

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2019

In attendance:

Councillor M. Ford (In the Chair)

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

Officers in attendance: Ms J. Wright, Mrs C. Challenger

417. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

418. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Byrne, G. Davies, Mrs E. Hunt, D. K. James, Mrs J.E. Jones, B. Rapier, N. Simons, B. M. Taylor JP and J. G. Taylor

RESOLVED: that the Apologies be noted.

419. **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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420. **Chairman's Announcements**

28th March 2019

One Voice Wales Innovative & Practice Awards held at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells

Attended by Leader and Deputy Leader, Assistant Clerk and Ms C. Takel, Chair of Youth Council and Mr C. Jones

5th April 2019

Pontypool Community Council Annual Dinner

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

RESOLVED: that the Councillors be thanked for attending the event on behalf of the Council.

421. **Full Council**

Members received and considered the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27th March 2019. The minutes were approved subject to Councillor N. Byrne being taken out of the body of the minutes and added to the list of apologies as he was not present at the Council meeting.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 27th March 2019 be approved subject to the amendment as outlined above.

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422. **Policy & Finance**

Members received the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on the 10th April 2019.

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

423. **Planning & Environment**

Members received the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on the 17th April 2019. The Vice-Chair of Planning referred to minute 416 Doggy Bins stating that some time ago she thought the Clerk had made reference to allowing only two Doggy Bins per ward and was this still the case. The Acting Clerk said she could not recall but would seek out more information and let the Vice-chair of Planning know.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee be approved as a true record.

(ii) that the Acting Clerk seek more information in respect of the question raised by the Vice-Chair of Planning & Environment.

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424. **Youth Festival/Working Party**

Members received the minutes of the Youth Festival Working party meeting held on the 20th March 2019. The Vice-Chair of Events asked for her thanks to be recorded in the minutes to the Assistant Clerk and Events Officer in respect of all the work undertaken so far in relation to this event.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Youth Festival/Working Party be received and noted with thanks to the Events Officer and Assistant Clerk.

425. **Youth Council**

Council received the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on the 20th March 2019. The Leader thanked the Deputy Leader and the Assistant Clerk for their hard work in contributing to the success of the One Voice Wales Innovative Youth Engagement award won by the Council.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Youth Festival be received and the information noted.

426. **Credit Card**

The Council approved payment by credit card for the following item:

Advertising on Facebook for Party in the Park and the Cavalcade. Council usually spend around £40.00 for each event.

RESOLVED: that the payment on the Council Credit as outlined above be approved and the information noted.

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427. **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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428. **Governors**

Councillor Mrs R. Matthews informed Council that she wished to relinquish her position as a governor on Penygarn Community Primary School due to not having the time to commit to it. Members accepted this and it was agreed that Torfaen Governor Support be informed to this effect.

RESOLVED: that Torfaen Governor Support be informed that Councillor Mrs R. Matthews has relinquished her seat on Penygarn Community Primary School.

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429. **Planning Aid Wales - Free Workshop for Community and Town Councils**

Members received an e-mail from Ms D. Cummings, Senior Business Support Officer at Torfaen County Borough Council in respect of the Free workshop for Community and Town Councils in respect of Planning Aid Wales. The Vice-Chair of Planning informed the meeting that she had already booked a place on the course and states that she had attended these workshops in the past which are extremely useful and beneficial. It was agreed that if any other members wished to attend to let the office know.

RESOLVED: that if any members wished to attend the above event then to inform the office.

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430. **One Voice Wales**

The Council received the following information from One Voice Wales:

- (i) Guidance on payments to Members of Community and Town Councils
- (ii) One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Event to be held on the 15th May 2019

- (iii) Details of training sessions including overview modules that are being put on by One Voice Wales.

It was agreed that the Deputy leader and the Clerk attend the One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint event on the 15th May subject to her being well enough to attend, otherwise the Assistant Clerk or Acting Clerk to attend in her place.

RESOLVED: that the Deputy Leader and the Clerk attend the One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Event on the 15th May as detailed above.

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431. **Poverty and Play**

The Council received a financial request from Mr J. Davenne, Torfaen Play Service manager in respect of poverty and play. It was agreed in the first instance that more information needed to be sought before the Council was able to make a decision. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Davenne asking how much the other community councils in Torfaen are contributing this year and how many play schemes there are in Cwmbran compared to Pontypool and this be brought back as an item on the next Council meeting for the Council to decide the financial contribution to be awarded.

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to the Torfaen Play Service Manager as outlined above.

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432. **Seafarers UK**

The Council received a formal invitation from Seafarers UK asking for the Council to support this year's campaign. It was agreed that a letter be sent back to Mr N. Harvey, Campaigns Manager explaining that the Community Council does not have a flagpole however the Chair participates every year in the flag-hoisting ceremony that is held at the Civic Centre in Torfaen.

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to Seafarers UK as outlined above.

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433. **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.

434. **Establishment**

The Council was asked to approve minutes 404 – 407 of the Full Council meeting held on the 27th March 2019.

RESOLVED: that minutes 404 – 407 of the Council meeting held on the 27th March 2019 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Chair of Council

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