

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2018

In attendance:

Councillor: M. Ford (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Mrs K. J. Arthur, Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Miss L. Clarkson, D. K. James, Mrs G. E. James, J. Killick, Mrs R. Matthews, R. Mills, R. F. Overton, B. Rapier, N. Simons, B. M. Taylor JP, Mrs J. Taylor.

Officers: Mrs R. V. Tucker, Mrs C. E. Hillier (Minutes)

69. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

70. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs J. E. Jones, N. Jones, Mrs N. P. Parrish.

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted.

CEH

71. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors R. Mills, R. F. Overton and Mrs N. P. Parrish declared an interest on any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.

Councillor B. M. Taylor JP declared a personal interest as a member of Torfaen Museum Trust

RESOLVED: that the declarations of interest be recorded.

JW

72. **Chairman's Announcements**

Members received the list of functions attended by the Chair and other Members.

RESOLVED: (i) that members note the list of functions attended by the Chair and other Members.

73. **Council Meeting**

Members received and considered the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 23rd May 2018.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 23rd May 2018 be confirmed as a true record.

74. **Committee Meetings**

a) Policy & Finance Committee 6th June 2018

Members received and considered the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held 6th June 2018.

A Member proposed that with regard to Out of Date Cheques Minute No. 43 (743-754) the presenting of cheques should be monitored on a three monthly basis and not six monthly as current practice.

RESOLVED: (i) that Members approve the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held 6th June 2018.
(ii) that Members approve the proposal that the presenting of cheques to be monitored on a three monthly basis and Members to be informed if they relate to LVF.

CC/HB

b) Planning & Environment Committee 13th June 2018

Members received and considered the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held 13th June 2018.

Minute No. 60 Task Force, a Member requested confirmation from the Clerk that prior to the decorating season the Task Force operatives check all equipment to be used as a piece of gardening equipment had already broken down. The Clerk confirmed that the Task Force undertook a service and maintenance check on the gardening equipment in March prior to the gardening season commencing. Similar checks are also carried out prior to the commencement of the decorating season.

A Member raised concern regarding the poor service record of the power washer and the agreement of the Planning & Environment Committee to purchase a much lighter electric model to replace it. The Member suggested that before replacing the equipment it would be pertinent to wait to see how many jobs would be booked for power washing due to the increase in charges as this could cause a reduction in bookings. The Clerk advised that there is not a significant change in charges, the difference relates to the manner of charging.

A Member suggested that it would be better to hire the equipment rather than purchase. Another Member stated that it is important to consult with the operators of the equipment before purchasing. Members agreed that operators should be consulted and this could be done at the Members forthcoming meeting the Task Force staff.

Minute 60 Work for the Museum, a Member proposed that the Minute be amended to read “that work be limited to the value of £500”.

The Clerk confirmed that arrangements are now in place with the Waste Transfer Centre at New Inn for the collection of green waste and clients will be advised accordingly.

RESOLVED: (i) that Members approve the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held 13th June 2018 subject to the amendment that the purchase of a second power washer be considered further by the Task Force Management Group

TFMG

(ii) that Members approve the amendment to Minute 60 to read “that work be limited to the value of £500”.

JW

c) Events Committee 20th June 2018

Members received and considered the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 20th June 2018.

A Member proposed an amendment to the date recorded in the Minutes for the Presentation Evening

from Thursday 12th July 2018 to Thursday 19th July 2018.

RESOLVED: that Members approve the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 20th June 2018 subject to the proposed amendment to the date for the Presentation Evening from Thursday 12th July 2018 to Thursday 19th July 2018.

RT

75. **Planning Applications**

The Council received and considered planning applications.

A Member observed that re item numbers 1 and 2, Plan Number 17/P/0468 Land at A4042 Mamhilad and Plan Number 17/P/0482 Former Nylon Spinners factory, this is a huge development for the area and it is important that adequate transport arrangements are made for it. Another Member stated that he has had meetings with the Planning Officer and this recommendation will be addressed.

There were no observations on item no's 3, 4 5, 6 and 7.

RESOLVED: that observations on planning applications be noted.

