

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 18th JULY 2018

In attendance:

Councillor: M. Ford (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: K. J. Arthur, N. Byrne, Miss L. Clarkson,
Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, J. Killick, Mrs R. Matthews, R. F. Overton,
Mrs N. P. Parrish

103. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

104. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Mrs E. Hunt, D. K. James, Mrs J. E. Jones, R. Mills, B. Rapier and N. Simons

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted.

105. **Declarations of Interest**

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

RESOLVED: that the declarations of interest be recorded.

106. **Chairman's Announcements**

29th June 2018 – 2nd July 2018

Peter and Paul Festival in Bretten
Attended by Vice-Chair of Council

5th July 2018

Greeting school children from Bretten at West Monmouth School
Attended by Vice-Chair of Council and Deputy Leader

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12th July 2018

Poet of Pontypool Presentation Evening
Attended by Members

14th July 2018

Party in the Park

Attended by Leader and Deputy Leader, Vice-Chair of Council, Vice-Chair of Events and Chair of Policy & Finance

The Chair apologised that he had been unable to attend Party in the Park due to ill health.

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

107 **Full Council**

Members received and considered the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 27th June 2018

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 27th June 2018 be confirmed as a true record.

108. **Committees**

The Council received minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 4th July 2018 and the Planning and Environment Committee held on the 11th July 2018 respectively.

Policy & Finance

In respect of minute 91 'Junior Team Sponsorship' a member pointed out that it should read Garndiffaith Mini and Juniors RFC. In respect of minute 92 'Applications for Core Funding' it had been agreed at the meeting that a core funding grant of £3000.00 be awarded to Torfaen Citizens Bureau and this needed to be included in the recommendations.

Planning & Environment

In respect of minute 100 'Doggy Bins' a member asked what type of bin would be installed. The Clerk said a

litter bin; the member stated that residents have asked that the preferred site for the bin is by the parking area outside Varteg Community hall.

The Clerk also asked that an additional bin be sited as the Lasgarn Wood.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee be approved subject to the appropriate amendments being made.

(ii) that the Planning & Environment minutes be approved.

(iii) that the litter bin be sited at the parking area outside Varteg Community Hall.

(iv) that the exact location for the 'Lasgarn Woods' bin be sought.

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109. **Planning Applications**

Members received planning applications.

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

110. **Plenary Powers**

The Council approved delegated powers to the Chair of Council, Leader, Deputy Leader and Vice-Chair of Establishment to enable them to take appropriate action with regards to staffing arrangements whilst the Clerk is on sick leave.

RESOLVED: that delegated powers be approved as outlined above.

111. **Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils**

The Council considered the adoption of a Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils. It was agreed unanimously that the Council adopt this Protocol as the document was very clear in its

proposals It was further agreed that the Clerk would adapt it to fit with Pontypool Community Council.

RESOLVED: that Pontypool Community Council adopt the Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils.

112. **Youth Festival 2019**

Members considered the 2019 Youth Festival being organised by Pontypool, so that the Chair can offer the festival to the other twin towns when he goes to the Conference/Youth Festival in August 2018.

The Chair of Council informed members that Youth from Pontypool have not attended the last 4 Festivals as the Council did not have an established Youth Council. He was pleased to say that the Council now has a very proactive Youth Council who have turned up at a number of Council events.

A member asked if there was money set aside for this event and if so how much. The Clerk informed the meeting that there is approximately £20,000 in reserves. Members felt that the event next year could be scaled down over a shorter period instead of a week. The member added that the Council needs to produce a style that does the Council credit ensuring best value for money in accordance with the Council's financial regulations.

RESOLVED: that the 2019 Youth Festival be organised by Pontypool Community Council with a style that does the Council credit ensuring best value for money.

113. **Youth Council**

Members received the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on the 16th May 2018 and 20th June 2018 respectively.

The Clerk informed members that one of the Youth Councillors had written a play on mental health and the Youth Council would like to present it as a play to

a Year 9 audience. A member suggested that West Monmouth theatre be looked at as a venue as hopefully there would be limited costs involved compared to other theatres.

The Clerk also stated that the Youth Council had also agreed to give a £500.00 financial donation to Torfaen Play Service to provide a healthy breakfast and afternoon snack for children attending play schemes.

Members also pointed out that they would like to see two co-opted members of the Youth Council to sit on future Council meetings in order that they can have an input and to gain experience on the democratic process.

RESOLVED: (i) that the minutes of the Youth Council held on the 16th May 2018 and 20th June 2018 be received.
(ii) that the Council nominate 2 youth representatives to the Community Council.

114. **Boundary Commission for Wales**

Members received a reply from the Chief Executive of the Boundary Commission in respect of the review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Torfaen and Pontypool Community Council's comments.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

115. **One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference**

The Council received a report on One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference attended by the Deputy Leader and the Clerk on the 4th July. Members thanked the Deputy Clerk for a comprehensive report on the Conference.

RESOLVED: that the contents of the report be received and noted.

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