

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2018

In attendance:

Councillor: M. Ford (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: K. J. Arthur, N. Byrne, Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Miss L. Clarkson, D. K. James, Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, Mrs R. Matthews, R. F. Overton, Mrs N. P. Parrish, B. Rapier, N. Simons

Officers in attendance: Ms J. Wright and Mrs A. Ambrosen

153. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

154. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors, Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs J. E. Jones, J. Killick, and R. Mills

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted.

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155. **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. Councillor B. Rapier declared an interest as a governor on Ysgol Panteg in relation to the item on Environmental Grants.

RESOLVED: that the declarations of interest be recorded.

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156. **Aneurin Bevan Health Board**

Members welcomed Judith Paget Chief Executive Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Karen Jones Associate Capital Project Director to the full Council meeting.

A presentation took place on the Clinical Future Strategy plus the progress of the Grange University Hospital. [Attached as a report to the minutes]

It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk send a letter of thanks to Ms Paget and it was agreed that she be asked to attend future meetings of the Council periodically in order to give the Council an update on the new hospital.

It was further agreed that a special Council meeting be arranged with no other business where members be asked to compile a list of pre-set questions which they may have regarding local health services and hospitals prior to the meeting. The questions would be sent to the Health Board so they can provide the answers at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the Assistant Clerk sends a letter of thanks to Ms. Paget for the very informative presentation on the new hospital.

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(ii) that Ms Paget be invited to attend future Council meetings periodically to give updates on the new hospital.

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(iii) that members of the Health Board be invited to a special Council meeting to answer pre-set questions from members regarding Community Health Services.

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157. **Chairman's Announcements**

19th July 2018

Pontypool Community Council's Grants Presentation Evening:

Attended by Chair of Council and Councillors K. Arthur, Mrs E. Chilcott, Mrs G. E. James, J. Killick, R. Matthews, Mrs N. P. Parrish

25th - 31st August 2018

Youth Festival and Twinning Conference in Longjumeau:

Attended by Youth Councillors and Conference attended by Chair of Council

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

158 **Council Meeting**

Members received and considered the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 18th July 2018

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 18th July 2018 be confirmed as a true record.

159. **Committees**

Members received minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 5th September 2018 and the Planning and Environment Committee held on the 12th September 2018 respectively. In respect of minute 130 on the Policy & Finance minutes it was agreed that representatives from Torfaen museum be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council due to an urgent matter that needed to be discussed at October full Council. All members agreed.

Both the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee and the Planning and Environment Committee were confirmed as a true record.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee be approved subject to representatives from Torfaen Museum being invited to a future Council meeting.

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

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160. **Planning Applications**

Members received planning applications.

The following objections were made in respect of Planning Application Number 18/P/0610 Llandegfedd Water Sports Centre:

- Residents are concerned that the licence changes will allow an increase of traffic through a country lane
- If an entertainment and alcohol licence is granted it is likely that people will congregate on the foreshore of the reservoir which is not well lit and

could pose a danger to life and a significant increased noise level to nearby residents.

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

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161 **Notice of Election**

Members were asked to note that an election had been called for the vacant seat in Abersychan and Cwmavon.

RESOLVED: that the election details for the vacant seat in Abersychan and Cwmavon be noted.

162. **Environmental Grants**

Members were asked to consider applications for environmental grants from the following schools:

- (i) Ysgol Panteg
- (ii) St. Albans RC High School
- (iii) Ysgol Bryn Onnen
- (iv) Padre Pio Catholic Primary School
- (v) Abersychan Comprehensive School
- (vi) Penygarn County Primary School

Council agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair of Policy and Finance be given plenary powers to allocate the grants proportionally.

RESOLVED: that plenary powers be given to the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Finance as outlined above.

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163. **Audit**

Members were asked to approve the Annual Audit Return. The Assistant Clerk informed the Members that the Audit Return needed to be on display to the Public by 30th September 2018. Members approved the Annual Audit Return.

RESOLVED: that the Annual Audit Return be approved.

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164. **Council Dinner**

Members considered a date and venue for the 2019 Council Dinner. The Chair requested that staff compile costings of holding the dinner in venues which had disabled access and that were in the Pontypool area.

The date for the annual dinner would be either Friday 5th April or April 12th 2019 depending on the availability of venue.

RESOLVED: (i) that staff compile costings of holding the dinner in venues with disabled access and local to the Pontypool area.

(ii) that the dinner would take place on Friday April 5th or Friday 12th April 2019 depending on chosen venues availability.

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165. **Pontypool Party in the park**

Members received a letter from Councillor Alan S. Jones, Cabinet Member for Business, Tourism, Leisure and Culture regarding the future of Party in the Park. It was agreed Mrs Verity Ryan from Torfaen County Borough Council be invited to the October full Council meeting in order to discuss the organisation and resources needed for Party in the Park.

RESOLVED: that Mrs Verity Ryan be invited to attend the Full Council meeting in October to discuss Pontypool Party in the park.

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166. **Torfaen Local Development Plan**

Members were asked to consider suitable sites that could be included in the Torfaen Local Development Plan. The Chair explained that this had to be done individually by members and that if members had an area(s) which they wished to submit suitable sites then they must submit online using the following website link:

www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/PlanningAndDevelopment/Planningpolicy/Local-Development-Plan-Review/Replacement-Torfaen-Local-Development-Plan.aspx

RESOLVED: that if members had any sites in their area which they thought suitable for the Torfaen Local Development Plan they must submit these online as above.

167. **One Voice Wales**

Members noted the motions that had been approved by other Councils which will be presented to the Annual General Meeting on the 29th September 2018.

RESOLVED: that the motions approved by other Councils will be presented to the Annual General Meeting on the 29th September 2018.

168. **Reports**

Members were asked to approve the following reports:

- i. Pontypool Regeneration Partnership: 12th July 2018
- ii. Mic Morris Memorial Sporting Trust – 19th July 2018
- iii. Gwent Valleys Area Committee Annual General Meeting – 24th July 2018
- iv. Torfaen County Association of Local Councils – 7th August 2018

It was pointed out that the Chair of Council's apologies had been sent for the Mic Morris Memorial Sporting Trust meeting on the 19th July 2018 contrary to what was stated in the minutes.

The Assistant Clerk informed members that the Gwent Valleys Area Committee scheduled to take place at Pontypool Community Council offices on Tuesday the 9th October would now be taking place at Cwmbran Community Council. Pontypool Community Council would be hosting the Gwent Valleys Area Committee in April 2019.

RESOLVED: that the reports be received and the information as outlined be noted.

169. **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.

170. **Testimonials**

Members noted that no testimonials had been received. The only one to be awarded retrospectively at the Grants Presentation Evening on the 11th October 2018 will be to Friends of Fishponds Park who could not make the original 2017 event due to unforeseen circumstances.

RESOLVED: that the 2017 testimonial awarded to Friends of Fishponds Park be awarded retrospectively at the next Grants Presentation Evening on the 11th October.

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Chair of Council