

Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 7 July 2025 at 6.00 pm.

Venue: The meeting was held remotely and at the Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 23 July 2025.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting to be held on: Monday 8 September 2025.

Present Councillors A Bird, M Day, F Jones, P Jones, C Morgan (Chair), P Seabourne, M Villars & W Walker

(Councillors S Ashley & R Bennett participated in the meeting via remote means)

Also Gareth Davies (Clerk) & Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk)

Absent Councillors L Lloyd-Tolman, G Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh & S Morgan

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

PF25/011 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors K Manneh (Illness) & S Morgan (Meeting)

PF25/012 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.

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

PF25/013 Minutes – 2 June 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2025 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor C Morgan signed the minutes.

PF25/014 Grant Applications Received

i) Cwmbran Park Bowls Club

Members considered the grant application received and awarded a grant to the sum of £1,364 towards the cost of the purchase of a new lawn mower and grounds maintenance courses.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the grant to the sum of £1,364 is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

PF25/015 Core Funding for Torfaen Community Transport

Members discussed core funding for Torfaen Community Transport and approved the sum of £6,500, with regular 3 monthly reports to be received.

Members received an update from the RFO on core funding and looking at planning to proportion the funds available to organisations. The RFO will report to members the funds available to be considered at the next meeting.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) core funding of £6,500 to Torfaen Community Transport is approved.
- b) A report on core funding is available for the next meeting.
- c) the position is noted.

PF25/016 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Determinations 2025-2026

Members considered the report. The RFO gave a report to members and asked for all forms to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) forms to be completed and returned to the RFO.
- b) the position is noted.

PF25/017 Seminars & Outside Bodies

No reports received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

PF25/018 Exclusion of the Public & Press

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

PF25/019 Llantarnam Grange SPF Match Funding Proposal

The Clerk reported to members that two proposals have been received, the first proposal for £2,300 to match fund a project to improve energy efficiency. Members considered the proposal and awarded the sum of £2,330.

The second proposal for £5,472 to match fund a project for work required to the building, members discussed the proposal and would like to invite a representative to attend the Full Council meeting to report to members on the proposed project.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the match funding sum of £2,330 is awarded for the energy efficiency project.
- b) a representative is invited to the Full Council meeting to report on the project for work to the building.
- c) the position is noted.

PF25/020 Council House Building Update

The Clerk reported to members that work to replace the chamber kitchen will take place in August.

The Clerk confirmed that the first stage of the bid for solar panel funding has been successful and the second stage will be judged in August, to hopefully enable installation work to commence at the end of August.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) The position is noted.

PF25/021 Staffing Update

Members received a staffing update from the Clerk and an update on the preparations for Crow Fest.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

Signed(Chair, Policy & Finance Committee)