

**QUICK NOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE PLANNING
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026**

NB: FULL MINUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN DUE COURSE

In attendance:

Councillor: Jon James# (in the Chair)

and Councillor(s): Nick Byrne*, John Cox*, Anne Gunter*,
Gaynor James#, Sarah Lang*, Jonathon Martin#,
Allan Peploe#

Officers: Cath Drew#, Clerk
Sarah Fussell#, Projects and Events Officer

* *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
178.	<u>Recording of Meeting</u> Members agreed that the Council meeting could be recorded for minute taking purposes.	
179.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies received from Councillor(s) Lisa Jones, Richard Overton and Nick Simons	
180.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillor(s) Nick Byrne, Gaynor James and Jon James declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they are a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u> : that the declarations be noted.	KS/CP

181.	<u>Action Log from Previous Minutes</u> The Committee were asked to note the minute actions log from the previous meetings. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the information is noted and a further update provided at the next meeting.	SF
182.	<u>Planning Applications</u> The Committee received and considered the list of planning applications on which it was being consulted by Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC). <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the comments/observations stated be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council.	CP
183.	<u>Planning Determinations</u> The Committee received and noted Torfaen County Borough Council planning determinations for July 2026 and August 2026 including reasons for approvals or refusals. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the planning determinations be noted.	
184.	<u>Planning Applications: Plenary Powers</u> The Committee noted observations on planning applications which had already been submitted between meetings. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the plenary powers applications be noted.	
185.	<u>Notice Boards, Bins and Benches</u> The Committee received an update report on the noticeboards, bins and benches. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that: (i) a new bin is purchased at Festival Crescent at a cost of £305-£366 (including installation);	SF

	(ii) a new bench is purchased and installed at Festival Crescent at a cost of £649 (including installation); (iii) the VJ80 bench is installed opposite New Inn Primary School's main entrance.	SF SF
186.	<u>Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW)</u> Councillor Gunter informed the meeting that they wanted to bring to the Committee's attention the re-application of the PEDW Pylon at Llanhilleth. Following the recent wildfires there should be a change of plan. The Clerk suggested writing a letter from the Community Council and asked Councillor Gunter to send background information through to them. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the Clerk sends a letter on behalf of the Community Council, subject to Full Council approval.	CD
187.	<u>Committee Budget</u> Members received a copy of the budget within its remit including reserves. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the information is noted.	
188.	<u>Biodiversity and Sustainability</u> How has this meeting contributed to the Council's duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems? <u>RECOMMENDED</u>: that the: (i) meeting was a multi-location meeting (ii) agenda had been sent electronically (iii) discussions held on the VJ80 benches, noticeboards, bins and benches.	

*This is a recommendation to Council, the final decision would be made by Council.

Signed by Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST DECLARED
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<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Councillor Nick Byrne	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 members of Pontypool Community Council.	
Councillor Gaynor 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 members of Pontypool Community Council.	
Councillor Jon 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 members of Pontypool Community Council.	