

MINUTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022 AT 5.30 PM

In attendance:

Councillor: Jon James# (In the Chair)

and Councillors: Matt Ford#, Anne Gunter*, Gaynor James#, Richard Overton# Nathan Warren*

Also in attendance: Councillors Nick Jones*, Rose Matthews# (observing; not members of the Committee)

Officers: Richard Gwinnell# (Acting Clerk) and Jane Wright# (Assistant Clerk)

* *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
49.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Councillors Nick Byrne, Lynda Clarkson and Caroline Price.	JW
50.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillors Gaynor James, Jon James and Rose Matthews 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 being members of Pontypool Community Council.	JW
51.	<u>Planning Applications</u> Members received and considered Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Applications. No observations were made. The Acting Clerk explained to new members that the Community Council was a consultee. Torfaen CBC was the relevant Planning Authority, which decided the applications according to relevant planning criteria. <u>RESOLVED:</u> that the observations (or absence of observations as the case may be) as outlined in the	CP

	appendix to these minutes be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council.	
52.	<p><u>Plenary Powers</u></p> <p>The Chair asked and the Acting Clerk explained to new members that “Plenary Powers” was where applications needed to be commented on between meetings (to meet the relevant planning deadlines) in conjunction with local ward members. “Planning Determinations” was a list of planning applications already decided by TCBC.</p> <p>Members received the list of observations made on planning applications between meetings, under plenary powers. They commented that some of the applications on this list (and the planning determinations list) were shown against incorrect wards.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the observations outlined be noted.</p>	CP
53.	<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>RESOLVED:</u> that the planning determinations as outlined be noted.</p>	
54.	<p><u>Tree Preservation Order number 195</u></p> <p>The Committee received information from Torfaen County Borough Council regarding the making of Tree Preservation Order number 195.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the information be noted.</p> <p>[Councillor R. Overton joined the meeting at this point].</p>	
55.	<p><u>Doggy/Litter Bins</u></p> <p>The Committee received a report on progress against the doggy/litter bin list.</p> <p>The following points were raised and decisions proposed:</p> <p>(i) Cllr AG: number 3 on the list was in Griffithstown East.</p>	RC

	<p>(ii) Cllr NW: there was a doggy bin on School Crescent, Sebastopol, near the children’s play area, that ideally needed to be replaced, as it was rusted, rarely emptied, full to overflowing and not fit for purpose. He believed it to be a PCC bin.</p> <p>(iii) Cllr NW disagreed with the comment that there were enough bins on the cycle path at Sebastopol. He felt another was needed as, after the bin near Ysgol Panteg, there was not another bin until Cwmbran. He proposed that another bin be installed on the cycle path, ideally below Railway Terrace.</p> <p>(iv) All members agreed that an additional bin should be provided at Cwmyrnyscoy Nature Reserve, as outlined in the report (no. 20 on the list).</p> <p>The Chair of Council referred to the bin at School Crescent stating that if this was a PCC bin, this was not included in the current list of bins, so clarification needed to be sought.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the three additional bins as outlined above be purchased at a cost of £361.00 each including installation.</p>	
56.	<p><u>Future speakers/partnership networking</u></p> <p>[Councillor N. Jones joined the meeting at this point].</p> <p>The Chair informed members that, at present, discussions were ongoing elsewhere about an environmental issue in New Inn relating to the reservoir. Members commented on grass cutting issues in various places (including Golf Road, New Inn) which were also under discussion elsewhere. It was considered best to defer this agenda item while those discussions took place.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that consideration of inviting speakers to future meetings be deferred to a later meeting.</p>	

Signed by Chair