

QUICK NOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER AT 5.30 PM

NB: Full minutes will be published in due course

In attendance:

Councillor: Jon James # (In the Chair)

and Councillors: Lynda Clarkson#, Anne Gunter#, Gaynor James#, Richard Overton#, Nick Jones* (Observer) Nathan Warren#

Officers: Lisa McMail (Clerk)#, J Wright# (Assistant Clerk)

* *Attending remotely via Microsoft Teams*

Attending physically in the Council Chamber

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

Min No	Subject and Decision	Action
258.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Councillors Nick Byrne and Caroline Price gave apologies for absence.	
259.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillors Lynda Clarkson, Gaynor James, Jon James 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 members of Pontypool Community Council.	JW
260.	<u>Biodiversity Plan</u> The Clerk informed the Committee that a Biodiversity Plan had been put in place in 2019 which now needed reviewing. (review due every 3 years). She had met with some members in a small working group before the Planning & Environment meeting. <u>Recommended:</u> that the information in relation to the Biodiversity Plan be noted; with a presentation from the Clerk being presented to the January Planning & Environment meeting.	LM/ AA

261.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>Members received and considered the list of planning applications on which it was being consulted by Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC).</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u> that the observations (or absence of observations as the case may be) as outlined in the appendix to these minutes be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council.</p>	JW/ CP
262.	<p><u>Planning Determinations</u></p> <p>Members received and noted Torfaen County Borough Council planning determinations including reasons for approvals or refusals.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the planning determinations as outlined be noted.</p>	JW/ CP
263.	<p><u>Committee Budget</u></p> <p>The Committee received the budget (and reserves) within its remit and the spend to date.</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.that the Committee note the spend to date; ii.Clerk to investigate maintenance costs for notice boards. 	LM/ CC
264.	<p><u>Cwmffrwdor Primary school</u></p> <p>The Committee received a request from the Headteacher at Cwmffrwdor Primary School asking if she and the pupil group of Eco-Committee members could attend a Council meeting to discuss the issue of dog/litter bins in the local area.</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u> that the Headteacher and the pupil group of Eco-Committee members be invited to a future Council/Committee meeting as per their request.</p>	LM/ JW
265.	<p><u>Varteg Community Wood</u></p> <p>The Committee received a report on Varteg Community Wood and an e-mail from Steve Williams, Torfaen County Borough Council's Ecologist. It was agreed that a joint project be investigated with Torfaen County Borough Council and Gwent Wildlife Trust.</p>	

	<p><u>Recommended:</u> that the information be received and noted.</p>	
266.	<p><u>Christmas Trees</u></p> <p>The following motion had been given due notice by Councillor Anne Gunter:</p> <p>“To propose planting Christmas tree(s) to reduce budget and seek advice on suitable location(s) for siting and best time to plan same.</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u> that the motion be approved and a more detailed report be brought back to the Planning & Environment Committee for further deliberation.</p>	LM/ RC
267.	<p><u>Play Equipment</u></p> <p>The Committee received an update on the installation of accessible roundabout and trampoline at Pontypool Park from Henrietta Lucas, Senior Landscape Officer at Torfaen.</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u> that the Committee note the information.</p>	

Signed by Chair

PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Declarations of Interest Declared

MEETING: PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

DATE: Wednesday 9TH November 2022

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>	<u>Signed</u>
Councillor Lynda Clarkson	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.	Yes
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.	Yes
Councillor Jon 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.	Yes

