

**Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 13 April 2026 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 6 May 2026.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting to be held on:  
Date to be Confirmed.

**Present** Councillors A Bird, G Lloyd-Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, C Morgan (Chair), M Villars & W Walker  
  
*(Councillors R Bennett, M Day, F Jones, P Jones & S Morgan participated in the meeting via remote means)*

Also, Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk)

**Absent** Councillors S Ashley, K Manneh & P Seabourne  
  
*(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)*

**PF25/076 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors S Ashley & K Manneh

**PF25/077 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.

**PF25/078 Minutes – 2 March 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2026 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor C Morgan signed the minutes.

**PF25/079 Medium Term Strategy development and milestones.**

No update received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**PF25/080 Seminars & Outside Bodies**

Councillor L Lloyd-Tolman informed members that she has now been appointed as the TVA Board representative for Community Councils.

Councillor Bird informed members that the Congress Theatre now has a studio space available for hire in Llantarnam and he updated members on the progress of the Torfaen Futures Board which is now at the formal applications stage.

Members received an update from Councillor S Morgan on Torfaen Museum Trust and the challenges of sourcing outside funding.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**PF25/081 Updated Standing Orders**

Members reviewed the updated standing orders to be formally adopted at the AGM.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**PF25/082 Solar Panel Update**

Members received an update from the RFO on the operation of the solar panels and informed members that he will produce a table showing the cost over the previous 3 years.

Members discussed the operation of the solar panels and instructed the Clerk to explore options for expanding battery storage or for selling power back to the grid.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk is instructed to explore options for expanding battery storage or for selling power back to the grid.
- b) The position is noted.

**PF25/083 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.

**PF/25/084 Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation for June 2025**

Members reviewed the documents and approved the Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation for June 2025.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

**PF25/085 Council House Building Update**

No update received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) The position is noted.

**PF25/086 Staffing Update**

No update received.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

*Signed .....*(Chair, Policy & Finance Committee)