



19 February/Chwefror 2026

Dear Sir/Madam, Annwyl Syr/Fadam

You are hereby summoned to attend a multi-location meeting of **PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026.**

The meeting will be held remotely, using Microsoft Teams and physically for those who wish to attend the Council Chamber. Councillors have been provided with a link to attend the meeting. If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting remotely, please contact the Clerk of the Council (by e-mail or telephone) at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions at Council meetings and to speak in Welsh or English, provided that at least 3 working days' notice in writing of the question has been provided to the Clerk.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below and relevant papers are attached.

Gofynnir drwy hyn i chi fynychu rhith-gyfarfod **CYNGOR CYMUNED PONT-Y-PŴL AM 6.30 PM, DDYDD MERCHER 25 CHWEFROD 2026.**

Mae cynghorwyr wedi derbyn dolen i fynychu'r cyfarfod. Os yw unrhyw aelod o'r cyhoedd yn dymuno mynychu'r cyfarfod o bell, cysylltwch â Chlerc y Cyngor (trwy e-bost neu dros y ffôn) o leiaf 24 awr cyn y cyfarfod.

Mae gan aelodau o'r cyhoedd yr hawl i ofyn cwestiynau yng nghyfarfodydd y Cyngor, mae gan aelodau o'r cyhoedd hefyd yr hawl i siarad yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg, cyn belled ag y rhoddir tri diwrnod o rybudd ysgrifenedig o'r cwestiwn i'r Clerc.

Mae agenda'r cyfarfod wedi'i nodi isod ac mae papurau perthnasol ynghlwm.

Yours faithfully/ Yr eiddoch yn gywir

K J Smith

pp **Lisa McMail**

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL/CLERC I'R CYNGOR

A G E N D A

1. **Recording of meeting**
To approve the recording of the meeting.
2. **Questions from the Public**
To receive any questions from the public.
3. **Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
4. **Declarations of Interest**
Members are required to declare any interests they may have in any items on the Agenda.
5. **HDRC Project**
To welcome Officers from Torfaen County Borough Council to provide an update on the HDRC Project.
6. **Full Council Meeting – 28 January 2026**
To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28 January 2026 (attached: page(s) 1 – 6)
7. **Biodiversity Sub-Committee Meeting – 28 January 2026**
To confirm the minutes of the Biodiversity Sub-Committee meeting held on 28 January 2026 and to note financial recommendation B51 (attached: page(s) 7 – 11)
8. **Finance, Governance & Policy Committee – 4 February 2026 - Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the Finance, Governance & Policy Committee held on 4 February 2026 and adopt the recommendations of that committee (attached: page(s) 12 – 26)
9. **Planning Applications**
To receive and consider planning applications on which the Community Council is being consulted (attached: page(s) 27 – 28)
10. **Planning Determinations**
To receive information on planning applications which have already been determined for January 2026 (attached: page(s) 29 – 34)
11. **Planning Applications: Plenary Powers**
To note observations on planning applications which have already been submitted between meetings (attached: page(s) 35 – 36)
12. **Invitation to Cloverleaf Youth Meeting and Conference**
To receive an invitation from the Mayor of Bretten to attend the Cloverleaf Youth Meeting on 11-16 August 2026 (attached: page(s) 37 – 38)

13. **One Voice Wales National Awards 2026**

To receive and note the date of the One Voice Wales National Awards 2026 on 1 July 2026 (attached: page(s) 39 – 40)

14. **Local Councils' Partnership Committee Strategic Plan**

To receive and note the Local Councils' Partnership Committee Strategic Plan (sent separately).

15. **Llantarnam Grange Board Meetings**

To discuss and agree a representative to attend the Llantarnam Grange Board meetings.

