



# Cwmbran Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwmbrân

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

## **Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee**

**Wednesday 17 October 2018 @ 6.00pm**

Venue: Council Chamber Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY

To: Councillors:

- (i) Councillor KK Manneh (Chairman)
- (ii) Councillor M Johnston (Vice Chairman)
- (iii) Councillor Rh Bennett
- (iv) Councillor M Day
- (v) Councillor LG Johnston
- (vi) Councillor F Jones
- (vii) Councillor J Rees
- (viii) Councillor LM Ryan
- (ix) Councillor M Villars
- (x) Councillor WJ Walker

Also Councillors:

Councillor PJ Cathcart  
Councillor AL Bird  
Councillor SJ Brooks  
Councillor SWJ Ashley  
(Ex Officio Members)

*3 Members must be present for the meeting to be quorate.*

To: ALL OTHER MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Apologies for Absence**

(Must be submitted by the Member concerned in advance of the meeting)

2. **Members' Declarations of Interest**

Members are 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.

(Must be declared in writing at the meeting)

3. **Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters**

(a) Planning Lists - To deal with any outstanding planning consultations.

(b) [Schedule of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions attached.](#)



(c) Torfaen Local Development Plan (LDP)

Work on the replacement Local Development Plan is underway. From the approved Delivery Agreement a key stage in LDP preparation is to establish a 'Vision' for the LDP and to identify key LDP objectives, which will inform the identification of Strategic Options and a Preferred Strategy from which the policies and proposals of the LDP will be developed.

As part of this process Torfaen County Borough Council is looking to hold a stakeholder engagement session on the 24 October 2018 (if this date is inconvenient a potential alternative date is available on 5 November), which will run from 10am-1pm. The session is proposed to inform stakeholders of the background to the replacement LDP, key issues and the context for the developing LDP vision and objectives. A key part of this is the new national and regional context and particular, in relation to Torfaen, the recently approved Well-Being plan. The session will provide an opportunity to contribute to the development of the emerging vision and objectives as well as detailing how stakeholders can further contribute to the process following the session.

The Local Development Plan will guide the use and development of land in the County Borough for the next 15 years, balancing the competing demands on land with the needs to conserve the built and natural environment. It is therefore important that stakeholders who have an interest in the future development and use of land in Torfaen are able to contribute to the establishment of the LDP Vision and key LDP objectives. An agenda and background papers will be issued. Members are asked to confirm whether they wish to attend this session.

(d) [Public Footpath No 8 \(Part\): Request for a Temporary Prohibition of Pedestrians at Wrens Nest, Pontnewydd.](#)

To consider the attached notification. Details have been sent to Ward Members.

(e) [Highways Act 1980 – Section 118 & 119 Extinguishment of Public Footpath No's 67, 68, 69 & 72 and Diversion of Public Footpath No. 73 at Pontnewydd.](#)

To consider the attached notification. Details have been sent to Ward Members.

#### 4. **Neighbourhood Services**

- (i) On 29 November 2017, Members discussed opportunities to raise matters with Torfaen County Borough Council in relation to Neighbourhood Services matters. (Minute ESP17/030 (a) refers). It was recommended that any Members wishing to submit questions to the Executive Member for Environment should first report them to this committee to ensure a co-ordinated approach. This was confirmed by the Council on 3 January 2018. Any matters raised will be referred to the Executive Member.

It would be helpful if Members could provide questions to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

## 5. **Weed Control Policies: Torfaen County Borough Council**

On 5 September 2018, Members discussed weed control policies of Torfaen County Borough Council and the use of Glyphosate. (Minute ESP18/022 (2) refers. The Clerk was instructed to ask the Executive Member Environment (Torfaen County Borough Council) to attend a future meeting to discuss the policies of Torfaen County Borough Council in relation to weed control.

Members also noted that Torfaen County Borough Council's Cleaner Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be considering a review of Torfaen County Borough Council's policy on the use of Glyphosate on 14 November 2018. The committee would be seeking to establish the outcome of the review and what alternatives had been considered. Further details of the scrutiny exercise were reported to Full Council on 3 October 2018 (Minute CL18/049 refers).

Following discussion between the Chairman of the Environment, Sustainability and Planning Committee and the Executive Member, it has been suggested that Members of Cwmbran Community Council may wish to attend the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting or watch the meeting via Torfaen County Borough Council's webcast. Members may wish to submit evidence or comments as part of the scrutiny review. Further information about the Overview & Scrutiny committee meeting can be provided to Members nearer the time.

Following this, if there remain matters which Members wish to raise, these can be referred to the Executive Member.

## 6. **Parks & Open Spaces**

On 5 September 2018, Members discussed the matter of Maintenance of Parks & Open Spaces (Minute ESP18/023 refers). To commence this process, Members had requested details of all parks and open spaces.

Members considered draft information received from Torfaen County Borough Council which identified areas of open space and details of users associated with each site. The committee recommended that Members provide the Clerk with details of any additional areas of parkland or open space not included with the information and that this is reported to the next meeting.

In the meantime, the Council has been made aware of a thematic Open Space Assessment being undertaken by Torfaen County Borough Council. This includes mapping all existing play areas in the borough to assess where there is inadequate provision. This will help formulate future policy on the provision of play areas over the next Local Development Plan period 2018-33. Joint working will also be undertaken with Public Service Board partners to develop consistent approaches to land management.

Andrew Nevill, Team Leader, Environmental Projects (Torfaen County Borough Council) will attend the meeting to update members on this work. A Study undertaken in 2009, which identifies, maps and assesses areas of open space can be viewed [here](#). Hard copies available from the Clerk (62 pages).

He will also refer to the "[Monmouthshire & Brecon Adventure Triangle](#)" and the update Members on the proposed Northville Underpass improvements.

7. **Exclusion of the Press & Public**

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

8. **Task Force**

- (i) Performance Information attached.
- (ii) Following previous discussions, new equipment was purchased for use by the Task Force (Minute ESP17/008.) The equipment comprised a battery powered hedge trimmer and blower. Following the successful introduction of this equipment a cordless brushcutter and long reach hedge trimmer have also been purchased. This continues the Council's commitment to provide a cleaner, greener option to the delivery of the service and improve the health & safety conditions for staff.



**David Collins DMS**  
**Clerk to the Council/Clerc i'r Cyngor (Proper Officer / Swyddog Priodol)**  
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