

**QUICK NOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF PONTYPOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2023**

NB: Full minutes will be published in due course.

In attendance:

Councillor: Matt Ford# (in the Chair)

Councillors: Gaynor James#, Sue Malson#, Nick Bryne#, Elizabeth Hunt#, Jon James#, Jonathon Martin#, Lisa Jones#, Rose Matthews#, Anne Gunter*, Nathan Warren*, Lyn Clarkson*, Jon Horlor*, Richard Overton#, John Cox*.

Officer(s): Mrs Lisa McMail# (Clerk), Cindy Challenger#, Miriam Watts# and Rebecca Cronin#

Also in attendance: Mr Julian Davenne#, Play Service Manager at Torfaen Play

* Attending remotely via Microsoft Teams

Attending physically in the Council Chamber

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

Min. no.	Subject and Decision	Action
340.	<u>Questions from the Public</u> No questions received.	
341.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies received from Councillor(s) Caroline Price and Nick Simons.	
342.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillors Gaynor James, Sue Malson, Nick Bryne, Jon James, Rose Matthews, Lyn Clarkson, declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they were members of TCBC,	

	<p>as well as being members of Pontypool Community Council.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the declarations of interest be recorded.</p>	CP
343.	<p><u>Presentation by Julian Davenne</u></p> <p>Members welcomed Mr Julian Davenne, Play Service Manager at Torfaen Play to the meeting. The Chair thanked Mr Davenne for the presentation and his enthusiastic approach to the Play Service. No questions from members.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that Mr Julian Davenne be thanked for his enthusiastic approach to the play service and providing an update.</p> <p><i>Note Councillor Richard Overton joined the meeting in person at this point. Councillor John Cox joined the meeting on TEAMS at this point.</i></p> <p><i>Mr Julian Davenne left the meeting at this point</i></p>	
344.	<p><u>Full Council Meeting – 29 November 2023 - Minutes</u></p> <p>The Leader of Council moved the minutes. No comments.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 November 2023 be confirmed as a true record.</p>	
345.	<p><u>Pontypool Regeneration Operational Group</u></p> <p>The Leader of Council moved the minutes. No comments.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 November 2023 be confirmed as a true record.</p>	
346.	<p><u>Website</u></p> <p>The Projects and Events Manager and Officer discussed and presented the new Webjects website.</p> <p>The new website is due to go live on Monday 18th December, once it goes live the old website will not be visible. It was confirmed that the website address would remain the same.</p> <p>No questions received from the Councillors, all agreed the new website looked good and that they looked forward to receiving the link.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the link to the new website be sent to all Councillors after the meeting for them to provide feedback comments to the Projects and Events Manager by 12pm noon on</p>	RC/MW

	Friday 15 th December	
347.	<p><u>Grant Aid for Community Halls</u></p> <p>Leader asked that the Grants be approved, however, after a discussion it was decided to defer all applications to January, to give other halls a final chance to apply for funding.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that all application for Grant Aid be brought back to January meeting for discussion and that going forward the information presented to Council show which halls had been contacted to apply and which had applied.</p>	AA/CC
348.	<p><u>Community Review – Feedback Response</u></p> <p>The Chair noted that a discussion on the response that should be sent to held after the main Full Council meeting.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that members stay after the meeting to discuss a response to send.</p>	LM
349.	<p><u>Consultation - Local Government and Finance (Wales) Bill</u></p> <p>The Clerk had supplied a link for the consultation to all members. The Chair stated that should any member wish to respond that they send an email response to the Clerk by the end of December so that a response can be submitted to OVW by the closing date of 15th January 2024.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that any comments from members be sent to the Clerk by the end of December</p>	Cllrs/LM
350.	<p><u>Financial Request – Hope Rescue</u></p> <p>The Leader proposed £500 be awarded to the charity, which was agreed by all Councillors.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that a payment of £500 be awarded to Hope Rescue</p>	CC
351.	<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> <p><i>Officer M Watts left the room at this point</i></p>	

**PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PONT-Y-PŴL
Declarations of Interest Declared**

MEETING: FULL COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday 13 December 2023

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>	<u>Signed</u>
Councillor Nick Bryne	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 Lyn 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 Jon 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 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.	
Councillor 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.	
Councillor Sue Malson	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 Rose	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any	

Matthews	agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.	
----------	---	--