

Minutes of the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 15 December 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 28 January 2026.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee – Monday 16 February 2026.

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

Absent: Councillors L Chaney, K Manneh, G Lloyd-Tolman, S Morgan, P Seabourne & S Wharton
(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

Also: Gareth Davies (Clerk), Andy Smith (RFO) & Stephanie Kopec (Events & Outreach Officer)

ECP25/039 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors L Chaney, G Lloyd-Tolman, S Morgan, P Seabourne & S Wharton

ECP25/040 Members' 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.

Councillor M Villars declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute ECP25/047 – Over 60's fitness sessions. He remained in the meeting during the discussion.

ECP25/041 Minutes 10 November 2025

The date of the John Fielding Memorial Service was confirmed as 24 January 2026, to be amended on the provisional programme of events.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2025 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor J Davenne signed the minutes.

ECP25/042 Christmas Card Competition

Councillor Davenne updated members on the Christmas Card Competition which received close to 600 entries. The presentation took place at The Council House on Wednesday 3 December 2025, which was an enjoyable evening with 15 children and families attending.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

ECP25/043 Tree Lighting at the Council House

The Events and Outreach Officer updated members on the Christmas Tree Lighting which took place Friday 5 December 2025, the event was very well attended with excellent feedback received.

Councillor Morgan updated members on the success and well attended Pontnewydd Christmas Tree Lighting which took place Friday 12 December 2025.

Members discussed the live trees which have been planted and how well received they are in the communities.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

ECP25/044 ECO Quiz

The Events and Outreach Officer informed members that plans were going well and 13 schools were confirmed to attend. There would also be a Torfaen Champions Eco Quiz taking place, with the top 3 schools at the Cwmbran event going through to the Champions Eco Quiz taking place later in the year.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

ECP25/045 Community Awards Evening/Dinner

The Events and Outreach Officer updated members on the plans for the event. So far 11 nominations have been received for awards across the 12 categories with the closing date being 2 January 2026.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

ECP25/046 Provisional Programme of Events

| Event | Date | Time | Venue |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Arts Festival | On-going | 10am-4pm | The Council Chamber |
| John Fielding Memorial Service | Saturday 24.01.26 | 10.30 am | St Michael's Church Llantarnam |
| ECO Quiz | Thursday 29.01.26 | 6pm | The Congress Theatre |
| Community Awards Evening/Dinner | Friday 06.03.26 | 6.30pm for 7pm | The Parkway |
| Primary Schools Choral Festival/Senior School Talent Showcase | Mon-Thurs 27 th – 30 th April 2026 | 6pm | The Congress Theatre |
| Torfaen Champions Eco Quiz (Provisional) | June 2026 | TBC | TBC |
| The Big Event 2026 | Saturday 13.06.26 | 12 noon – 5pm | The Boating Lake |
| Armed Forces Day 2026 | Saturday 27.06.26 | 10am | The Council House |
| Crow Fest 2026 | Saturday 18.07.26 | 2pm-10pm | Cwmbran Stadium |
| Merchant Navy Day 2026 | Thursday 03.09.26 | 10am | The Council House |
| Windrush Event 2026 | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| Poppy Appeal Launch 2026 | October 2026 | TBC | TBC |

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) The table of events is noted.

ECP25/047 On Going Cwmbran Well Being Projects

Councillor M Villars declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute ECP25/047 – Over 60's fitness sessions. He remained in the meeting during the discussion.

The Events and Outreach Officer updated members on the success of the Over 60's Fitness Sessions, which are well attended. Members discussed the sessions and agreed to continue funding the sessions.

In partnership with the Food for Growth team weekly warmers cookery classes will be held in the Annex and a Marmalade making workshop for the All Sorts Club.

Members considered the table of on-going Well Being Projects.

| Project | Day/Time | Venue |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Mother & Daughter Fitness Sessions | Wednesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm | Mount Pleasant Hall (Until Christmas) |
| Over 60's Fitness Sessions | Wednesdays 11am-12noon | Thornhill Community Centre & Court Farm & Oakfield Community Centre |
| Art Club | Thursdays 6:00pm – 8:00pm | The Community Council Annex |
| Mindfulness & Meditation | Tuesdays 6:30pm – 7:30pm Sundays 10:00am – 12 noon | The Community Council Annex |

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the continued funding of the Over 60's classes is approved.
- b) The table of on-going projects is noted.

Signed.....
(Chair, Events & Community Projects Committee)