

**MINUTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2025**

In attendance:

Councillor: Jon James# (in the Chair)

and Councillor(s): John Cox*, Gaynor James*, Lisa Jones*, Sarah Lang#, Jonathon Martin#, Richard Overton#, Allan Pepløe*, Nick Simons*

Officers: Kerrie Smith, Deputy Clerk# (Minute Taker),
Miriam Watts, Project and Events Manager

* *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
243.	<u>Recording of Meeting</u> Members agreed that the Council meeting could be recorded for minute taking purposes.	
244.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received from Councillor(s) Nick Byrne and Anne Gunter.	
245.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillor(s) Gaynor James, Jon James and Nick Simons 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. <u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the declarations be noted.	

246.	<u>Biodiversity Sub-Committee</u> Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Biodiversity Sub-Committee meeting held on 24 September 2025. Councillors were asked to note Minute B23 the solar lights will be checked and charged up ready for Members to collect from the Office. <u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the minutes of the Biodiversity Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2025 be confirmed as a true record and the recommendations adopted.	CD/KS
247.	<u>Planning Applications</u> Members 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
248.	<u>Planning Determinations</u> Members received and noted Torfaen County Borough Council planning determinations including reasons for approvals or refusals. <u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the planning determinations be noted.	
249.	<u>Planning Applications: Plenary Powers</u> Members noted observations on planning applications which had already been submitted between meetings. <u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the plenary powers applications be noted.	
250.	<u>Hanging Baskets</u> Members received a report to approve the transfer of £250 from the hanging basket earmarked reserve to budget line 4106 Town Improvements for the hanging baskets from Summer 2025.	

	<u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: the Committee approved the transfer of £250 from the hanging baskets earmarked reserve to budget line 4106 Town Improvements.	MW/CC
251.	<u>Noticeboards, Bins and Benches</u> Members received a verbal updated on the noticeboards, bins and benches. <u>Noticeboards</u> Awaiting eta from Property Services regarding Snatchwood Road install and repairs to Trevethin noticeboard. Pentwyn board has been installed. <u>Bins</u> The replacement bin in Snatchwood and the bin in Pantygasseg Park have been installed. Request for new bin Pentwyn - TCBC confirmed 2 bins in close proximity to the requested location, Cllr C Price agreed to cancel request. New Inn Lower – waiting for suitable location from Cllrs RO and JM on Lancaster Road. Cllr RO advised that the preferred location may be on Bron Afon land. Cllr RO to send information through to MW/CD. Query raised as to whether there is a programme to replace bins that are open with the new style bins. The Chair informed the meeting that there are a number of dog waste bins which are now being replaced with general bins/dog bins. MW to contact TCBC for confirmation. <u>Benches</u> Awaiting approval from TCBC to proceed with the new bench opposite George Street Primary School. A full bench audit will be brought to November P&E.	

	Current costs for installs of above and average maintenance costs will be brought to budget day to aid decisions. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that: (i) Cllr RO send through the preferred location for the bin in Lancaster Road; (ii) MW to contact TCBC to enquire if dog bins are replaced with general bins/dog bins.	Cllr RO MW
252.	<u>Abertillery Wind Farm Proposal</u> Members received a copy of the latest update on the Abertillery Wind Farm proposal from Planning and Environment Decisions Wales. <u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the information be noted.	
253.	<u>Mynydd Maen Wind Farm Proposal</u> Members received a copy of the latest update on the Mynydd Maen Wind Farm proposal from Planning and Environment Decisions Wales. <u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the information be noted.	
254.	<u>Committee Budget</u> Members received a copy of the budget within its remit including reserves. The balance for noticeboards is showing an overspend. Confirmation was requested for the Notice Boards (purchase and install) earmarked reserve of £4000 be transferred to the budget line 4006 Community Notice Boards to cover the overspend. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that: (i) the information be noted; (ii) the Noticeboards earmarked reserve be transferred to budget heading 4006 Community Notice Boards to cover the overspend	MW/CC

255.	<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 meeting was a multi-location meeting, the agenda had been sent electronically and discussions held on the Biodiversity Sub-Committee minutes as well as noticeboards, bins and benches.	KS/CD
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*This is a recommendation to Council, the final decision would be made by Council.

Signed by Chair