16. **Outside Bodies**

To receive minutes from outside bodies as follows:

- (i) One Voice Wales National Executive Committee meeting held on 12 December 2025 (attached: page(s) 41 – 47)
- (ii) One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys Area Committee meeting held on 6 January 2026 (attached: page(s) 48 – 53)
- (iii) Local Councils' Partnership Committee meeting held on 14 January 2026 (attached: page(s) 54 – 63)
- (iv) Mic Morris Memorial Sporting Trust (attached: page(s) 64 – 66)

17. **Feedback from Members**

To receive feedback from Members on events/meetings attended during February:

Date Attended	Meeting/Event	Attendee
5 February 2026	Boundary Commission Meeting	Cllr A Peploe
11 February 2026	OVW Larger Local Councils Committee	Cllr A Peploe
17 February 2026	Pontypool Community Groups	Cllr A Peploe
23 February 2026	Torfaen Annual Volunteer Awards	Cllrs A Peploe/ G James

18. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

To note the miscellaneous correspondence forwarded to Members during February:

Date Sent	Subject	Recipients
3 February 2026	GCN Weekly Newsletter	All Members
10 February 2026	GCN Weekly Newsletter	All Members
10 February 2026	Cwmavon Road, Blaenavon – Road Closure	All Members
13 February 2026	Population Needs Assessment - Join the Conversation!	All Members
13 February 2026	GCN Weekly Newsletter	All Members

Recording of Meeting

Recording of meeting to be stopped.

19. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admissions 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.

20. **Full Council Meeting – 28 January 2026**
To confirm the confidential minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28 January 2026 (attached: page(s) 67 – 70)

21. **Extraordinary Council Meeting – 11 February 2026**
To confirm the confidential minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 11 February 2026 (attached: page(s) 71 – 73)

22. **Accommodation Working Group Meeting – 11 February 2026**
To confirm the confidential minutes of the Accommodation Working Group meeting held on 11 February 2026 (attached: page(s) 74 – 75)

All Members

**MINUTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF PONTYPOOL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2026**

In attendance:

Councillor: A Peploe# (Chair)

Councillor(s): Cllr N Warren#, Cllr N Byrne*, Cllr L Clarkson#, Cllr J Cox#, Cllr A Gunter*, Cllr J Horlor*, Cllr E Hunt#, Cllr G James#, Cllr J James#, Cllr N Jones#, Cllr L Jones#, Cllr S Lang#, Cllr J Martin#, Cllr R Matthews#, Cllr C Price*, Cllr S Senior#

Officer(s): L McMail#, Clerk
M Watts#, Project and Events Manager (Minute Taker)

* Attending remotely via Microsoft Teams

Attending physically in the Council Chamber

Min. no.	Subject and Decision	Action
435.	<u>Recording of meeting</u> Members agreed that the meeting be recorded for minute taking purposes.	
436.	<u>Questions from the Public</u> No questions received.	
437.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies received from Councillor(s) R Overton, B Rogers and J Rogers.	
438.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillor(s) N Byrne, L Clarkson, G James, J James, C Price and R Matthews 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. <u>RESOLVED:</u> that the declarations of interest be recorded.	

439.	<p><u>Full Council Meeting – 10 December 2025 – Minutes</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 December 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 December 2025 be confirmed as a true record.</p>	
440.	<p><u>Finance, Governance & Policy Committee – 7 January 2026 – Minutes</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the Finance, Governance & Policy Committee minutes held on the 7 January 2026 and approve the recommendations of that committee.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the minutes of the Finance, Governance and Policy Committee held on 7 January 2026 be confirmed as a true record and recommendations adopted.</p>	
441.	<p><u>Planning & Environment Committee – 14 January 2026 – Minutes</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the Planning and Environment Committee minutes held on 14 January 2026 and approve the recommendations of that committee.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 14 January 2026 be confirmed as a true record and recommendations adopted.</p>	
442.	<p><u>Events Committee – 14 January 2026 - Minutes</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the Events Committee minutes held on 14 January 2026 and approve the recommendations of that committee.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the minutes of the Events Committee held on 14 January 2026 be confirmed as a true record and recommendations adopted.</p>	
443.	<p><u>Regeneration Operational Working Group – 14 January 2026 – Minutes</u></p> <p>Members were asked to approve the Regeneration Operational Working Group minutes held on 14 January 2026 and approve the recommendations of that committee.</p>	

