

**QUICK NOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF PONTYPOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2024**

NB: Full minutes will be published in due course.

In attendance:

Councillor: M. Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors: N. Byrne*, L. Clarkson*, J. Cox*, J. Horlor* L. Hunt, G. James#, J. James#, L. Jones* R. Matthews# R. Overton# A. Peploe* N. Warren*

Officer(s): Mrs C. Challenger Finance Manager and Mrs A. Ambrosen Finance Support Officer

Guests: Mr Steve Williams Team Leader Ecology And Landscape Policy, Torfaen County Borough Council. Mr Lyndon Puddy Head of Public Services Support Unit, Torfaen County Borough Council.

* Attending remotely via Microsoft Teams

Attending physically in the Council Chamber

The meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes as agreed by Members.

In attendance:

Min. no.	Subject and Decision	Action
447.	<u>Questions from the Public</u> There were no questions received from the Public.	
448.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> The following apologies were received from Councillor(s) A. Gunter and S. Malson.	LM
449.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillors L. Clarkson, G. James, J. James declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they were members of TCBC, as well as being members of Pontypool Community Council.	

	<u>RESOLVED:</u> that the declarations of interest be recorded.	LM
450.	<p><u>Live Trees</u></p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Chair of Finance, Governance and Policy.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED: (i)</u> Members to send Cllr Hunt any request for trees by Friday 1st March.</p> <p>(ii) Trees to be planted before April</p> <p>(iii) Trees will be the Blue Spruce Variety</p> <p>(iv) A. Ambrosen to send Mr Steve Williams the update list.</p>	AA
451.	<p><u>CCTV</u></p> <p>The Council welcomed Mr Lyndon Puddy Head of Public Services Support Unit, Torfaen County Borough Council.</p> <p>Mr Puddy updated members on the current position of CCTV and wished to discuss future options for continuation.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED:</u> (i) the item of CCTV be deferred to April Finance, Governance and Policy Committee pending information from Mr Puddy. If the information is not received then it will be placed on June Finance, Governance and Policy agenda.</p> <p>(ii) an email be sent to Mr Puddy asking for a complete breakdown of costs and what kind of contingency he would expect the Community Council to put in place for breakages etc plus more information on the subsidisation of the monitoring costs and the expected costs for the next five years.</p> <p>(iii) One Voice Wales be contacted to find out if other Community Councils are paying for CCTV in their areas and if it is prudent spending of the Councils precept.</p>	LM/C C LM/C C LM/C C
452.	<p><u>Full Council Meeting – 24 January 2024 - Minutes</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the Full Council Minutes held 24th January 2024.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 January 2024 be approved</p>	
453.	<u>Events Committee – 7 February 2024 - Minutes</u>	

	<p>Members were asked to approve the Events Committee meeting held 7th February 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Events Committee held on 7 February 2024 be approved</p>	
454.	<p><u>Finance, Governance and Policy Committee – 7 February 2024 – Minutes</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee held 7th February 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (i) that the minutes of the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee held on 7 February 2024 be approved subject to the amendment to min number 430.</p>	CC
455.	<p><u>Planning and Environment Committee – 14 February 2024 – Minutes</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held 14th February 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 14th February 2024 be approved.</p>	
456.	<p><u>Myndd Maen Wind Farm – RES Communication</u></p> <p>a) Members were asked to formalise a response to RES Systems Ltd and note any comments or representations to be received by the 15th March 2024. Councillor Clarkson updated the Committee after attending a recent meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that a response is drafted and sent regarding the cumulative impact plus Environmental and Biodiversity impact.</p>	LM/C C
457.	<p><u>Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm</u></p> <p>Members received an update on Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm. Councillor Clarkson informed the meeting that this application is on hold until 15/6/24 due to the Planning inspector requesting cumulative assessments. .</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the information be noted.</p>	

