



Cwmbran Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwmbrân

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee

Wednesday 16 January 2019 @ 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) Schedule 1 Article 4. (4) Schedule 1B/1C Articles 2C & 2D - Land at Ty Coch, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 7AJ. To consider the [attached](#) letter.

4. **Neighbourhood Services**

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**

The Environment, Sustainability and Planning Committee has recently been considering matters relating to weed control. Members were advised that these matters were currently under review by Torfaen County Borough Council. (Minute ESP18/040 and CL18/062 refer.)

This matter was also considered by Torfaen County Borough Council's Cleaner Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 14 November 2018. The draft minutes of the committee meeting can be viewed [here](#). The committee's recommendations are set out below:

Recommendation 1

As no new evidence had been supplied on the subject it was the majority view of the Committee that the status quo remained in relation to the use of glyphosate with a view to revisiting the topic in the future. An announcement was due to be made in December from the EU authorisation procedure for pesticides (PEST), which was described as significant, and it may have an impact.

However, committee suggested that in the meantime further research takes place into examining more opportunities in relation to costings for more holistic options for hard surfaces as well as more work to be done on reviewing the priority areas for treatment, all of which could be reviewed if considered for a further report in the future.

Recommendation 2

Consideration to be given into the introduction of a system of informing the public when glyphosate was being used within the borough such as that used by Swansea City Council.

Recommendation 3:-

Consideration to be given into producing a guidance document which would provide advice on the responsibilities/obligations on the treatment, removal and disposal of Japanese Knotweed in relation to the following groups:

*Members of the public
Leaseholders of sports clubs /pitches
Allotment holders*

Recommendation 4:-

Explore collaborations with Local Authorities, NRW and the Railways including producing a map of invasive species within the borough.

Recommendation 5:-

Members support the proposal that Torfaen should become a member of the Amenity Forum.

Recommendation 6:-

Members suggested that it would be beneficial to hold a Members Seminar on the topic to enable all members to receive a balanced view on the subject.

The next meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is on 23 January. The Executive Member's response to the recommendations will hopefully be made available prior to that meeting.

6. Parks & Open Spaces

On 17 October 2018, Members received a detailed update on various initiatives of Torfaen County Borough Council in relation to open spaces and other projects. (Minute ESP18/033 refers)

Members asked that regular forums are set up every three months. It has not been possible to arrange a forum since the October meeting due to staff absences but this will be brought forward in the coming weeks.

7. **Committee Estimates 2019/20**

Proposed estimates for the coming year are set out below.

It is recommended that the estimates are approved.

CODE N	DESCRIPTION <i>Environment, Sustainability & Planning</i>	2017/18		2018/19			2019/20
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	6 Months to 30/09/2018	Estimate to 31/03/2019	PROPOSED
N05	ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS	373	1,500	1545	-	1,545	3,000
N06	PRIMARY SCHOOLS FLORAL COMPETITION	-	-	0	-	-	-
N07	AWARDS & CONTRIBUTIONS	20	300	310	20	310	350
N09	PRIMARY SCHOOLS ECO QUIZ (NETT)	950	700	720	- 500	720	750
N10	NEW PROJECTS	-	1,500	1550	-	1,550	-
	TOTAL	1,343	4,000	4125	-480	4125	4,100

(N10 merged with N05 for 2019/20)

8. **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.

9. **Task Force**

Performance Information attached.



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