

**QUICKNOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF PONTYPOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER AT 6.30PM**

In attendance:

Councillor: Matt Ford# (in the Chair)

and Councillors: Lyn Clarkson*.Nathan Warren#, Gaynor James#, Jon James#, John Killick#, Rose Matthews#, Nick Byrne#, Jonathon Martin#, Jon Horlor*, Anne Gunter*, Lizzie Hunt#, Jools Rogers*, Bob Rogers*, Nick Jones*, and Caroline Price#

Officers: Lisa McMail (Clerk)#, Annette Ambrosen (Events Officer)#and Rebecca Cronin* (Events Officer).

* 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
208	<u>Questions from the public</u> No public questions were received.	
209.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Giles Davies and Nick Simons	AA
210.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillors Lyn Clarkson, Gaynor James, Jon James, Rose Matthews Jon Horlor and Nick Byrne 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.	LM
211.	<u>Myfanwy Hancock Poetry Trail</u> Council welcomed Ms Jenni Crane from the BBC and her sister Ms Jo Crane (Griffithstown Primary School) to the chamber. Ms Crane presented a PowerPoint presentation on Myfanwy Haycock and discussed the proposal of the Council funding a Myfanwy	

	<p>Haycock poetry trail in Pontypool Park.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Council fund in full the Myfanwy Hancock Poetry trail in Pontypool Park plus associated annual costs of the App.</p>	
212.	<p><u>Council Meeting – 28th September 2022</u></p> <p>Members approved the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 September 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 September be approved.</p>	
213.	<p><u>Policy and Finance Committee – 5 October 2022 - minutes</u></p> <p>The Chair of Policy and Finance stated that Min number – 195 policies - had a small typo error – it should read:</p> <p>Record of reportable injuries.</p> <p>Members approved the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee – 5 October 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting be approved with the amendment to min number 195 as above.</p>	
214.	<p><u>Events Committee – 12 October 2022</u></p> <p>The Events officer updated members on Minute number 206 – decoration of Santa’s Grotto -.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the update on min number 206 be noted. (ii) that the minutes of the Events Committee held on 12 October 2022 be approved. 	
215.	<p><u>Policy and Finance Meeting – 7 September 2022</u></p> <p>The Clerk stated that she had received 6 signatures in order to rescind minute number 157 of the Policy and Finance Meeting 7 September 2022 which was subsequently approved by Council on 28 September 2022 regarding awarding the Grounds Maintenance grants. All clubs will now receive a grant per pitch as stated in the current grant criteria.</p>	

	<p>RESOLVED: that minuted number 157 of the Policy and Finance Meeting 7 September 2022 be rescinded. All clubs will now receive a grant per pitch.</p>	
216.	<p><u>Establishment Committee Vacancy</u></p> <p>The Council were asked to appoint a member to the vacant position on the Establishment Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that Councillor Nick Jones was recommended to be appointed onto the Establishment Committee. (ii) Councillor Johnathan Martin be appointed onto the Appeals Committee. 	
217.	<p><u>Planning and Environment and Events Committee</u></p> <p>Members were asked to appoint an additional member to serve on Planning and Environment and Events Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that Councillor Nick Jones would share the appointment with Councillor Richard Overton. (ii) if both Councillors attended the same meeting only one would be allowed to vote. 	
218.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>Members received and considered details of planning applications submitted to TCBC, on which the Community Council was being consulted. No observations were raised on any of the applications.</p> <p>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.</p>	
219.	<p><u>Planning Applications: Plenary Powers</u></p> <p>Members received the list of observations made on planning applications between meetings, under plenary powers.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the observations outlined be noted.</p>	
220.	<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 be noted.</p>	
221.	<p><u>Christmas Tree and Lights.</u></p> <p>The Council approved a report on Christmas Trees.</p> <p>It was stated about the cost of the trees and the Chair stated that this was already being looked into for subsequent years.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the report on Christmas Trees be approved.</p>	
222.	<p><u>Welsh Government Consultation</u></p> <p>Members received a letter from the Deputy Director, Elections Division of the Welsh Government on modernising electoral administration and wider electoral reform in Wales.</p> <p>It was agreed that this item be placed on the November Full Council agenda to collate a reply.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the item be placed on the November Full Council agenda to collate a reply.</p>	
223.	<p><u>Review of the Community Areas and Community Electoral Arrangements</u></p> <p>Members received a letter from the Chief Executive of Torfaen County Borough Council regarding the review of the Community Areas and Electoral Arrangements.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that that Caroline Genever – Jones from Torfaen Council be invited to the November Council meeting to discuss this matter to gain clarity on the situation.</p>	
224.	<p><u>Vacancy for New Inn Upper ward</u></p> <p>The Clerk stated that 10 signatures were not received so the Council are free to Co-opt a member for this ward.</p> <p>Council agreed for this item to be placed on the November Full Council agenda.</p>	

	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> (i) that this item to be placed on the November Full Council agenda.</p>	
225.	<p><u>School Governor vacancy at George Street Primary School</u></p> <p>Members were asked to consider appointing a Community Council representative to the school governing body of George Street.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the former teacher be co -opted as a Ggovernor at George Street Primary School</p>	
226.	<p><u>Training Plan</u></p> <p>Members received an update from The Chair of Policy and Finance on recent training plan meetings ahead of the implementation data on of the 5th of November 2022.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> (i) that the update on the training plan be received. (ii) that the Chair of Policy and Finance be thanked for all her hard work on this matter. (iii) but the training plan be published on the council's website by the 5th of November.</p>	
227.	<p><u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u></p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public were 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.</p>	
228.	<p><u>Council Meeting</u></p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the confidential session of the council meeting held on the 28th of September 2022 be approved.</p> <p>The Chair offered his congratulations to the Finance on her appointment of this role</p>	

Chair

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

MEETING: Full Council

DATE: 26th October 2022

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>	<u>Signed</u>
Councillor Gaynor James	Any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council as a Torfaen member	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 Jon Horlor	Any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council as a Torfaen member	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 Lyn Clarkson	Any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council as a Torfaen member	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 Jon James	Any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council as a Torfaen member	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 Rose Matthews	Any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council as a Torfaen member	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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