

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2018

In attendance:

Councillor: Mrs R. Matthews (In the Chair)

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

Also in attendance: Thomas Moody, South Wales Argus

Officers in attendance: Mrs C. Challenger and Mrs A. Ambrosen

196. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

197. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: G. Davies, M. Ford, Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs J. E. Jones, D. K. James A. Lang.

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted.

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198. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Mrs G.E. James, N. Jones, R. Mills, 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.

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199. **Party in the Park**

Members welcomed Mrs Verity Ryan and Mr Dawson Evans from Torfaen County Borough Council who discussed the future of Party in the Park.

It was agreed that a special meeting be arranged for all members to attend on Wednesday 24th October at 6pm.

Report Attached.

RESOLVED: that a special meeting be arranged for all members to attend on Wednesday 24th October at 6pm.

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200 **Chairman's Announcements**

1st October 2018 Unveiling of War Memorial Plaque at Community Council Offices. - Attended by Leader of Council and Vice-Chair of Council

11th October 2018 Pontypool Community Council's Grants Presentation Evening - Attended by:
Councillor Mrs E. Chilcott, Mrs N.Parrish, Mrs R. Matthews, M.Ford and J.Killick

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

201 **Council Meeting**

Members received and considered the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 26th September 2018

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 26th September 2018 be confirmed as a true record.

202. **Policy and Finance**

Members received minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 3rd October 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the October Policy & Finance Committee be approved.

203. **Special Events**

Members received minutes of the Special Events Committee held on the 10th October 2018. The Vice Chair of Events stated that on minute number 189 the recommendation should also include Councillor Mrs N.

Parrish would attend the working party meetings subject to her availability.

RESOLVED: (i) that the minutes of the October Special Events Committee be approved.

(ii) that the following addendum be made in minute number 189 recommendation - to include that Councillor Mrs N. Parrish would attend the working party meetings subject to her availability.

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204. **Planning and Environment**

Members received minutes of the Planning and Environment Minutes held on the 10th October 2018. The Deputy leader requested that the Assistant Clerk write a letter to Mr Steve Williams Team Leader Ecology, Torfaen County Borough Council thanking him for attending the meeting and giving a presentation on the new Public Bodies Biodiversity Duty.

RESOLVED: (i) that the minutes of the October Planning and Environment Committee be approved.

(ii) that the Assistant Clerk write a letter to Mr Steve Williams Team Leader Ecology, Torfaen County Borough Council thanking him for attending the meeting and giving a presentation on the new Public Bodies Biodiversity Duty.

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205. **Planning Applications**

Members received planning applications.

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

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206. **Ward Member for Abersychan & Cwmavon**

Members were asked to note the new ward member for Abersychan & Cwmavon was Councillor Giles Davies. Members congratulated Councillor Davies on his appointment of Ward member for Abersychan and Cwmavon.

RESOLVED: that the ward member for Abersychan & Cwmavon is Councillor Giles Davies.

207. **Christmas Tree Lights**

Members were asked to approve the list of Christmas tree sites for 2018. A member stated that the list had two trees in the Pontnewynydd ward but one of those trees is in the Trevethin Ward. The Finance Officer stated that she would amend the list accordingly. A member stated that no trees are sited in Abersychan and could he request that one be sited in the Spar Car Park. The Finance Officer stated that she would look at the budget and the logistics of siting a tree there and let the member know. A member stated that one tree in Garndiffaith is never dressed with lights and as the Council was paying for the tree to be dressed could the Finance Officer look into this please. The Finance Officer agreed.

RESOLVED: (i) that the list of Christmas Trees sites for 2018 be approved.

(ii) that the Finance Officer look at the budget and logistics to see if a Christmas tree could be sited in the Spar Car Park in the Abersychan Ward.

(iii) that the Finance Officer enquire why the tree in the Garndiffaith Ward is never dressed with lights.

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208. **Subordinate legislation Consolidation and Review Consolidation of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 and Town and Country Planning Order 1995.**

Members were asked to receive One Vales response to this consultation

RESOLVED: that the Subordinate legislation Consolidation and Review Consolidation of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 and Town and Country Planning Order 1995 be received.

209. **Independent Review Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report – February 2019**

Members received an email from One Voice Wales regarding consultation on the Independent Remuneration panel draft 2019. A member stated that any comments Councillors may have on the draft need to be emailed directly to IRPMailbox@gov.wales by 27/11/18.

RESOLVED: (i) that the email be received.
(ii) any comments Councillors may have on the draft need to be emailed directly to IRPMailbox@gov.wales by 27/11/18.

210. **Public Services Body**

Members noted that Councillor Steve Brooks from Cwmbran Community Council was the nominated representative on the Public Services Body (TCALC). The Deputy Leader requested that a letter signed by the Chair and the Leader be sent to Public Services Body (TCALC) stating that the Community Council have huge concerns that it only allows one member to be the representative from five Community Councils when Bron Afon have three representatives and the Voluntary Sector have two representatives. The Deputy Leader also stated that it was not reasonable for the Clerk to ask TCALC for extra representation.

RESOLVED: (i) noted that Councillor Steve Brooks from Cwmbran Community Council was the nominated representative on the Public Services Body (TCALC).
(ii) that a letter signed by the Chair and the Leader be sent to Public Services Body (TCALC) stating that the Community Council have huge concerns that it only allows one member to be the representative from five Community Councils.

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211. **Reports**

Members received minutes of the Gwent Valleys Area Committee meeting held on the 24th July 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Gwent Valleys Area Committee meeting held on the 24th July 2018 be received.

212. **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.

213. **Establishment**

Members received minutes of the Establishment Committee held on the 3rd October 2018. The Deputy Leader stated that the following should be added to the establishment minutes - Revised Policies – The Council are not asking staff to do a blanket revision of all Council Polices. Policies will only be updated as and when required until the Clerk returns to work

RESOLVED: (i) that the minutes of the Establishment Committee held on 3rd October 2018 be approved.

(ii) that the following addendum be made - Council are not asking staff to do a blanket revision of all Council Polices. Policies will only be updated as and when required until the Clerk returns to work.

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214. **Christmas Cavalcade**

Members were asked to appoint an Event Manager and Health and Safety Officer as the named person(s) on the Torfaen County Borough Council Notice of Event (deferred from Establishment). The Deputy Leader suggested the following:

- Cindy Challenger be named as the Event Manager.
 - That Mr Paul Bowkett from Torfaen County Borough Council be asked if he would carry out the role of Health and Safety Officer for the Christmas Cavalcade Event.
- All members agreed.

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RESOLVED: (i) that Cindy Challenger be named as the Event Manager.

(ii) that Mr Paul Bowkett from Torfaen County Borough Council be asked if he would carry out the role of Health and Safety Officer for the Christmas Cavalcade Event.

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Chair of Council