



**MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF PONTYPOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 2024**

410. **General Power of Competence**

The Council was informed by the Clerk that it now meets the criteria for eligibility for General Power of Competence. Only Councils which meet the eligibility conditions can use this general power. The three conditions are specified in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils. The three conditions in the 2021, Act section 30 (2)-(4) are set out below:

- At least two-thirds of the total number of members of the council have been declared to be elected (including unopposed), whether at an ordinary election or at a by-election (section 30 (2))
- The clerk to the council holds such named qualification or certification as may be specified by the Welsh Ministers by regulations (section 30 (3)).
- The two most recent Auditor General for Wales (AGW) opinions on the council's accounts are unqualified. The most recent must have been received in the previous 12 months (section 30(4)).

In relation to the above if the Council agree to adopt the General Power of Competence a resolution to this effect must be written clearly in the minutes of that meeting (s.30(6)) of the 2021 Act) and published on the website within seven working days of the resolution being passed. The Clerk stated that if the Council resolves to adopt General Power of Competence, it can no longer use s.137 as a power for taking action for the benefit of the area or its community.

RESOLVED:

- (i) It was unanimously agreed that Pontypool Community Council adopts the General Power of Competence as it has met the three eligibility conditions as outlined above;
- (ii) The resolution to be published on the Council's website within seven days of the resolution being passed.
- (iii) The Council to revisit the decision at every Annual meeting.



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