



Cwmbran Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwmbrân

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Cwmbran Community Council

Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 6.00 pm

Venue: The meeting will be held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020

AGENDA

To: Councillors: SWJ Ashley, RM Bennett, AL Bird, SJ Brooks, PJ Cathcart, JS Davenne, M Day, LG Johnston, PM Johnston, F Jones, RD Kemp, KK Manneh, J Rees, LM Ryan, M Villars, WJ Walker, DH Williams and LE Williams

For meetings of the Full Council, the Quorum shall be at least a third of the total membership.

Members of the public wishing to attend on a remote basis should notify the Clerk to the Council in advance so that guidance can be provided on how to attend the video conference.

1 Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence from members.

Apologies must be submitted in advance by the Member concerned.

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have to give details of the nature of the interest.

3 Voting

To agree that the manner of any voting at this meeting will be by calling each name alphabetically with a response of 'for' or 'against'.

4 Chair's Announcements and Vice Chair's Announcements

To receive any announcements from Councillor AL Bird and Councillor LG Johnston.

5 Public Question Time

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, the opportunity for public questions is hereby included as an item on each Council agenda. Details of any questions submitted will be reported.



(Note: Questions must be submitted to the Clerk in writing within 3 clear working days of the date of the meeting by 12 noon. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 10 minutes. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and not for more than 10 minutes. A speaker may ask a supplementary question. A question asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate. The Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for an oral response or to an employee for a written or oral response. A record of any public participation session will be included in the minutes of the meeting.)

6 Council Meeting: 29 July 2020

Enclosed are copies of the minutes of the above meeting.

(1) To receive and, if approved, confirm the above minutes.

The Chairman will be asked to sign and initial or authenticate the minutes of the above meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, and paragraph 41.

(2) to receive an update on the Greenmeadow Ward Vacancy. (Minute CL20/21 refers.) Four nominations have been submitted for the vacancy.

(3) to report details of any decisions taken by the Clerk under delegated powers (Minute CL20/022 (3 refers.) It is proposed that these delegated powers remain in place until the next Council meeting. (Note: under this delegation any reference to a specific statute includes any statutory extension or modification or re-enactment of such statute and any regulations, orders or bylaws made there under.) (see also item 14 below)

7 Planning Consultations

To deal with any outstanding planning consultations from Torfaen County Borough Council. (Details of recent planning decisions taken by Torfaen County Borough Council have been sent under separate cover.)

8 Flying of Flags at the Council House

To note the flying of the Owain Glyndŵr banner at the Council House on Owain Glyndŵr's Day (16 September 2020):

(Due to restrictions associated with Coronavirus it is not proposed to invite the public to attend occasion. No costs would arise.)

9 Programme of Events 2020/21

Current restrictions associated with Coronavirus have put the Council's current programme of events at risk.

(1) It is **recommended** that the Senior Schools Festival due to take place on 10 October 2020 is cancelled).

(2) Christmas Trees will be installed and illuminated as usual. The format of Tree Lighting events on 29 November 2020 and 4 December 2020 will remain under review along with events planned for 2021. Events currently planned for 2021 include the Schools Eco Quiz (4 February 2021),

- (3) It is unlikely that a parade will take place on Remembrance Sunday 2020. A simple Act of Remembrance could take place at Cwmbran Park. (max. 30 persons.)

An act of Remembrance is expected to take place in Pontnewydd. A wreath will be laid at the clock tower (Council House) on 11 November 2020 by the Chairman of the Council. Additional large scale Event Poppies could be purchased to help commemorate Remembrance via a donation of £3.50 per poppy to the Royal British Legion. The Council is required to approve the use of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for such purposes.

It is **recommended** that, in pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, expenditure up to £2,000 is approved in relation of the above event (Code L10 Remembrance), to include the costs of hiring a PA system (if required), Event Poppies and any other associated expenditure.

10 City Trees

The Council has an opportunity to work on a woodland creation scheme for Cwmbran. Torfaen County Borough Council would undertake project planning. Cwmbran Community Council would assist with identification of sites. The scheme would fit with the Council's wider tree planting ambitions. The species planted would be native and depend on the sites suggested. There may be scope to enlist the help of volunteers to help to plant the trees.

Further discussions are taking place to clarify aspects of the project. In the meantime, Members are invited to suggest suitable sites (up to half a hectare). Sites previously identified for tree planting by Members have already been forwarded on.

If the Council were to contribute towards costs, the expenditure would support its duty Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The relevant legal power that could be relied upon would be s111 of the Local Government Act 1972 which provides the power to do anything that will facilitate, be conducive to or incidental to the discharge of its powers and functions.

11 Defibrillator

The Council has been invited to fund the installation of a defibrillator at Cwmbran Boating Lake. The anticipated cost would be in the region of £1500, including an unlocked cabinet and connection to an electricity supply. Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council has expressed an interest in collaborating with the Council in relation to costs. There would be minimal electricity costs and the consent of the landowner would be required.

The cost of installation could be met from within funds for Regeneration Projects using powers available to support Well-being (Local Government Act 2000 s2 (Power of Well-being))

It is **recommended** that Members consider the proposal.

12 Date of Next Meeting

It is **recommended** that Members agreed a date for the next Council meeting.

13 Exclusion of the Press & Public

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.

14 Staffing Matters/ NJC Pay Agreement 2020/21

To consider the attached report.



David Collins DMS
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