	<p>NJ stated that there were still queries relating to minute R25 - whether Regen was the appropriate funding for a specific project. NJ stated that were another vote to take place in Full Council setting, then the votes against would still stand.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Regeneration Operational Working Group meeting held on 14 January 2026 be confirmed as a true record and recommendations adopted.</p>	
444.	<p>Budget and Precept 2026 - 2027</p> <p>Members were asked to approve the budget and precept for 2026-2027.</p> <p>It was stated that the budget and precept is proposed at £820,009.11 for 2026/27. This is based on a tax base of 13190 (number of equivalent properties) and an increase of 6%, it equates to £62.17 for a Band D property.</p> <p>A vote took place:</p> <p>In favour - 14 Cllr N Byrne Cllr L Clarkson Cllr J Cox Cllr A Gunter Cllr E Hunt Cllr J Horlor Cllr G James Cllr J James Cllr L Jones Cllr J Martin Cllr R Matthews Cllr A Peploe Cllr C Price Cllr N Warren</p> <p>Against - 3 Cllr N Jones Cllr S Senior Cllr S Lang</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) That the Council approve a budget and precept of £820,009.11 for 2026/27. Based on a tax base of 13190 (number of equivalent properties) and an increase of 6%, it equates to £62.17 for a Band D property. ii) Torfaen County Borough Council be informed to this effect. 	

445.	<p><u>Local Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP)</u></p> <p>Members were asked to receive and approve the NRAP 2026 report and action plan to be submitted to One Voice Wales.</p> <p>NW gave a brief explanation as to the report and action plan, plus further info on 2 nature related recommendations from the earlier Biodiversity Sub-Committee meeting for Council approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A recommendation to proceed with Phase 2 of the Swift Project. 2. A recommendation to approve £3000 of the Forest School Budget to be spent. <p>LC stated that the Officer CD should be thanked for all the hard work put into the above 2 projects</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) that the NRAP 2026 report and action plan be approved and submitted to One Voice Wales ii) that officers proceed with the Phase 2 Swift Project iii) that members approve the spend of the £3000 from the Forest School budget heading 	
446.	<p><u>Proposed Changes to OVW's programme of annual large events</u></p> <p>Members were asked to note the information received from the Chief Executive of OVW regarding the above.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the information is noted.</p>	
447.	<p><u>Torfaen Community Review</u></p> <p>Members were asked to note the information relating to TCBC's Community Review report.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the information in the Community Review report be noted.</p>	
448.	<p><u>Community Boundary Reviews</u></p> <p>Members were asked to note the dates for the OVW Community Boundary Review webinar and to nominate a councillor to attend.</p>	

	<p>Cllr A Peploe volunteered to attend on the first session, 5 February 6pm-7pm.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the dates be noted and Cllr A Peploe be booked on to the webinar on 5 February.</p>	
449.	<p><u>Feedback from Members</u></p> <p>Members were asked to provide feedback on events/meetings attended during January.</p> <p>The Chair gave further details including:</p> <p>An update that the OVW member fees were going to increase. Discussion was had on how this would affect the 26/27 budget. It is noted that there is suitable funds in this budget heading to account for this increase.</p> <p>Local Council Partnership Committee have developed a new strategic plan which the Chair hopes to share at the next Full Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the feedback is noted.</p>	
450.	<p><u>Miscellaneous Correspondence</u></p> <p>Members were asked to note the miscellaneous correspondence forwarded to them during January.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the information sent through to members is noted.</p>	
451.	<p><u>POLICY</u></p> <p><u>To review the following policies/procedures:</u></p> <p>The Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures was received.</p> <p>It was requested that the Lone working policy be deferred to the next FGP because further information and changes are required.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) that the Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures is approved ii) that the Lone working policy is deferred to FGP Committee. 	

