. He discussed some of the underlying themes relating to acquisitive crime, with particular reference to car crime. Groups of people had been criminally active locally but arrests had been made. He also referred to forthcoming events which would require a police presence such as the forthcoming "Clubland Classix" event at Cwmbran Stadium on 6 October 2017. Visitors were expected from all over the UK. He described two specific operations which were in place to deal with any anticipated increase in crime in the run up to Christmas and events associated with Guy Fawkes Night and Halloween.

Sergeant Green encouraged Members to support the "Your Voice" survey which was available at [www.gwent.police.uk](http://www.gwent.police.uk). The survey gave the public the opportunity to raise issues affecting the community. Information arising would help identify policing priorities. Gwent Police would work with partners to try and address those that were of most concern for residents. He also referred to the twitter account used by Gwent Police to engage with the public and highlighted recent examples (@gwentpolice).

Issues raised by Members included:

- Parking at community events.
- Anti-Social Behaviour at Cwmbran Centre (Sergeant Green described measures to improve conditions in the area.)

The Chairman reminded Members of the forthcoming opportunity for them to visit the Police Control Centre on 17 October 2017.

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

**CL17/051 Fire & Rescue Update**

No representative of the Fire & Rescue Service was able to attend

**CL17/052 Council Meetings 26 July 2017**

The Chairman introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

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

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

**CL17/053 Events & Community Projects Committee 4 September 2017**

Councillor M Day introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

In relation to Minute ECP17/018 (Provisional Programme of Events), Members noted that the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal would be launched locally at Cwmbran Centre on 21 October 2017. The Clerk reported that poppies were also on sale at the Council's offices.

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

**CL17/054 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 4 September 2017**

Councillor WJ Walker introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

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

**CL17/055 Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee 4 September 2017**

Councillor KK Manneh introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

**Resolved** that:

- (1) subject to the addition of Councillor M Johnston to the names of Members who had submitted apologies for absence, the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.
- (2) no objection is offered to Planning List 1199 or 1120

(Councillors SWJ Ashley and SJ Brooks declared an interest in item 6283 on list 1200 – Works to trees at Cwmbran Centre for Young People: ref 7/P/0669/TPO)

**CL17/056 Policy & Finance Committee 11 September 2017**

Councillor Ashley introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

In relation to Minute PF17/028, Members noted the receipt of an invoice on 14 September from Torfaen County Borough Council in relation to reimbursement of costs for Cwmbran Community Council Elections held on 4 May 2017 (£17,752.07.) The costs were within the approved estimate.

In relation to Minute PF17/023 (Electoral Reform), Members noted the deadline for responding to the Consultation Exercise (10 October 2017.)

In relation to Minute PF17/026 (Dementia Awareness Training), the Chairman of the Council encouraged all Members to attend the training session.

**Resolved** that:

- (1) the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.

- (2) payment to Torfaen County Borough Council in respect of the costs of the 2017 elections, referred to above, is approved.

**CL17/057      Thanks & Appreciation**

Thanks were received from

- (i) Mrs Ashley-Smith, 70 Broadweir Road (Task Force)
- (ii) Mrs RE Bodman (Task Force)
- (iii) Fr Peter McLaren (for the Council's Best Wishes)
- (iv) LLARCS (for the Chairman's attendance at "Picnic in the Park.")
- (v) Bobath Children's Therapy Centre (Grant)

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

Signed .....  
(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)