

**QUICK NOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON
WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022 AT 6.30PM**

NB the full minutes will be published in due course

In attendance:

Councillor: Matt Ford (in the Chair)

and Councillors: Elaine Chilcott JP, Lizzie Hunt, Gaynor James, Keith James, Nicholas Jones, John Killick, Jonathon Martin, Rose Matthews, Richard Overton, Norma Parrish and Ben Rapier and Nick Simons

Officers: Cindy Challenger (Finance & Events Manager), Lisa McMail (Accountant) and Jane Wright (Assistant Clerk)

Also in attendance: Anne Evans, Torfaen Voluntary Alliance

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

Min No	Subject and Decision	Action
423.	<u>Questions from the Public</u> No questions had been received from the public.	
424.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nick Byrne, Giles Davies, Janet Jones, Barry Taylor JP and Jackie Taylor. Council awarded special dispensation to Councillors Janet Jones, Barry Taylor JP and Jackie Taylor after letters were read out in relation to their apologies.	
425.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillors Gaynor James, Keith 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.	

426.

Torfaen Voluntary Alliance (TVA) Grants Proposal

The Chair welcomed Ms Anne Evans from Torfaen Voluntary Alliance. Ms Evans explained that unfortunately the Grants Proposal scheme has been put on hold until the new financial year. The reason being that TVA received late funding for small grant schemes from the Welsh Government as part of the covid recovery package and winter pressure fund so rather than it clash with other community grants they have left it on hold until the new financial year where they will be revisiting it at that time. She therefore provided the Council with an update of where TVA are at present. TVA has

- 421 community group members
- Recently developed a Torfaen Connects Platform in partnership, in addition to an
- Integrated Well Being Network (IWN) programme, led by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board who have given TVA the go ahead to run it.

RESOLVED:

(i) that Ms Anne Evans from TVA be thanked for attending the meeting.

(ii) the Council look forward to partnership working with TVA in the future.

427.

Council Meeting – 23 February 2022 – Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

428.

Policy and Finance Committee – 2 March 2022 - Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 2 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair; and that the recommendations of the committee be adopted.

429.

Planning and Environment Committee – 8 March 2022 - Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 8 March 2022 be

confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair; and that the recommendations of the committee be adopted.

430. **Events Committee – 8 March 2022**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Events Committee held on 8 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair; and that the recommendations of the committee be adopted.

431. **One Voice Wales**

RESOLVED: that the Council renews its membership with One Voice Wales at a cost of £6086.

432. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

RESOLVED: that the Council note the IRP Report for the year ahead.

433. **Local Voluntary Funding**

The committee considered the LVF applications (noting that all LVF applications had been checked by the F&E Manager):

RESOLVED: that the LVF applications outlined in the appendix attached to these minutes be approved.

434. **Risk Assessment**

The Council was asked to review the risk register for 2022. All members were happy with the updated information.

RESOLVED: that the Risk Assessment for 2022 be approved.

435. **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.

436. **Pontypool Youth Council Bank Account**

The Accountant informed members that the Pontypool Youth Council Bank account is not recorded as part of the Council's bank account, therefore she was recommending to Council that the account be closed with the remaining balance on the account being transferred to the Pontypool Community Council current account and set aside in a earmarked reserve for the youth.

RESOLVED: that the Pontypool Youth Bank account be closed as outlined above.

437. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - 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.

438. **Establishment Committee – 2 March 2022 - Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the confidential minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, and that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

439. **Establishment Committee – 16 March 2022**

The Chair gave a verbal update on the motion passed at the Establishment meeting prior to Council.

RESOLVED: that the information outlined by the Chair be noted.

440. **Update on Clerk**

The Chair read out a letter by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted and acted upon.

Signed by Chair

PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Declarations of Interest

MEETING: FULL COUNCIL
DATE: Wednesday 16 March 2022

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>
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 Keith 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 TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council.
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.

