

Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Cwmbran Community Council, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY

Present Councillor AL Bird, (Chairman), Councillors SWJ Ashley, RM Bennett, SJ Brooks, M Day, KK Manneh, LM Ryan and DH Williams

Also Clare Facey (Administration Officer)

Absent Councillors PJ Cathcart, JS Davenne, N Hopkins, LG Johnston, M Johnston, F Jones, R Kemp, J Rees, WJ Walker and L Williams

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

CL19/050 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors PJ Cathcart (illness), JS Davenne (personal), M Johnston (sickness), M Villars (sickness) and L Williams (personal).

CL19/051 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that he had attended the following events:

- Northville Underpass Steering Group Meeting 8 October 2019
- ASD Book Launch 9 October 2019
- Senior Schools Choral Festival 10 October 2019
- National Development Framework Drop in Session 11 October 2019
- Public Service Board Workshop on Future Risks Register 15 October 2019
- Torfaen Male Voice Choir Concert 18 October 2019
- The Congress Theatre Board 21 October 2019
- Maendy Primary School Halloween Party 24 October 2019
- RBL Poppy Appeal Launch 26 October 2019
- Photo Op-Launching the Council's New Interactive Display 29 October 2019
- Photo Op-Llantarnam Football Club Charter 30 October 2019
- South Wales Chamber of Commerce – Halloween Party 31 October 2019
- Japanware Evening 1 November 2019
- Launch of Cwmbran at 70 Exhibit 2 November 2019
- Cwmbran 70th Birthday Party/Plaque Unveiling 4 November 2019
- Interview with ITV Wales about Cwmbran's 70th Party 4 November 2019
- Cwmbran 70th Birthday Party 4 November 2019
- 180th Anniversary of Chartist Uprising Remembrance Service 4 November 2019
- Northville Underpass Steering Group Meeting 5 November 2019
- Remembrance Service 6 November 2019
- Bron Afon Community Update Meeting – Town Centre and Northville 7 November 2019
- Decorating Pontnewydd Parade Route 8 November 2019
- Salvation Army 25th Anniversary 9 November 2019
- Pontnewydd RBL, Remembrance Sunday Parade 10 November 2019
- Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council Remembrance Service 10 November 2019
- Henllys Community Council Remembrance Service 10 November 2019

- Armistice Day Wreath Laying at The Council House 11 November 2019
- Coffee Morning – Richmond Road Baptist Church 12 November 2019

CL19/052 Vice Chairman’s Announcements

The Vice Chairman was not present.

CL19/053 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 A Bird declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute CL19/060 Environmental, Sustainability & Planning Committee – Planning List 1295, item 6578. He remained in the meeting for the consideration of the item.

CL19/054 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.

CL19/055 Cwmbran Policing Update

Members noted that the Police Inspector was unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved that the position is noted.

CL19/056 Cwmbran Fire & Rescue Update

The Chairman welcomed Station Commander Paul Simmons of South Wales Fire & Rescue Service.

Station Commander Simmons presented an overview of recent incidents and trends in relation to accidental dwelling fires, deliberate fire setting, anti-social behaviour/”Fire Crime” and road traffic incidents. Statistics relating to the number of incidents were generally encouraging and lower than last year. He also described how the service was working with other agencies, such as the Police, to deal with seat belt issues and car’s driving closely to bikes (whereby police cameras would be worn to identify negligent drivers), various operations/initiatives were in place to deal with both of these issues.

Resolved that Station Commander Paul Simmons is thanked for his willingness to attend and answer Members’ questions.

CL19/057 Council Meeting 2 October 2019

The Chairman introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the above meetings are confirmed.

CL19/058 Events & Community Projects Committee 7 October 2019

Councillor M Day introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Members were informed that the Community Awards and Grants Presentation Evening due to take place on 21 November 2019 would be postponed due to purdah. Members were advised that the presentation would be re-arranged in the New Year.

Resolved that

- (1) the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.
- (2) the postponement of the Community Awards and Grants Presentation Evening is confirmed.

CL19/059 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 7 October 2019

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.

CL19/060 Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee 16 October 2019

Councillor Manneh introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Councillor A Bird declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute CL19/060 Environmental, Sustainability & Planning Committee – Planning List 1295, item 6578. He remained in the meeting for the consideration of the item.

In relation to Minute ESP19/031 (Tree Planting Proposal: “A New Forest for a New Town.”), Councillor Bird informed members that Henllys Community Council had pledged £300 towards the Tree Planting Proposal. Members also discussed the need to identify locations for tree planting and also for staff to identify ownership of the land. Members were keen to involve schools in this project in the future.

Resolved that:-

- (1) the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.
- (2) no objections are offered to Planning Lists 1295, 1296 and 1297.

CL19/061 Policy & Finance Committee 21 October 2019

Councillor SWJ Ashley introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

In relation to Minute PF19/050 (Charter: Torfaen County Borough Council and Town & Community Councils) Members noted an email and comments that were received from Councillor Villars (who was unable to attend the meeting) regarding the speaking rights at Members Seminars arranged by Torfaen County Borough Council. Members were informed that Councillor Villars had spoken with Anthony

Hunt who had agreed that Community Councillor's should have the option to raise points at Seminars and asked that the Council write to him.

Resolved that:-

- (1) the minutes of the above meeting are confirmed.
- (2) Councillor Villars' comments are added to the recommendations (Minute PF19/050 refers) and a copy is also sent to Anthony Hunt, the Leader of Torfaen County Borough Council.

CL19/062 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report – February 2020

Resolved that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report is noted.

Signed (Chairman, Cwmbran Community Council)