

MINUTES OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2021

In attendance:

Councillor: Mrs G. E. James (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Mrs E. Chilcott JP, J. Killick, B. Rapier

Also in attendance: Councillors R. Overton

Officers: Mrs A. Ambrosen, Mrs C. Challenger, Miss C. Peterson

129.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies received from Councillors Miss L. Clarkson, Mrs J. E. Jones, Mrs J. Taylor and N. Simons</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the apologies be recorded.</p>	JW
130.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Mrs G. E. James declared an interest in any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the declarations of interest be recorded.</p>	JW
131.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>Members received and considered Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Applications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that observations as outlined be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council.</p>	CP/AA
132.	<p><u>Plenary Powers</u></p> <p>Members received planning applications observations made under plenary powers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that observations as outlined be approved.</p>	CP/AA

133.	<p><u>Planning Determinations</u></p> <p>Members received and noted Torfaen County Borough Council planning determinations including reasons for approvals or refusals.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the planning determinations be noted.</p>	CP/AA
134.	<p><u>Plenary Powers</u></p> <p>Members received planning observations made in conjunction with the Clerk.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the Plenary Power observations be noted.</p>	CP/AA
135.	<p><u>Environmental Grants Policy</u></p> <p>The Committee received a copy of the revised policy for the awarding of Environmental Grants for approval. A member stated that paragraphs 1 and 2 could be amended or replaced and grants could be awarded on merit for the project submitted. It was agreed that more schools should be encouraged to apply for the grant and the limit of five applications be removed. A school would only be able receive one Environmental Grant within a Council year. The Committee discussed some of the issues that could arise e.g some schools could provide better applications than others and the same schools would be given the grant each year.</p> <p>A member stated that if applications were given on merit each Councillor would have a different view on awarding the grant. There is a budget of £4,000 allocated to the Environmental Grants for this financial year, which would be divided amongst the schools. Therefore, it was agreed that paragraph 1 and 2 should be deleted and an invitation sent out to all schools to apply for the grant and paragraph 3 becomes paragraph 1. It was proposed that the grant should be open to all schools and that the limit of awarding five schools be removed. Schools should provide details of the project and the cost. They would be able to apply every year. When the Community Council sends out a letter to schools it was agreed that it should state there is a budget of £4,000 for the current financial year.</p>	

	<p><u>RECOMMENDED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That paragraph 1 and 2 be deleted and paragraph 3 becomes paragraph 1. (ii) All schools should be invited to apply each year. (iii) The grants letter sent to schools should state the amount of money available for that financial year. (iv) A school would only receive one Environmental grant during the Council year. 	AA/CC
136.	<p><u>TCBC Replacement Local Development Plan</u></p> <p>The Committee received the TCBC Replacement Local Development Plan. A member stated that when a presentation was given any comments made are sent directly to the person who gave the presentation and not to Torfaen County Borough Council. It was agreed that the LDP be discussed at Full Council and the Acting Clerk would e-mail all members with the full document.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED:</u> Refer to Full Council for a full discussion on the Local Development Plan. CC to e-mail the full document to All members.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair</p>	CC