

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY 2018

In attendance:

Councillor: N. Byrne (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Mrs E. Chilcott JP, S. Harris, D. K. James, Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, Mrs R. Matthews, R. Mills, B. Rapier, B. Taylor JP, Mrs J. Taylor

Officer: Ms J. Wright

271. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

272. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Miss L. Clarkson, M. Ford, Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs J. E. Jones, J. Killick, A. Lang, R. F. Overton, Mrs N. P. Parrish, B. Rogers and N. Simons

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted.

273. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones and R. Mills declared an interest in relation to any matter appertaining to Torfaen CBC.

Councillor B. Rapier declared an interest in being nominated as the Community Council governor for Ysgol Panteg as his niece is a pupil at the school.

RESOLVED: that the declarations of interests be recorded.

274. **Chairman's Announcements**

25th November 2017
Christmas Cavalcade

Attended by Councillors N. Byrne, B. Taylor JP, Mrs G. E. James, Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Mrs J. Taylor, Mrs N. P. Parrish and Mrs R. Matthews

27th November 2017

Switching on of Christmas lights at St. John's Church, Wainfelin

28th November 2017

Switching on of Christmas lights at Penygarn

Attended by Councillor Mrs R. Matthews (ward member) on behalf of Chair of Council

RESOLVED: that the Chair and members be thanked for attending the various events.

275. **Full Council Meeting – 22nd November 2017**

Members received the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 22nd November 2017.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 22nd November 2017 be confirmed as a true record.

276. **Policy & Finance Committee – 10th January 2018**

Members received the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee held on the 10th January 2018. They were approved as a true record subject to the second recommendation being amended to read £49.15 not £47.36

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee held on the 10th January 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record subject to the appropriate amendment being made.

277. **Planning & Environment Committee – 17th January 2018**

Members received the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on the 17th January 2018.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Events Committee held on the 17th January 2018 be approved.

278. **Planning Applications**

Members received and considered planning applications. The Assistant Clerk informed members that the ward member for Garndiffaith & Varteg had made detailed observations on planning application 18/P/0003 (non-prejudicial interest) and these would be put forward to Torfaen County Borough Council and detailed on the attached schedule to the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the observations as outlined on the attached schedule be approved.

AA

279. **Planning Aid Wales training**

The Council received an invitation to attend a Planning Aid Wales training session on the 22nd March 2018 at the Civic Centre. Up to 2 persons may attend. It was agreed that as there were some members absent that the Assistant Clerk sends a memo asking if any member would be interested in attending; it was noted that this date was the same date as the Council's Eisteddfod.

RESOLVED: that a memo be sent to members as outlined above.

JW

280. **Trevethin Activity Barn**

The Council was asked to reconsider the appointment of a Councillor to the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation to be known as Trevethin Activity Barn, for a period of 3 years. As per the previous item it was agreed that a memo be sent asking if any member wished to be nominated as the representative.

RESOLVED: that a memo be sent to members as outlined above.

JW

281. **Representation on the Public Service Board and the Mic Morris Trust**

The Council was asked to consider the current status of representation to the Public Service Board on behalf of the

Torfaen County Association of Local Councils and the Mic Morris Trust. The Vice-Chair of Council is the current representative on both. The Vice-Chair of Council informed the meeting that he had been unable to attend due to personal reasons however he still wished to remain the representative on the Public Service Board and the Mic Morris Trust.

RESOLVED: that the Vice-Chair of Council remains as the nominated representative on both the Public Service Board and the Mic Morris Trust.

282. **Governor at Ysgol Panteg**

The Council considered a request from Ysgol Panteg to appoint a community Governor to the school's Governing Body. The new Chair of the Governing Body is the current Community Council representative. It was agreed that Councillor B. Rapier be the nominated representative. [Councillor Rapier declared an interest as his niece is a pupil at the school

RESOLVED: that Councillor B. Rapier be the nominated representative to serve as a governor at Ysgol Panteg.

JW

283. **Post 16 Education**

The Council received confirmation that St. Albans, Croesyceiliog and Cwmbran High Schools will lose their sixth form provision from the 1st September 2020. It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk contacts Mr Mark Horton, Forward Planning Principal Officer at Torfaen to ascertain that both West Monmouth and Abersychan pupils will have open entry to the 6th form centre in Cwmbran in line with the other schools.

RESOLVED: that the Council notes the information and that the Assistant Clerk writes to Mr Horton as outlined above.

JW

284. **Reports**

The Council received the minutes of the One Voice Wales Larger Local Council's Committee held on the 19th October 2017. A member noted that there were no apologies for absence from Pontypool Community Council and it was agreed

that the Assistant Clerk contacts One Voice Wales to ascertain if apologies were given. In respect of item 6 Grants for War Memorials the Deputy Leader asked the Assistant Clerk to make enquiries regarding obtaining a grants application form for financial assistance for the upkeep and repair of the war memorials in Pontypool. Reference was made to item 11 communications and the Leader asked if any members had received the regular monthly e-bulletin from the Clerk through One Voice Wales as stated in the minutes. Members could not recall seeing this. It was agreed that enquiries be made with the Clerk on her return.

RESOLVED: that the Assistant Clerk contacts One Voice Wales with the enquiries raised above.

JW

285. **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.

286 **Personnel**

The Council received a report regarding the extension of Mrs CH's temporary contract by a further 4 months. Members unanimously agreed to this extension.

RESOLVED: that Mrs CH's temporary contract be extended by a further 4 months.

Chairman

