**Minutes of the Meeting of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 29 July 2026 at 6.00pm**

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 30 September 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, F Jones, P Jones, C Morgan, S Morgan, P Seabourne, M Villars, W Walker & S Whitehorn

*(Councillors M Day, G Lloyd-Tolman (Chair) & K Manneh participated in the meeting via remote means)*

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

**Absent:** Councillor R Bennett, L Chaney, J Davenne, L Johnston, L Lloyd-Tolman & S Wharton

(No public participation session was held at this meeting)

**CL26/053 Apologies for Absence**

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

**CL26/054 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.

**CL26/055 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”.

**CL26/056 Chair’s Announcements & Vice Chair’s Announcements**

Councillor G Lloyd-Tolman updated members on the recent events he had attended including the Royal Navy Parade, which was an enjoyable evening held at the Cwmbran Sea Cadets, Pontnewydd Cenotaph rededication, the Cwmbran Big Event and the Sea Cadets AGM who have asked him to take

on the role of President of the Torfaen Branch of the Sea Cadets which has kindly been accepted.

Other events include the armed forces flag raising held at The Council House, the One Voice Wales Conference and Crow Fest which was an absolute triumphant event.

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

**CL26/057 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.

**CL26/058 Gwent Police Update/South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Update**

(i) The Clerk updated members on the anti-social behaviour in the Old Cwmbran area, with two anti-social behaviour notices being recently served.

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

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) the position is noted.

**CL26/059 Council Meeting: 29 June 2026**

Councillor C Morgan introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:-

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

**CL26/060 Events & Community Projects Committee 20 July 2026**

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.

**CL26/061 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Committee 20 July 2026**

This meeting was postponed.

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) the position is noted.

**CL26/062 Regeneration & Major Grants Committee 20 July 2026**

This meeting was postponed.

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) the position is noted.

**CL26/063 Environmental Sustainability & Planning Committee 8 July 2026**

Councillor C Morgan introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

Minute ESP26/020 c) Canal Weed/Vegetation Cuts TCBC to be amended to include discussion on concerns with canal.

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) Planning Consultation list 1605 no objections.

b) Minutes to be amended to include canal discussion.

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

**CL26/064 Policy & Finance Committee 13 July 2026**

Councillor M Villars introduced the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that:

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

**CL26/065 AI Policy**

Members reviewed the policy which has been updated as suggested at the Policy & Finance meeting. Members approved the AI Policy.

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) the AI policy is approved.

b) the position is noted.

**CL26/066 Mural Project "The Light We Carry"**

The Clerk updated members on the presentation for the Mural Project "The Light We Carry" and possible sites around Cwmbran including Cwmbran Railway Station. Members to forward ideas for sites around Cwmbran to the Clerk.

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) members inform the Clerk of possible sites for the Mural Project.

b) the position is noted.

**CL26/067 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.

**CL26/068 Annual Return 2025-2026**

Members discussed and approved the annual return to Audit Wales for 2025 - 2026 and instructed the RFO to submit the return.

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) the annual return 2025 - 2026 is approved and the RFO is instructed to submit the return.

b) the position is noted.

**CL26/069 Financial Statement 2025-2026**

Members received a report from the RFO and approved the year-end financial statement for 2025 - 2026.

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) the year-end financial statement 2025 – 2026 is approved.

b) the position is noted.

**CL26/070 Staffing Update**

The Clerk informed members that the Task Force gardening services are running well with positive feedback received from residents.

It was **Resolved** that:-

a) the position is noted.

Signed…… *(Chairman, Cwmbran Community Council)*