



Cwmbran Community Council  
Cyngor Cymuned Cwmbrân

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

**Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee**

**Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 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 F Jones
- (vi) Councillor J Rees
- (vii) Councillor LM Ryan
- (viii) Councillor M Villars
- (ix) Councillor WJ Walker
- (x) Councillor DH Williams

Also Councillors:

Councillor LG Johnston  
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. **Neighbourhood Services**

Members are asked to provide advance notice of any matters they wish to refer to the Executive Member for Environment (Torfaen County Borough Council).

4. **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) [Proposed Erection of 25 houses at Land South of Rosemead, Ty Canol Way.](#)

To consider the attached notification.

(d) National Development Framework

The Planning Directorate is producing the first National Development Framework (NDF).

The NDF is a 20-year plan for Wales up to 2040. It covers issues such as housing, energy, economy, transport and the environment. It identifies where nationally significant developments should take place, where key growth areas are, what infrastructure and services are needed and how Wales can help combat climate change. It is about making the best use of resources, creating accessible healthy communities and protecting our environment.

The NDF is not about local matters which are normally dealt with at local authority level but rather takes a broader look at what Wales, as a whole, needs in order to achieve prosperity and well-being now and in the future. It will be part of the Development Plan (DP) and will be used to inform planning decisions. It is important to be aware of as it is the highest level of the DP system and so the Strategic Development Plan and Local Development Plan will be required to be 'in conformity' with it. The section on SE Wales in particular is relevant for Torfaen. A report is due to be presented to Torfaen County Borough Council in October to consider Torfaen's participation in the SE Wales SDP.

A consultation exercise is seeking views on the draft (NDF). Members should take the opportunity to comment (either in support or opposition) if they feel that this part of the Development Plan does not represent their views.

Observations are requested by 1 November 2019. Further details are available from the Clerk or via <https://gov.wales/draft-national-development-framework>.

As part of the consultation exercise, drop-in sessions will take place around Wales, including Newport (11 September 2019) and Cardiff (10 October 2019). Further details are available from the Clerk or [ndf@gov.wales](mailto:ndf@gov.wales) tel: 0300 025 3261 or 0300 025 1543.

It is **recommended** that Members submit any observation to the Clerk for forwarding to the Planning Directorate as part of the consultation exercise.

(Further details of the NDF were circulated to Members on 15 August 2019)

5. **Parks & Open Spaces/Active Travel**

To report progress in relation to the work of consultants appointed to undertake a mapping exercise of green space strategically. (Minute ESP19/005 and ESP19/014 refer)

Information has also been requested from Torfaen County Borough Council regarding Public Rights of Way maps.

6. **Tree Planting at Ty Coch Picnic Site**

In 2013, the Council undertook tree planting in the vicinity of Ty Coch picnic site. At a meeting held on 10 April 2019, Members recommended that a site visit is undertaken to view the progress of the planting. (Minute ESP18/065 (3) refers.)

At the meeting of Full Council held on 8 May 2019 however, Members noted that the Clerk had visited the area to undertake an initial assessment of the progress of the planting. (Minute CL18/110 refers). As only three trees had survived, potential new,

replacement species would now be identified. Torfaen County Borough Council has agreed to provide advice on the most appropriate species to plant however planting would be best undertaken between October and March. This Council would also be required to maintain the planting, including cutting back any overgrowth onto the pathway.

Members are asked to confirm their preferred way forward.

Members also discussed the important contribution which trees could make to the local environment – including fruit trees - and discussed the potential for planting different types of trees at various sites around Cwmbran. Members identified potential sites. Members were asked to contact the Clerk to provide details of sites within their wards which might prove suitable locations for tree planting by the Council.

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**

Performance information is attached.

The Clerk will also report on progress in relation to providing additional volunteering/training opportunities via the Task Force. (Minute ESP19/016 refers)



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