

**QUICK NOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE FULL  
COUNCIL OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD REMOTELY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON  
WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2022 AT 6.30PM**

**NB the full minutes will be published in due course**

**In attendance:**

Councillor: Giles Davies (in the Chair)

and Councillors: Elaine Chilcott JP, Matt Ford, Lizzie Hunt, Gaynor James, Nick Jones, John Killick, Jonathon Martin, Rose Matthews, Richard Overton, Norma Parrish, Ben Rapiér

Officers: Richard Gwinnell (Acting Clerk), Jane Wright (Assistant Clerk) and Lisa McMail (Accountant)

Also in attendance:

Katie Jenkins, Electoral Participation Officer – Torfaen County Borough Council

Min No	Subject and Decision	Action
339.	<p><b><u>Questions from the Public</u></b></p> <p>No questions had been received from the public.</p>	
340.	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nick Byrne, Lynda Clarkson, Janet Jones, Nick Simons, Jackie Taylor and Barry Taylor JP</p>	
341.	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>Councillors Giles Davies, Gaynor James, Nicholas Jones, John Killick, Richard Overton and Norma Parrish declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they were members of TCBC, as well as being members of Pontypool Community Council.</p> <p>Councillor John Killick also declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in the request for a representative on the Mymydd Maen Liaison Group, as he had already been invited to serve on that group as a member of TCBC.</p>	JW

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**Electoral Participation**

Katie Jenkins (KJ) gave a brief presentation on her work as Electoral Participation Officer (EPO). This primarily involved helping young people to register to vote and encouraging them to vote (since the change in the law to enable 16 and 17 year olds to vote in Welsh elections). She was visiting schools, colleges, youth clubs etc to speak to young people and help them register to vote, as well as promoting registration via social media.

**RESOLVED:** that the information relayed by Katie Jenkins, Electoral Participation Officer at Torfaen be noted.

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**Council Meeting – 15 December 2021 – Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 December 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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**Policy & Finance Committee – 5 January 2022 – Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** (1) that the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 5 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair (2) that the recommendations of the committee be adopted, except for the recommendation that Anne Evans (Torfaen Voluntary Alliance) be invited to the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting and (3) that Anne Evans be invited to a future Council meeting instead.

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**Events Committee – 19 January 2022 – Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Events Committee held on 19 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair and that the recommendations of the committee be adopted.

A member asked whether Pontypool Active Living Centre was available in the third week of May for the Schools Eisteddfod. The Acting Clerk undertook to let members know as soon as possible.

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**Budget and precept 2022/2023**

**RESOLVED:** that the Council approve a budget and precept of £715,987 for 2022/23 (this equates to a 2.8% or £1.48 per annum increase in Council Tax at Band D, with a Band

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- D equivalent charge of £54.33 per household) and Torfaen County Borough Council be informed to this effect.
347. **Accessible Roundabout and Extension of Playground at Pontypool Park**
- RESOLVED:** that relevant TCBC officers be asked to liaise with each other and secure the purchase and installation of PCC's agreed roundabout; that PCC pay the funds granted (£16,425) to TCBC for this purpose if needed; that PCC pay additional sums if needed (in the region of £2,000) from the play equipment reserve; that the £5,000 for future maintenance of the new roundabout be kept in a reserve for that purpose; and that TCBC be informed of the funds available for future maintenance of the PCC roundabout.
348. **Ethics and Standards Committee Community Councillor representative**
- RESOLVED:** that the update be noted.
349. **Change of signatories for Gateway Credit Union**
- RESOLVED:** that the signatories on the Gateway Credit Union account be changed; from Ruth Tucker, Barry Taylor and Giles Davies; to Giles Davies, Gaynor James and Lisa McMail.
350. **Planning Applications**
- Members received and considered details of planning applications submitted to TCBC, on which the Community Council was being consulted.
- RESOLVED:** that the observations (or absence of observations, as the case may be) outlined in the appendix attached to these minutes be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council.
351. **Planning applications: Plenary Powers**
- Members received the list of observations made on planning applications between meetings, under plenary powers.
- RESOLVED:** that the observations outlined be approved.

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**Mynydd Maen Wind Farm Community Liaison Group**

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Lyn Clarkson be asked to represent PCC on the liaison group; that other members be asked to volunteer to do so, if Councillor LC did not wish to do so; and that Councillor JK represent PCC on the liaison group, if no one else volunteered to do so.

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Signed by Chair

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**PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**Declarations of Interest**

**MEETING: FULL COUNCIL**  
**DATE: Wednesday 26 January 2022**

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>
Councillor Giles Davies	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.
Councillor Gaynor James	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.
Councillor Nick Jones	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.
Councillor John Killick	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of

	<p>TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.</p> <p>Item 14 on the agenda as the Torfaen County Borough Council nominated representative for Mynydd Maen wind Farm Community Liaison Group.</p>
Councillor Richard Overton	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council
Councillor Norma Parrish	A personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council