452.	<p><u>GOVERNANCE</u></p> <p><u>Financial Regulations</u></p> <p>Members were asked to review points 19e and 19(f) of the Council's Standing Orders for accuracy in relation to agenda item 14(i).</p> <p>Cllr EH stated that in relation to both points as there is no Chair of Appeals then the wording should be changed to "Chair of Council".</p> <p>All present were in favour of this change.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that points 19e and 19f should be amended to read "Chair of Council".</p>	
	<p>The recording of the Council meeting was stopped at this point.</p>	
453.	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p>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.</p>	

Signed by The Chair

AGENDA ITEM 7

MINUTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE BIODIVERSITY & SUSTAINABILITY SUB COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th January 2026

In attendance:

Councillor: N. Warren# (In the Chair)

Councillors: J Cox#, S Lang#, L Clarkson#

Officers: Cath Drew# (Projects Officer, Officer and taking minutes)

* *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
B48.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received from Councillors C Price, N Jones, N Byrne, S Lang, and Rachel Edwards (TCBC).	
B49.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillor L Clarkson declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they are a member of TCBC, as well as a member of Pontypool Community Council. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u> : that the declarations of interest be recorded.	CD
B50.	<u>NRAP</u> Members received the revised report and action plan to consider prior to the meeting. Members were asked for comments, none were received. The Chair will also ask at Full Council 28 th January 2026 for comments, if there are no comments/amendments the report and action plan will be submitted to One Voice Wales as part of our Section 6 Duty. The action plan will be published on our website.	

	<p><u>RECOMMENDED*:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the Chair asks Full Council for comments on the report and action plan. ii. that the Projects Officer submits the report and action plan to One Voice Wales. iii. that the action plan is published on our website. 	<p>NW</p> <p>CD</p> <p>MW</p>
B51.	<p><u>Gwent Wildlife Trust</u></p> <p>Members received a presentation from Rob Magee (Gwent Wildlife Trust) outlining progress for year 1 of the project and the proposed actions for year 2.</p> <p>Members were pleased with the deliverables of year 1 and the proposal for year 2, therefore the first instalment for year 2 (£2,200) has been approved for the project to progress.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the £2,200 first instalment of year 2 be paid to GWT. 	<p>CD / CC</p>
B52.	<p><u>Varteg Community Woodland</u></p> <p>Members received a verbal update from the Projects Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Full Council approval of a contractor, the grassland management contract was awarded and work has commenced. • The Projects Officer attended the site with the contractors, the full report and recommendations were discussed and confirmed. • Another stakeholder meeting will be held early to mid-March to discuss next steps of the action plan. <p>Cllr L Clarkson mentioned how the work that is being carried out on the site has been noticed by the public, it was suggested that public awareness is important, and members agreed that a social media post would be beneficial to let know the local community know what work is being carried out.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the Projects Officer arranges a stakeholder meeting for early to mid-March. ii. that a social media post is published – raising awareness of the current grassland management 	<p>CD</p> <p>CD / MW</p>

	work.	
B53.	<p><u>Swift Project Phase 2</u></p> <p>Members received a report outlining the project plan for phase 2, which was submitted to LPfN as a funding bid. The bid was successful and the full amount has been granted, £6,240 has been received and earmarked specifically for this project.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the inclusion of House Martins in phase 2, the plan is to focus on areas where there have been known sitings of swifts.</p> <p>Phase 2 will also link up with Pontypool schools, swift resource packs (inc binoculars) will be provided, and this year's forest schools programme will incorporate a swift theme. A great collaborative and partnership aspect to the project.</p> <p>Members were asked to approve phase 2 of the project to proceed and that the £6,240 of project budget be allocated according to the project plan without the need to seek approval for individual products/services. Members approved for phase 2 to proceed and for the budget to be allocated according to the project plan.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. that phase 2 of the project proceeds. ii. that the budget is allocated according to the project plan. 	CD CD /CC
B54.	<p><u>Forest Schools 2025/2026</u></p> <p>Members received a verbal update from the Projects officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hannah Cubie approached PCC to enquire about running the programme again this year, she needs to know as she will need to book the facilitators in advance. • The cost was negotiated and CRT are willing to provide the programme for the same cost as previous years, therefore as this is £3,000 there will not be a required 	

