

MINUTES OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2020

In attendance:

Councillor: Mrs R. Matthews (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Ms L. Clarkson, D.K. James, Mrs G.E. James, N. Jones, J. Killick, A. Lang, R. Overton and B. Rapier.

Officers: Mrs R. Tucker, Ms J. Wright, Mrs R. Cronin,

410 **Questions from the Public**

There was no public in attendance.

411. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs K. Arthur, G. Davies, Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs J. E. Jones, R. Mills, Mrs N. P. Parrish, N. Simons, B.M. Taylor JP and Mrs J. Taylor.

412. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Mrs G. James, N. Jones and R. Overton declared an interest on any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.

RESOLVED: that the declarations of interest be recorded.

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413. **Full Council**

The Council received the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2020. These were agreed as a true record subject to minutes being amended to show that Councillor Overton declared an interest at this meeting under the item on Declarations of Interest as a Torfaen County Borough Councillor.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 12th August 2020 be confirmed as a true record

subject to the appropriate amendment being made.

414. **Policy & Finance**

The Council received the minutes of the Policy & Finance meeting held on the 2nd September 2020. The Chair of Events made reference to minute 392 regarding the policy on recording of virtual Council meetings. The Assistant Clerk clarified that if a Council/Committee meeting has agreed to be recorded then once the minutes of that particular meeting are approved by the Chair of that meeting the recording can then be deleted subject to their approval. She also made reference to minute 397 where it stated that another member had requested that the Finance & Events Officer send his LVF cheque direct to his home as she had been informed that all her LVF payments would be paid by Bacs and asked for clarification. The Events Officer informed the meeting that in respect of the cheque for Councillor Davies they did not have the financial information to be able to make this payment by Bacs that was why the cheque was sent, however in future all payments would be made by Bacs.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Policy & Finance meeting held on the 2nd September 2020 be confirmed as a true record and the information relating to the recording of meetings be noted.

[Footnote: Since this meeting the Finance & Events Manager has clarified that if a member still requests a cheque to be sent to themselves or to an organization for distribution this can still be done. In addition Councillor Davies LVF was paid by Bacs and not sent by cheque].

415. **Events**

The Council received the minutes of the Events meeting held on the 16th September 2020. These were agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Events meeting held on the 16th September 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

416. **Planning Applications**

Members received and considered Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Applications.

RESOLVED: that observations as outlined be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council.

417. **Plenary Powers**

Members received planning observations made in conjunction with the Clerk.

RECOMMENDED: that the Plenary Power observations be noted.

418 **Planning Determinations**

Members received and noted Torfaen County Borough Council planning determinations including reasons for approvals or refusals.

RESOLVED: that the planning determinations be noted.

419. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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.

420. **Establishment**

The Council received the minutes of the Establishment meeting held on Wednesday the 12th August 2020. These were approved subject to the Chair of Events being included as being present as she had been omitted from those members in attendance.

The Clerk made reference to minute 388 and stated that as these minutes were produced before the First Minister's speech this week Council was asked to agree a delay in the opening of the offices to the public until the 1st November. This was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: (i) that the minutes of the Establishment Committee held on the 12th August be confirmed as a true record subject to the Chair of Events being included in those in attendance.

(ii) that the Council delay opening the Community Council offices to the public until the 1st November.

Chair