

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on
Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on
Wednesday 28 January 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 S Ashley, A Bird, L Chaney, M Day, F Jones, P Jones, L Lloyd-Tolman, C Morgan, S Morgan, P Seabourne, M Villars & W Walker

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

Also present: Gareth Davies (Clerk), Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk), Simon Reed (TCBC HDRC Team), Kate Noyes (TCBC Community Capacity Builder), Representative from Gwent Police & Mr Davies (Whitcroft Education)

Absent: Councillors J Davenne, L Johnson, G Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh & D Thomas

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

CL25/091 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors J Davenne & G Lloyd-Tolman

CL25/092 Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they had and give details of the nature of their interest.

Councillor R Bennett declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute CL25/096 – HDRC Team. She remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Councillors C Morgan & S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute CL25/101 – Planning Consultations. They remained in the meeting during the discussion.

CL25/093 Voting

It was **Resolved** that the manner of any voting at this meeting would be by calling each name alphabetically with a response of “for” or “against” or “abstain”.

CL25/094 Chair's Announcements & Vice Chair's Announcements

An update from Cllr Bennett will be circulated to members.

It was **Resolved** that the above is noted.

CL25/095 Public Question Time

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders the opportunity for public questions was included as an item on the agenda for the meeting.

No questions had been submitted.

CL25/096 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update/TCBC Update

Councillor R Bennett declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute CL25/096 – HDRC Team. She remained in the meeting during the discussion.

- (i) Members received an update from Gwent Police on the top three offences including violence without injury, criminal damage and shoplifting. The busiest day for shoplifting is Monday especially leading up to Christmas. Officers are working closely with the CAT team with extra plain clothed officers on patrol in the town centre to blend in with the crowds and identify offenders.

Patrols have been increased in hotspot areas to combat anti-social behaviour and public order offences. Officers are working with the Cwmbran town safety team and extra patrols are also being carried out at night, between midnight and 4am.

Members thanked the officer for attending the meeting and were interested in how road closures are dealt with in bad weather and flooding. The Officer confirmed that the Police would initially close the road and then hand over to the highways department.

Councillor Walker was concerned with the Bonfire night fireworks at Llantarnam school. The event was attended by significantly more people and vehicles than the previous year which caused chaos for residents, particularly in Court farm where people were parking to watch the fireworks. Councillor Walker asked if the event is to run again next year that the Council are informed of the plans and included in the safety group planning meeting. The Clerk will contact the safety group.

- (ii) No update received from South Wales Fire & Rescue Service.

- (iii) Members received an update from Simon Reed (HDRC Team TCBC) and Kate Noyes (TCBC Community Capacity Builder) on the health and wellbeing priorities with the data table showing Cwmbran as one of the highest multiply deprivation areas in Wales, being 74th out of 1917 places.

Members were concerned that agencies do not connect and work together to assist residents especially when a need could be identified early and families helped from day one with reactive work, working together with the assistance of agencies and parenting classes. A data information session will be arranged for Councillors with the HDRC team for Jan 2026.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Clerk contacts the safety group for Llantarnam fireworks display with members concerns.
- b) The representative from Gwent Police is thanked for attending the meeting.
- c) the Clerk arranges a data information session for Councillors with HDRC team for Jan 2026.
- d) Simon Reed (HDRC Team TCBC) and Kate Noyes (TCBC Community Capacity Builder) are thanked for attending the meeting.
- e) the position is noted.

CL25/097 Council Meetings: 29 October 2025

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the minutes of the above meetings are approved and actions approved therein.

CL25/098 Events & Community Projects Committee 10 November 2025

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL25/099 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 10 November 2025

Councillor L Chaney introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL25/100 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 10 November 2025

Councillor A Bird introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

CL25/101 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 19 November 2025

Councillors C Morgan & S Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute CL25/101 – Planning Consultations. They remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Mr Davies (Whitecroft Education) attended the meeting remotely and informed members that he had met with Councillor Walker regarding his concerns and objection to planning list 1575, item 6770 proposed change of use from B1 (office) to D1 (Education) at Tintern House, Llantarnam.

Councillor Walker thanked Mr Davies for meeting with him and addressing his concerns and informed members that he would like to formally withdraw the objection. The Clerk will inform the planning department at TCBC.

Councillor M Villars introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Planning Consultation list 1579 & 1580 no objections.
- b) The Clerk contacts the planning department at TCBC to withdraw the planning objection.
- c) Mr Davies is thanked for attending the meeting remotely.
- d) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

CL25/102 Policy & Finance Committee 24 November 2025

The Clerk informed members that the noticeboards were due for delivery mid January 2026.

Councillor C Morgan introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:

- a) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

CL25/103 Winter Wellbeing Funding

The Clerk updated members on the applications received including Tin on the Wall and Richmond Road Baptist Chapel warm hub, members approved the applications. Other organisations have also been contacted regarding funding including Forge Hammer warm hub and Cwmbran Rugby Club.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the funding applications are approved.
- b) the position is noted.

CL25/104 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.

CL25/105 Preliminary Budget 2026-2027

Members considered the draft of the preliminary budget and agreed that a small group of members will look through the document. It was agreed to extend the medium term strategy group meeting to review the document and report back to the next Policy & Finance meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) a group of members discuss the document and report back to the next Policy & Finance meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

CL25/106 Staffing Update

Members received a staffing update from the Clerk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

Signed..... (Chairman, Cwmbran Community Council)