

**Minutes of the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee held on  
Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 6.00 pm.**

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on  
Wednesday 28 January 2026

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on  
Wednesday 25 February 2026

**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**

**Present** Councillors A Bird, L Lloyd-Tolman, M Villars (Chair) & W Walker  
  
*(Councillor S Ashley, R Bennett & M Day participated in the meeting via  
remote means)*

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

**Absent** Councillors L Chaney, F Jones, P Jones, G Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh,  
C Morgan & P Seabourne

*(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)*

**ESP25/051 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors L Chaney, G Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh & C Morgan

**ESP25/052 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.

**ESP25/053 Minutes –19 November 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2025 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor M Villars signed the minutes.

**ESP25/054 Planning, Highways & Footpaths Matters**

**(a) Planning Lists**

Planning lists 1582 no objections.

**(b) Schedules of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions**

Members noted the Schedule of Planning Decisions.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) to note the Schedules of Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Decisions.
- b) the position is noted.

**ESP25/055 Neighbourhood Services/Partner Update**

Apologies were received from Councillor Amanda Owen (Torfaen County Borough Council) as she was unable to attend the meeting.

Members would like to invite to invite Gren Ham (Torfaen County Borough Council) to attend the next meeting and Richard Dommet and Jayne Collier (MBACT) to attend the following meeting.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk invites Gren Ham (TCBC), Richard Dommett and Jayne Collier (MBACT) to attend ESP meetings.
- b) the position is noted.

**ESP25/056 Environmental Reports**

**(a) Updates where Notified**

Councillor Walker reported to members concerns with the flood lighting at the new 3G Pitch at Llantarnam Primary School. On several occasions the lights have been left on overnight and the school gate has also been left open. On other occasions the lights have not been turned off until after 10pm, when they should be turned off by 9pm. The Clerk informed members that this issue has been raised with Torfaen County Borough Council who would be looking at installing automatic timers to turn the lights off. The Clerk will contact Torfaen CBC for an update.

Councillor Bird informed members of concerns with access to Maendy Primary School development phase 2 with the site access from Cwmbran Drive now closed a large number of heavy goods vehicles are accessing the site via Wayfield Crescent which is causing issues for residents and damage to the road. The Clerk will contact Torfaen CBC regarding the issues.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) The Clerk contacts Torfaen CBC concerning the flood lights at Llantarnam Primary School.
- b) The Clerk contacts Torfaen CBC concerning site access to the Maendy School development phase 2.
- c) the position is noted.

**ESP25/057 Reports regarding any Climate & Nature Emergency Activities**

No reports received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**ESP25/058 Project Development**

**a) Wildflower Meadows**

The Clerk informed members that a meeting is to be arranged shortly and an update will follow.

**b) Cwmbran Futures Fund Bid**

Councillor Bird informed members that a meeting will be taking place 23 January 2026 and an update will follow.

**c) Support for Environmental Groups**

The Clerk informed members that funding of £1,000 had been paid to Blaen Bran Community Woodland in December 2025 and a further request has been received for additional funding of £400 towards part funding outdoor educational space. Members approved the funding request.

**d) Update from meeting with Pontypool CC environmental leads**

The meeting has been postponed.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the additional £400 funding to Blaen Bran Community Woodland is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

**ESP25/059 Exclusion of the Press & Public**

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was agreed 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.

**ESP25/60 Task Force Performance Information**

Members considered the Task Force performance information and discussed how the service is accessed frequently in several wards, whereas in some wards there are no applications for the services. Members discussed how to promote the service to residents who require assistance with gardening and decorating, including noticeboards and advertising the service on community newsletters.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Task Force performance information is noted.

*Signed .....*  
*(Chairman, Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee)*