

Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 13 October 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 29 October 2025.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting to be held on: Monday 24 November 2025.

Present Councillors M Day, P Jones, C Morgan (Chair), P Seabourne, M Villars & W Walker

(Councillors S Ashley, R Bennett, F Jones & L Lloyd-Tolman participated in the meeting via remote means)

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

Absent Councillors A Bird, G Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh & S Morgan

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

PF25/034 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors A Bird, G Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh & S Morgan

PF25/035 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.

PF25/036 Minutes – 8 September 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2025 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor C Morgan signed the minutes.

PF25/037 Medium Term Strategy development and milestones.

The Clerk informed members that with commitment for larger projects such as The Big Event and Crow Fest requiring planning a number of years ahead it is important for the Council to commit to and publicise a medium-term strategy document.

Members considered the medium-term strategy and agreed to form a working group to develop and deliver the document. The Clerk to contact members for expressions of interest.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk contacts members for expressions of interest in the working group.
- b) the position is noted.

PF25/038 Update on funding approach to Cwmbran Futures

The Clerk updated members on the Cwmbran Futures Fund bid for £150,000 over 3 years with £50,000 funding each year. If successful, the funds would be used to match fund improvements to buildings increasing resilience across the community.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

PF25/039 Core funding working group meeting date set.

The Clerk informed members that a meeting will be held this week. The RFO will circulate to members reports received from organisations receiving core funding.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) core funding reports are circulated to members.
- b) the position is noted.

PF25/40 Seminars & Outside Bodies

Members discussed the Ethnicity and Standards Committee vacancy for a Community Council representative and nominated Councillor L Lloyd-Tolman, the nomination was agreed.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) Councillor L Lloyd-Tolman nomination is agreed.
- b) the position is noted.

PF25/041 Exclusion of the Public & Press

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is **recommended** that the following matters 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.

PF25/042 Council House Building Update

The Clerk informed members that the chamber kitchen will be decorated in the next week and no update has been received on the application for funding for solar panels.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) The position is noted.

PF25/043 Staffing Update

Members received a staff update for the Clerk.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

Signed(Chair, Policy & Finance Committee)