458.	<p><u>Abertillery Wind Farm – Community Benefits Package</u></p> <p>Members received an update on Abertillery Wind Farm. Councillor Clarkson stated that there was no update for now.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the information be noted.</p>	
459.	<p><u>Pontypool Ancient Sweet Chestnut Tree</u></p> <p>Members received a report from the Chair of the Biodiversity Sub-Committee Cllr NW.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that a budget of £500 plus VAT be approved to survey the Ancient Sweet Chestnut trees within Pontypool Park.</p>	LM/C C
460.	<p><u>Outside Bodies – Torfaen Play Sufficiency Meetings</u></p> <p>Members were asked to nominate a member to serve on the Torfaen Play Sufficiency Committee as a previous nominated member cannot attend the meetings due to work commitments.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that Councillor Richard Overton serve on the Torfaen Play Sufficiency Committee.</p>	LM
461.	<p><u>One Voice Wales</u></p> <p>Members received the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To receive a request for an additional One Voice Wales National Executive Member. (ii) Introduction and information that Dave Collins has been appointed as the new Policy Officer at One Voice Wales. (iii) Note that the Clerk has put forward three entries for the National Award nominations as previously informed in an email to all members. <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) if any member wished to become an additional One Voice National Executive Member, then they should contact the Clerk. (ii) that the information was noted (iii) that the information was noted 	
462.	<p><u>ABUHB Strategic Equality Objectives – Consultation</u></p> <p>The ABUHB Strategic Equality Objectives Consultation was emailed to members on 13/2/2024.</p>	

	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the information be noted.</p>	
463.	<p><u>Welsh Government Dormant Asset Consultation</u> Members received feedback on the Welsh Government dormant asset consultation as agreed at January 2024 Council meeting.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the information be noted.</p>	
464.	<p><u>Community Well-being Working Group</u></p> <p>Members were informed that the first meeting of the Working Group would be held on Wednesday 27th March at 5.30pm and members were asked to note that members of the Abersychan and Pontypool Community Capacity Builders would also be in attendance.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the information be noted.</p>	
465.	<p><u>Twinning</u> Members were asked the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To nominate a small delegation of up to 2 people to attend the Peter and Paul Festival from 28th June to 1st July 2024. (ii) To receive an invite to the Twinning Festival 2024 from Longjumeau who are hosting the Twinning Festival this year. <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> (i) that the item be deferred to March Council. (ii) that the item be deferred to March Council.</p>	LM
466.	<p><u>LEA Governor Request</u> Members received an email from Richard Clark Executive Members of Torfaen County Borough regarding LEA positions. Councillor Clarkson stated that she would be agreed to be an LEA for Garnteg school.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that it be noted Councillor Clarkson would be an LEA for Garnteg school.</p>	LM
467.	<p><u>Reports/Minutes</u> Members received the reports/minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) One Voice Wales Gwent Valley minutes and presentation held on 23rd January 2024 (ii) Local Council Partnership Meeting 21st September 2023 (iii) Larger Council Meeting held 11th October 2023 <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the above be noted.</p>	

468.	<p><u>GOVERNANCE</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Standing Orders</u> Members were asked to approve and adopt Standing Orders that were presented to the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee on 7th February. Amendments agreed at the Committee had been made.</p> <p>(b) <u>Terms of Reference</u> Members were asked to approve and adopt the Terms of Reference that were presented to the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee for approval.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the above be approved and adopted.</p>	LM
469.	<p><u>Policies</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve and adopt the following policies that were agreed at the Finance Governance and Policy Committee on 7th February:</p> <p>(a) Eye Test</p> <p>(b) Confidentiality Agreement - Employees</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the above polices be approved and adopted</p>	LM
470.	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p>By virtue of The Public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</p>	

PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Declarations of Interest Declared

MEETING: Full Council

DATE: Wednesday 28TH February 2024

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>	<u>Signed</u>
Councillor N. Byrne	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.	
Councillor L. Clarkson	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.	
Councillor J. Horlor	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.	
Councillor G. James	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.	
Councillor J. James	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.	
Councillor R. Matthews	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.	