

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2019

In attendance:

Councillor: M. Ford (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Ms. K. Arthur, Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Miss L. Clarkson, G. Davies, Mrs E. Hunt, D. K. James, Mrs G. E. James, J. Killick, R. Mills, R. F. Overton, Mrs N. P. Parrish

Officers: Mrs C. Challenger, Ms J. Wright

16. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

17. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Byrne, N. Jones, A. Lang, Mrs R. Matthews, B. Rapier, N. Simons, B. Taylor JP, Mrs J. Taylor

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted.

18. **Declarations of Interest**

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

Councillor R. Overton declared an interest in planning application 19/P/0254 as a parishioner of St. Mary's Church.

RESOLVED: that the declarations of interest be recorded.

19. **Council meeting**

The Council received the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 24th April 2019.

JW

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 25th April 2019 be confirmed as a true record.

20. **Annual Meeting**

Members received the minutes of the Annual meeting held on the 8th May 2019.

In respect of item 6 Committee Structure Councillor Mrs E. Hunt wished to withdraw from the Events Committee. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor B. Rapier be placed on the Committee instead.

In respect of item 9 representation on Outside Bodies and Internal positions it was agreed that the two working parties of the Youth Festival Conference and Party in the Park be added to the list consisting of Councillors N. Byrne, Mrs E. Chilcott JP, M. Ford, Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, J. Killick, Mrs R. Matthews and Mrs N. P. Parrish. For information the same members on each working party.

In respect of item 11 cheque signatories it was agreed that the Chair of Councillor Mrs R. Matthews be an additional cheque signatory.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on the 8th May be confirmed subject to the appropriate amendments/inclusions being made as outlined above.

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21. **Planning Applications**

Members received and considered Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Applications.

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

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22. **Plenary Powers**

The Committee was asked to confirm observations made on planning applications by the Clerk to the Council in conjunction with the Chair of Planning under plenary powers.

RESOLVED: that the observations thereon be approved.

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23. **Party in the Park**

The Council received the minutes of the Party in the Park meeting held on the 17th April 2019.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Party in the Park be received.

24. **Holiday Hunger/Playschemes**

The Council received further information from Torfaen's Play Service Manager Mr Davenne as requested at the last Council meeting. It was unanimously agreed that £3,000 be given towards the Holiday Hunger/Playschemes. The Vice-Chair of Planning made reference to his request regarding carrying on the programme throughout the year on all playscheme sites in the holidays if more funding was available. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Davenne be invited to the September Council meeting to give a presentation to Council and then he could expand on what he is looking for and the Council can review this at a later date.

RESOLVED:

(i) that £3,000 be awarded to Torfaen's Holiday Hunger/Playschemes.

(ii) that Mr Davenne be invited to the September Council meeting.

CC

JW

25. **Welsh Community Groups**

The Council received an e-mail from Ms S. Browne, Torfaen's Partnerships and Policy Manger with a link to enable groups in Wales with a community and environmental focus to safeguard spaces and become more sustainable.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

26. **Community Halls**

The following motion had been received:

“To discuss a co-operative working project with the other 5 Community Councils”. Refer Councillor J. Killick

Councillor Killick informed members that, as they were made aware at the last Council meeting, information was received from the Welsh Government in relation to 2019-2020 funding being available to support the initial setting up of Joint Arrangements of Partnership work between Town and Community Councils. The Welsh Government contribution of support from a total of £35000 for joint proposals was capped at £5,000 for one-off grants. Proposals needed to demonstrate joint working between councils and to commit to delivery of all activity and outputs before the end of 2019-2020.

In January a meeting of the Local Council Partnership Group was held consisting of members and officers from each Community Council as well as members and officers from Torfaen County Borough Council. The group made its main objective to focus on offering better support to community halls. The Group has currently met 3 times.

At the last Local Council Partnership (LCP) meeting it was agreed that Torfaen Voluntary Alliance, who had attended the meeting, would produce an initial document detailing a list of community buildings that have been identified so far across the borough. These could include not only community halls but scouts huts, social clubs, politically based halls, sports clubs etc, anything that provides a community opportunity/involvement. This list was sent to all members and Councillor Killick asked if all members could go through the list again, if they had not already commented, to see if there was a community building in their ward that could be included on the list. He asked that any input to be sent to Cindy or directly to Aimi Morris at TVA. He requested the Council fully support this project going forward.

In order to support the project, a funding bid was put in to the Welsh Government for £3,920 and Councillor Killick was pleased to inform the meeting that the application had been successful. The funding would be allocated to support the joint working arrangements and gain community buy-in for the project. The money would be used to set up three sets, based in north middle and south of Torfaen, of two meetings to consider what levels of support all the management groups of community halls and facilities in the six council areas within the joint arrangements group could be provided. The meetings

would be made attractive through provision of refreshments and held in appropriate places. They would be facilitated by TVA. Assuming the support is required the work will culminate in a bid going from TVA on behalf of the LCP to the National Lottery for up to £100,000 over three years which would pay for a dedicated member of staff to deliver the support in a day to day basis.

The Chair of Council confirmed the Council's support for the work and wanted to thank and acknowledge Councillor Killick as he had not mentioned the fact that he was actually the person who had completed the application form due to the deadline being so tight so it would not have been successful without his input. This was reiterated by members present.

RESOLVED:

(i) that Pontypool Community Council support the co-operative working project with the other 5 community councils.

(ii) that members contact Mrs C. Challenger or Ms A. Morris at TVA in respect of adding additional community buildings to the list

(iii) that the Deputy Leader be sincerely thanked on behalf of the Council for all his hard work in the successful application.

27. **Minutes/Reports**

The Council received the following minutes:

- (a) One Voice Wales National Executive Committee – 8th March 2019
- (b) Area Valley One Voice Wales Committee – 30th April 2019.

The Vice-Chair of Planning referred to the Answer and Questions section in the Area Valley One Voice Wales Committee where the Welsh Local Government Association had issued guidance to County Councillors on the use of social media and stated that they also need to provide this information for Community Councillors. It was agreed that the Welsh Government be contacted to this effect.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the minutes of the One Voice Wales National Executive Committee and the Area Valley One Voices Wales Committee be received and the information contained within noted.

(ii) that the WLGA be asked to provide the social media guidance to Community Councillors.

Chair of Council