

**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES**  
**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**In attendance:**

Councillor M. Ford (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Ms K. Arthur, N. Byrne, Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Miss L. Clarkson, G. Davies, Mrs E. Hunt, D. K. James, Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, J. Killick, A. Lang, Mrs R. Matthews, R. Mills.

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

389. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

390. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J.E. Jones, R. F. Overton, Mrs N. Parrish and N. Simons.

**RESOLVED**: that the Apologies be noted.

391. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors G. Davies, Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, R. Mills and 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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392. **Speaker**

Members were told that the scheduled speakers Ms Sara Smith and Ms Rebecca Jones - Newey from Art Matters had to cancel their presentation but they would re-arrange to attend in the future.

**RESOLVED:** that Ms Sara Smith and Ms Rebecca Jones – Newey would re-arrange to attend a Council meeting in the future

NOTE – Councillor N. Byrne left the meeting at this point.

393. **Chairman’s Announcements**

20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Deputy Leader attended the Infants Inter-Schools Eisteddfod

21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

The following Councillors attended the Junior Inter-Schools Eisteddfod: Mrs G. E. James, Mrs R. Matthews, Mrs E. Chilcott JP and Mrs E. Hunt.

**RESOLVED:** that the Councillors be thanked for attending the event.

394. **Full Council**

Members received and considered the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Ref – minute number 351 presentation from Judith Paget Chief Executive Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Mr Julian Hayman from Aneurin Bevan – A member suggested that a letter be sent to Mrs Paget and Mr Hayman expressing the Council’s thanks for giving a very comprehensive presentation. Councillor Davies expressed his thanks for them agreeing to sign the Motor Neurone Charter. A member expressed his thanks to them for answering his questions on Mental Health provision and he was grateful for the discussion.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be confirmed as a true record.

(ii) that a letter be sent to Judith Paget Chief Executive Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Mr Julian Hayman from Aneurin Bevan expressing the Council’s thanks for a very comprehensive presentation. Councillor Davies would like the letter to express his thanks for

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agreeing to sign the Motor Neurone Charter. The letter should thank them for answering questions on the Mental Health provision in the borough.

395. **Policy & Finance**

Members received the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee be confirmed as a true record.

396. **Planning & Environment**

Members received the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee be approved as a true record.

397. **Events**

Members received the minutes of the Events Committee held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Deputy Leader expressed his thanks to the staff for organising and attending the Eisteddfod and stated that thought the event was very successful.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that the minutes of the Events Committee be approved as a true record.  
(ii) that staff be thanked for organising and attending the eisteddfod.

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398. **Christmas Trees/Christmas Lights**

Members received a report from the Finance and Events Manager in respect of Christmas Trees and Lights and the provision of additional Christmas tree(s) in Abersychan and other ward(s). The Finance Manager stated that she had met with a representative from SSE and an officer from Torfaen County Borough Council that afternoon and she was awaiting costs from them regarding placement of a Christmas Tree in the Abersychan Ward. A discussion took place and it was recommended that the item of Christmas

trees and lights be passed to the Events committee for discussion and the formation of a policy on a fair distribution of trees and lights throughout Pontypool and that the Policy can be brought back to Full Council at a later date for approval.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that the information about the siting of a Christmas tree in Abersychan be noted.

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(ii) that the item of Christmas trees and lights be passed to the Events Committee for discussion and the formation of a policy on a fair distribution of trees and lights throughout Pontypool and that the Policy can be brought back to Full Council at a later date for approval.

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399. **Party in the Park**

Members received the minutes of the Party in the Park working group held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Party in the Park working group be approved as a true record.

400. **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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401. **Date of Annual meeting of the Council**

Members were asked to approve the change of date of the Annual meeting of the Council from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the date of the Annual meeting of the Council be changed from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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402. **Playing Field Regulations Consultation**

Members received a reply from Torfaen's Community Environment Neighbourhood Services in relation to the Playing Field Regulations Consultation.

**RESOLVED**: that the information be received and noted.

403. **Welsh Government**

Members received information in relation to the 2019-20 funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements to address core themes of community engagement, increasing citizen participation and engagement in local democracy. The Deputy Leader proposed that a small working group be created and that any proposals relating to the above made at those meetings be passed on to the Welsh Government before the closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The following members agreed to form a working group: Leader, Deputy Leader and the Vice Chair of Planning and Environment.

**RESOLVED**: that a small working group be created and that any proposals relating to the above at those meetings be passed on to the Welsh Government before the closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The following members agreed to form a working group:

Leader, Deputy Leader and the Vice Chair of Planning and Environment.

404. **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.**

405. **Establishment**

(a) Members received the minutes of the Establishment Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

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(b) Members were asked to receive and approve the redundancy policy for Pontypool Community Council.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that minutes of the Establishment Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be approved.

(ii) that the Community Council redundancy policy be approved.

406. **Task Force Management Group**

Members received the minutes of the Task Force Management Group.

**RESOLVED:** that minutes of the Task Force Management Group be approved.

407. **Planning and Environment**

Members were asked to approve minute 380 of the Planning and Environment meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that minute 380 of the Planning and Environment meeting be approved.

Chair of Council













