

**QUICKNOTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE PLANNING
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2023**

In attendance:

Councillor: Jon James (In the Chair)

and Councillors: Nick Byrne, John Cox, Gaynor James, Nick Simons and Nathan Warren

Officers: Mrs L McMail and Mrs A Ambrosen

Other attendees: Ms Henrietta Lucas TCBC and Mr Kelvin Edwards TCBC

* *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
64	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies from Councillors Matt Ford, Anne Gunter and Richard Overton.	
65	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillors Jon James, Gaynor James, 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 members of Pontypool Community Council.	JW
66	<u>Play Equipment</u> Members welcomed Ms Henrietta Lucas, Senior Landscape Officer and Mr Kelvin Edwards from Torfaen's Economy Department to discuss opportunities to work together to enhance play equipment provision in the Pontypool area. RECOMMENDED i) that the Community Council work in partnership with Torfaen County Borough Council and in principal support for a new fence at Pantygasseg (financial details to be confirmed) ii) support in principle the new play area in Pontnewynydd and ask the Community Development Officer to look into funding streams that may be available to help.	LM CJ

67	<p><u>Biodiversity Plan/Working Party</u></p> <p>The Vice Chair gave an update on the Council’s Biodiversity plan. The Leader thanked the Vice Chair.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: that the information be noted</p>	
68	<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>RECOMMENDED: that the observations stated be submitted to Torfaen County Borough Council.</p>	CP
69	<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>RESOLVED: that the planning determinations be noted.</p>	CP
70	<p><u>Planning Applications Plenary Powers</u></p> <p>Members noted observations on planning applications which had already been submitted between meetings.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the plenary powers applications be noted</p>	CP
71	<p><u>Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm</u></p> <p>a) Members received the minutes of Mynydd Wind Farm Community Liaison Group meeting. It was agreed to revisit this item.</p> <p>b) Members received a request from Abertillery Town Council in relation to the Wind Farm application. It was agreed that Councillor Jon Cox and Councillor Lyn Clarkson discuss this item and if necessary, attend the informal meeting proposed by Abertillery Town Council.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED a) that the Council revisit this item in the future. b) that Councillor Jon Cox and Councillor Lyn Clarkson discuss this item and if necessary, attend the informal meeting proposed by Abertillery Town Council.</p>	LM LM

72	<p><u>Doggy Bins</u></p> <p>Members received a verbal update from the Clerk.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: i) that the Community Council look at relocating some bins to increase their efficiency. ii) that Mrs Sian Watkins be asked for a list of bins that Bron Afon own as well as TCBC owned bins.</p>	RC RC
73	<p><u>Noticeboards</u></p> <p>Members received a verbal update from the Clerk.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: i) Station Road new keyholder be contacted/ the Griffithstown Councillors to discuss this. ii) Griffithstown West – The Clerk report back to next meeting any updates on the need for a planning application to re site the noticeboard. iii) Griffithstown East - that Mrs A Ambrosen update Mrs R Cronin on the exact location of the noticeboard on St. Mary’s Street. iv) that a replacement noticeboard be purchased for the Pantygasseg ward. v) that a new noticeboard be looked at for Berry Close, New Inn.</p>	RC RC AA/RC RC RC
74	<p><u>Committee Budget</u></p> <p>Members received the budget and reserves within its remit and the spend to date.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: that the information be noted.</p>	LM
75	<p><u>Training relevant to the Planning Committee</u></p> <p>Members were informed of the following training opportunities: a) SLCC – Planning Summit (online) 5 July 2023 b) Planning Aid Wales – Planning Basics (online)</p> <p>Members are asked to contact the Clerk if they wish to attend these courses.</p>	LM

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

Signed by Chair

PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Declarations of Interest Declared

Planning and Environment Committee

14th June 2023

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Interest Declared</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Councillor 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.	Signed
Councillor Gaynor 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.	Signed
Councillor 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 members of	Signed

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