

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday 28 November 2018**

**Present** Councillors M Johnson (in the Chair) SWJ Ashley, AL Bird, SJ Brooks, PJ Cathcart, M Day, LM Ryan & WJ Walker

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

**ESP18/036 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors Rh Bennett (illness), KK Manneh (civic duties), J Rees (work commitments) and M Villars (illness).

**ESP18/037 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.

Councillor LM Ryan declared a personal interest in Minute ESP18/038 (a) (Planning, Highways, Footpaths and Licensing Matters (a) Planning Lists (item 6460 on list 1255) below.

**ESP18/038 Planning, Highways, Footpaths and Licensing Matters**

(a) Planning Lists

Councillor LM Ryan declared a personal interest in Minute ESP18/038 (a) (Planning, Highways, Footpaths and Licensing Matters (a) Planning Lists (item 6460 on list 1255) below.

Members considered outstanding planning lists 1254 and 1255.

It was **recommended** that no objections are offered in respect of lists 1254 and 1255.

(b) Planning Decisions of Torfaen County Borough Council.

Members considered the Planning Decisions. The Clerk agreed to clarify certain matters relating to some of the applications referred to.

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

(c) Cwmbran Community (Now Pontnewydd, Cwmbran Central and Llantarnam): Public Footpath no. 286 (Part): Request for a phased temporary prohibition of pedestrians and cyclists along canal towpath from Greenhill Road to Pentre Lane.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the proposal is noted.
- (2) Torfaen County Borough Council is requested to ensure adequate signage relating to the proposal.

**ESP18/039 Neighbourhood Services**

No questions were submitted to Neighbourhood Services. Members discussed the role of the dog warden at the Boating Lake.

**ESP18/040 Weed Control Policies: Torfaen County Borough Council**

Members noted that weed control policies at Torfaen County Borough Council and the use of Glyphosate had been the subject of examination by an Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 14 November 2018. Recommendations arising from this exercise would be submitted to the Executive Member in the New Year. Members discussed the issues which had been discussed as part of the scrutiny review, with particular reference to the importance of protecting bees.

Members discussed the use of various weed control products, the indiscriminate use of weed killer and the implications for domestic gardeners.

It was **recommended** that the Clerk report back to Members once the outcome of the above review was known.

**ESP18/041 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.

**ESP18/042 Task Force**

Members considered performance information about the recent work of the Task Force.

Members also discussed the contribution made by the Task Force to the wider work of the Council. The Clerk described the many ways in which the Task Force team contributed to the success of the Council's other services and events.

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

*Signed .....*  
*(Chairman, Cwmbran Community Council)*