

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on
Wednesday 25 March 2026 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on
Wednesday 6 May 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, J Davenne, M Day, F Jones, P Jones,
G Lloyd-Tolman (Vice-Chair), K Manneh, C Morgan, S Morgan, M Villars,
W Walker & S Whitehorn

(Councillors L Johnson participated in the meeting via remote means)

Also present: Gareth Davies (Clerk), Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk),
Sergeant Kate Lewis (Gwent Police) & Simon Read (HDRC Torfaen)

Absent: Councillor R Bennett, A Bird, L Chaney, L Lloyd-Tolman, P Seabourne &
S Wharton

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

CL25/125 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors R Bennett, A Bird &
L Lloyd-Tolman

CL25/126 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.

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

CL25/127 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”.

CL25/128 Chair's Announcements & Vice Chair's Announcements

Councillor G Lloyd-Tolman updated members on recent events he had attended including the Community Awards Dinner at the Parkway, which was a very enjoyable evening getting better each year.

Other events attended included the Gurka International Women's Day and an Eid event held at Thornhill Community centre which were both marvellous enjoyable events to attend.

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

CL25/129 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.

CL25/130 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update

- (i) Sergeant Kate Lewis from Gwent Police attended the meeting and updated members on crime in the Cwmbran area with the top 3 crimes being violence without injury, shoplifting and public order offences with Saturday being the busiest day for offences.

Sargeant Lewis informed members of the work being carried out by officers to engage with young people, including a gaming van which has been very popular and useful to connect and interact with young people. The force has a dedicated local patrol plan and a no tolerance policy, additional funding has also been available from operation Lockwood to assist with tackling anti-social behaviour.

Officers are aware of an increase in the use of catapults causing injury to wildlife along the canal and damage to property, several individuals have been apprehended and catapults seized.

Operation Harley is also taking place to tackle off road biking including the use of electric bikes and scooters causing a danger to the public on pavements and also along the canal.

Members thanked Sergeant Kate Lewis for attending the meeting and discussed the benefits of a representative from Gwent Police attending the Canal Community Group to address the issues along the canal. Members were also concerned with anti-social behaviour at Cwmbran Library and Sergeant Lewis will pass the information on to the officers who patrol the area.

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

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Sergeant Kate Lewis is thanked for attending the meeting.
- b) the position is noted.

CL25/131 HDRC data update

Members received an update from Simon Read (HDRC Torfaen) on the data that can help support decision making and understanding community issues.

Members discussed projects to improve health & wellbeing of young people and the differences in the data showing what is requested and desired with the resources available. Members were keen that projects would cater for all young people.

Members agree to form a working group and contact the Clerk if they would like to be part of the working group.

It was Resolved that:-

- a) members inform the Clerk if they would like to be part of the working group.
- b) the position is noted.

CL25/132 Council Meeting: 28 January 2026

Councillor G Lloyd-Tolman introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL25/133 Events & Community Projects Committee 16 February 2026

Councillor J Davenne introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL25/134 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 16 February 2026

Councillor Gareth Lloyd-Tolman introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL25/135 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 16 February 2026

Councillor K Manneh introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

CL25/136 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 25 February 2026

Councillor Villars introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Planning Consultation list 1590 & 1591 no objections.
- b) the minutes of the above meeting are approved and actions approved therein.

CL25/137 Policy & Finance Committee 2 March 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.

CL25/138 One Voice Wales Membership

The Clerk informed members that an invoice had been received for the 2026/27 membership from One Voice Wales.

Members considered the continuation of the membership to OVW and the value of the support and advice available. Members approved payment of the invoice.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) payment to One Voice Wales for 2026/27 membership is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

CL25/139 One Voice Wales Awards

Members considered the One Voice Wales Awards categories and discussed projects and work for the nominations. The Clerk will collate the members suggestions for approval at the Policy & Finance meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) members forward nomination suggestions to the Clerk.
- b) the position is noted.

CL25/140 Town of Culture

Members discussed the UK Town of Culture 2028 and instructed the Clerk to seek formal recognition of the bid by TCBC in order to add them as a partner and submit an application.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the Clerk seeks formal recognition of the bid by TCBC in order to add them as a partner and submit an application.
- b) the position is noted.

CL25/141 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.

CL25/142 Staffing Update

Members received a staffing update from the Clerk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

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