

**QUICK NOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF PONTYPOOL  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026**

**NB: Full minutes will be published in due course**

Councillor: A Peploe# (Chair)

Councillor(s): N Byrne\*, L Clarkson#, E Hunt#, G James#, J James#,  
L Jones#, S Lang#, J Martin#, R Matthews#, R Overton#,  
N Simons\*

Officer(s): C Drew#, Clerk  
K Smith#, Deputy Clerk (Minute Taker)

Also attending: Dr S Read#, J Everitt# - Torfaen County Borough Council

\* Attending remotely via Microsoft Teams

# Attending physically in the Council Chamber

Min. no.	Subject and Decision	Action
477.	<b><u>Recording of meeting</u></b>  Members agreed that the meeting be recorded for minute taking purposes.	
478.	<b><u>Questions from the Public</u></b>  No questions received.	
479.	<b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b>  Apologies received from Councillor(s) J Cox, S Senior and N Warren.	
480.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>  Councillor(s) N Byrne, L Clarkson, G James, J James and R Matthews 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.  <b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> that the declarations of interest be recorded.	
481.	<b><u>Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) Project</u></b>  The Chair welcomed S Read and J Everitt from Torfaen County Borough Council to the meeting.	

	<p>S Read provided an update on the project following their last visit in October.</p> <p>The Chair thanked both Officers for attending the meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Members contact the HDRC team if they would like to access the data;</li> <li>(ii) S Read will send contact details through to the Clerk.</li> </ul>	
482.	<p><b><u>Full Council Meeting – 28 January 2026 – Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28 January 2026.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28 January 2026 be confirmed as a true record.</p>	KS
483.	<p><b><u>Biodiversity Sub-Meeting – 28 January 2026 - Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Biodiversity Sub-Meeting held on 28 January 2026.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the Biodiversity Sub-Meeting held on 28 January 2026 be confirmed as a true record.</p>	MW/CD
484.	<p><b><u>Finance, Governance &amp; Policy Committee – 4 February 2026 – Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the Finance, Governance &amp; Policy Committee minutes held on the 4 February 2026 and approve the recommendations of that committee.</p> <p>Councillor E Hunt informed the meeting that Minute 467 relates to LVF but did not meet the criteria for LVF projects as they are not allowed to have any ongoing costs under part (c) of the project criteria. The Finance Manager is willing for other applications to be received from the Councillors involved by 18 March.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Clerk contact the Councillors to advise them that the application does not meet the criteria and that they are able to submit other applications by 18 March;</li> </ul>	CD

	(ii) the minutes of the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee held on 4 February 2026 be confirmed as a true record and recommendations adopted.	KS
485.	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b></p> <p>Members received and considered the list of planning applications on which it was being consulted by Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC).</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> that the comments/observations stated be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council.</p>	CP
486.	<p><b><u>Planning Determinations</u></b></p> <p>Members received and noted Torfaen County Borough Council planning determinations for January 2026 including reasons for approvals or refusals.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> that the planning determinations be noted.</p>	
487.	<p><b><u>Planning Applications: Plenary Powers</u></b></p> <p>Members noted observations on planning applications which had already been submitted between meetings.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> that the plenary powers applications be noted.</p>	
488.	<p><b><u>Invitation to Cloverleaf Youth Meeting and Conference</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked to receive and note the invitation from the Mayor of Bretten for representatives to attend the Cloverleaf Youth Meeting and Conference on 11-16 August 2026.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> that:</p> <p>(i) the Chair would attend the 3 day conference;</p> <p>(ii) costs of flights be identified and brought back to the next meeting</p>	SF/KS
489.	<p><b><u>One Voice Wales National Awards 2026</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked to note that the One Voice Wales National Awards 2026 would be taking place on 1 July 2026 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanellwedd.</p> <p>Members agreed for the Clerk to identify suitable categories that the Council can submit.</p>	

	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Clerk submit relevant applications by the deadline date.	CD
490.	<p><b><u>Local Council's Partnership Committee (LCPC) Strategic Plan</u></b></p> <p>Members received a copy of the LCPC Strategic Plan. The Chair informed the meeting that the plan has been produced to ensure a smooth interface between the Community Councils and TCBC.</p> <p>Councillor E Hunt suggested that the taskforce be invited to a Full Council meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the information be noted;</li> <li>(ii) the Clerk identify areas that can be looked at, ie what work can be done, what can't be done etc</li> <li>(iii) arrangements be made for the taskforce to attend a future meeting.</li> </ul>	CD CD
491.	<p><b><u>Llantarnam Grange Board Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked if they would like to volunteer to attend future Board Meetings of Llantarnam Grange.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Councillor E Hunt volunteered to attend future meetings.</p>	KS
492.	<p><b><u>Outside Bodies</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked to note the contents of the minutes of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) One voice Wales National Executive Committee meeting held on 12 December 2025;</li> <li>(ii) One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys Area Committee meeting held on 6 January 2026;</li> <li>(iii) Local Councils' Partnership Committee meeting held on 14 January 2026;</li> <li>(iv) Mic Morris Memorial Sporting Trust meeting held on 21 January 2026.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the information be noted.</p>	
493.	<p><b><u>Feedback from Members</u></b></p> <p>The Chair and Leader provided an update on the of events/meetings attended by themselves during February 2026.</p>	

	<b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> that the information be noted.	
494.	<p><b><u>Miscellaneous Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked to note the miscellaneous correspondence forwarded to them during February 2026.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> that the information be noted.</p>	
	The recording of the Council meeting was stopped at this point.	
495.	<p><b><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></b></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>	

Signed by The Chair .....

**PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR CYMUNED PONT-Y-PŴL**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST DECLARED**

**MEETING: FULL COUNCIL**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026**

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>	<u>Signed</u>
Nick 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.	
Lynda 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.	
Gaynor 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.	
Jon 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.	
Rose 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.	