AA

76. **Final Accounts**

Members received and considered the final accounts, the Annual Return and the Internal Audit Report for 2017/2018.

RESOLVED: (i) that the Council approves the final accounts 2017/2018.

(ii) that the Council approves the Annual Return 2017/2018.

(iii) that the Council approve the Internal Audit Report 2017/2018 subject to:

a. the Task Force bullet points being discussed by the Task Force Management Group with recommendations to Council

b. the remainder of the Audit Report to be considered by Policy & Finance Committee with recommendations to Council.

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**P&F
Committee
/ RT / JW**

77. **Core Funding**

Members received and considered the application for financial assistance for core funding grant to Torfaen Museum deferred to Full Council by the Policy & Finance Committee.

A Member stated that the Museum had in the past received a grant in the sum of £5,000 to facilitate Saturday morning opening. They had also received a substantial Heritage Lottery Fund grant which required some match funding.

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A Member stated that the Community Council had supported the museum for years and that this cut in grant was appalling. The Member stated that a report by the Museum to Torfaen County Borough Council was available and proposed that the Clerk write to the Museum to obtain a copy and make it available for Members to see. The Chairman stated that the Council was supporting the Museum.

A Member raised concern that following the recent Policy & Finance Committee meeting the Museum Curator had been fully informed of the content of the meeting. Subsequently the Member had had an altercation in the street with the husband of the Curator.

A Member proposed a core funding grant of £3,000 to the Torfaen Museum.

A Member proposed an amendment of £5,000 to the Torfaen Museum.

Council voted by 11 votes to 3 with 1 abstention to approve the proposed Grant of £3,000 to the Torfaen Museum.

RESOLVED: (i) that Members approve a core funding grant of £3,000 to Torfaen Museum.

CC

78. **Representation on Outside Bodies**

Members considered the appointment of representatives to:

(i) Art Regen
Members considered the appointment of a representative to Art Regen and there were no nominations. The Clerk to notify them.

JW

(ii) Trevethin Activity Barn
Members considered the appointment of a representative to Trevethin Activity Barn and there were no nominations. Council requested the Clerk write to the organisation to inform them.

JW

(iii) New Inn Primary Governors
The nominated Member informed the meeting that because of business commitments he was not always available to attend Governors meetings and had tendered his resignation. However, the Member stated that as there were no other nominations he would withdraw his resignation and continue as the Council's representative on this body.

RESOLVED: (i) that Members approve no nominations to Art Regen

JW

(ii) that Members approve no nominations to Trevethin Activity Barn

JW

(iii) that Members note the withdrawal of the nominated representative's resignation from the New Inn Primary Governors and Councillor James be re-appointed.

JW

79. **Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County Borough of Torfaen**

Members considered comments from Members to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County Borough of Torfaen. Members noted the 1st August due date for responses to the Boundary commission for Wales.

Members were concerned about the proposal to amalgamate the Pontypool, Brynwarn and Cwmynyscoy Wards into a one Member Ward to be called Pontymoile. There would thus be no Wards with the Pontypool name.

They proposed an alternative of amalgamating Pontypool, Brynwarn, Cwmynyscoy and Wainfelin into a two Member Ward called Pontypool.

RESOLVED: (i) that members note the proposals in the Review document
(ii) that the Clerk write to the Boundary Commission to advise of the view of the Council as stated above.

RT/JW

80. **One Voice Wales: Motion for Conference**

Members received and considered the response of the One Voice Wales Motions Committee held 4th June 2018, to the Council's proposed Motion for Conference.

RESOLVED: (i) that members note the response of the One Voice Wales Motions Committee held 4th June 2018.

81. **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.

82. **Establishment Committee**

To approve the Minutes of the Establishment Committee held 6th June 2018.

A debate took place on several of the Minutes.

RESOLVED: (i) that Members approve the Minutes of the Establishment Committee held 6th June 2018.
(ii) that the Clerk investigate the matter re the reports sent out by Weightmans Solicitors.
(iii) that the recommendations of Minute 40 be reaffirmed.

RT

Chairman