

**QUICK NOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE PLANNING  
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON  
TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022 AT 5.30PM**

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

**In attendance: (all using Teams)**

Councillor: Gaynor James (In the Chair)

and Councillors: Elaine Chilcott JP, Giles Davies, John Killick and Richard Overton

Officers: Richard Gwinnell (Acting Clerk) and Jane Wright (Assistant Clerk)

Also in attendance: Mr Dave Leech (Chief Officer, Communities, Customer Service & Digital at TCBC)

Observing (not members of the committee): Councillors Nicholas Jones and Norma Parrish

*The meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes as agreed by Members.*

Min No	Subject and Decision	Action
403.	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>  Councillors Lynda Clarkson, Keith James and Jackie Taylor	JW
404.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>  Councillors Giles Davies, 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.	JW
405.	<b><u>COVID Recovery Fund</u></b>  The Chair welcomed Mr Dave Leech (Chief Officer, Communities, Customer Service & Digital at TCBC) to the meeting to talk about the COVID Recovery Fund: Town	

	<p>Centre Enhancement.</p> <p>Although members were in favour of improving Pontypool Town Centre as DL had illustrated, they raised several concerns in relation to the maintenance of street furniture (especially the ward member for Pontypool who had personally spent a lot of time over the last 5 years maintaining these pots herself and had received a lot of complaints from traders over the years regarding these planters). Concerns were expressed as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planters used as glorified ashtrays</li> <li>• Traders complain about the condition of planters outside their shops</li> <li>• Constantly need weeding and deadheading flowers.</li> <li>• Children jump on pots and use trees to swing on.</li> <li>• Who is going to maintain the planter/pots going forward including watering them and weeding them to avoid future problems?</li> </ul> <p>DL stated that in terms of the maintenance he understood entirely the issues raised and why members were concerned; he asked if he could put a maintenance plan in place in liaison with Street scene to establish what they can and cannot provide and fill in any vacant gaps and circulate this before PCC's next Council meeting on 16 March, would the Community Council be prepared to support this.</p> <p><b><u>RECOMMENDED*</u></b>: that Pontypool Community council support the proposed town centre enhancements, subject to DL providing a comprehensive maintenance plan.</p>	
406.	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b></p> <p>Members received and considered details of planning applications submitted to TCBC, on which the Community Council was being consulted.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b>: 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.</p>	CP
407.	<p><b><u>Planning Determinations</u></b></p> <p>Members received and noted Torfaen County Borough Council planning determinations including reasons for</p>	

	<p>approvals or refusals.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b>: that the planning determinations be noted.</p>	CP
408.	<p><b><u>Plenary Powers</u></b></p> <p>Members received planning application observations made under plenary powers.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b>: that observations, as outlined be approved.</p>	CP
409.	<p><b><u>Plant a tree for the Jubilee</u></b></p> <p>The Committee received a reply from TCBC Ecologist Steve Williams in relation to the most suitable location for the siting of a tree for the Queen's Jubilee. He had suggested a suitable location to be any urban park that is well known for its treescape - Pontypool Park is the most obvious one but should PCC's boundary extend to Abersychan then Glansychan park is also a good option. There was also Panteg Park in the South.</p> <p><b><u>RECOMMENDED*</u></b>: that three trees be planted in Pontypool Park, Glansychan Park and Panteg Park (one in each) with £1000 being taken from reserves to cover the additional costs.</p>	AA/RC

- \* This is a recommendation to the Council. The Council will make the final decision at a future meeting.

**PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED PONT-Y-PŴL**  
**Declarations of Interest**

**MEETING: PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**  
**DATE: Wednesday 8 March 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
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