	<p>to obtain 3 quotes.</p> <p>Members were asked if they are happy to proceed with the forest schools programme and partnership with the CRT. The budget that has been allocated for Forest Schools is £4,500.</p> <p>Members expressed delight about the programme and approved the spend of £3,000.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the Forest Schools programme with the CRT is booked at a cost of £3,000. ii. that the necessary arrangement are put in place for the transport of pupils to the forest schools. 	<p>CD / CC</p> <p>CD</p>
B55.	<p><u>Bee Friendly Town Status</u></p> <p>Members received a verbal update from the Projects Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and guidance have been sought in respect of applying for the status. • It would appear that we already have significant evidence towards making an application, therefore this has been scheduled into the Projects Officer's diary. • PCC now has an allocated mentor from the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) to support us through the process. • The status will result in PCC received an accreditation, a logo and inclusion on the national register for bee friendly towns. <p>The progress of this application will be discussed at the next Biodiversity and Sustainability meeting.</p>	
B56.	<p><u>Butterfly Conservation Voucher</u></p> <p>Members received a verbal update from the Projects Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We took part in a funding bid application with 'The Butterfly Conservation' last year, unfortunately they were unsuccessful in obtaining the funding for the project. • They kindly awarded us a £100 Naturescape voucher for taking part in the process. <p>Members were asked if the voucher can be used for a gift at one of the eco schools quiz events, this was agreed.</p>	

	<p><u>RECOMMENDED*:</u></p> <p>i. that the voucher is made available as a gift for one of the eco schools quiz events</p>	CD
B57.	<p><u>School Based Wildlife Garden Project Collaboration</u></p> <p>Members received aa verbal update from the Projects Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmbran Community Council (CCC) would like us to collaborate on a project working with LPfN to support schools in developing wildlife gardens. • This would be a supplement to our schools environment grant scheme and the eco schools programme by Keep Wales Tidy (KWT). • A meeting has been scheduled between us, CCC and LPfN to explore this potential collaboration more. <p><u>RECOMMENDED*:</u></p> <p>i. that the Projects Officer provides feedback on the collaborative project after the scheduled meeting.</p>	CD
B58.	<p><u>Budget</u></p> <p>Members received a report outlining the commitments to date, with £969.50 as the remaining balance.</p>	
B59.	<p><u>Biodiversity and Sustainability</u></p> <p>This item was not discussed.</p>	

* All recommendations to the Planning and Environment Committee.

Signed by Chair

AGENDA ITEM 8

**MINUTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE FINANCE,
GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2026**

In attendance:

Councillor: Lizzie Hunt (in the Chair)#

and Councillors: Jon Horlor*, Gaynor James*, Lisa Jones*,
Nick Jones*, Sarah Lang#, Jonathon Martin#,
Allan Peplow*, Nathan Warren*

Officers: Cindy Challenger#, Finance Manager
Cathryn Drew, Projects Officer#

* Attending remotely via Microsoft Teams
Attending physically in the Council Chamber

	<u>FINANCE ITEMS</u>	
461.	<u>Recording of Meeting</u> Members agreed that the Council meeting could be recorded for minute taking purposes.	
462.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received from Councillor(s) L Clarkson.	
463.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillor(s) J Horlor and G James declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they are members of TCBC, as well as being members of Pontypool Community Council. <u>RECOMMENDED*</u> : that the declarations of interest be recorded.	KS
464.	<u>Schedule of Receipts and Payments</u> The Committee was asked to approve the schedule of receipts and payments for November and December 2025. These payments have previously been authorised by the Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor Gaynor James and checked for accuracy by the Clerk and Finance Manager.	

	<p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the receipts and payments for November and December 2025 as shown in the report, be approved noting the information.</p>	CC
465.	<p><u>Use of Credit Card</u></p> <p>The Committee was requested to approve the credit card payments covering 12 November 2025 to 3 December 2025.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the payments made on the Council's credit card, as shown in the report for the above periods, be approved.</p>	CC
466.	<p><u>Financial Comparison and Earmarked Reserves</u></p> <p>The Committee was requested to consider the financial comparison report and earmarked reserves to the 31 December 2025.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the financial comparison reports and earmarked reserves be approved.</p>	CC
467.	<p><u>Local Voluntary Funding (LVF)</u></p> <p>The Committee was requested to approve the Local Voluntary Funding (LVF) applications in agenda item 7.</p> <p>The Chair stated that all applications had been checked and vetted by the Finance Manager.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: the LVF applications as outlined in agenda item 7 be approved.</p>	CC/AA
468.	<p><u>Requests for Financial Assistance</u></p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that requests for financial assistance has been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Traveller Education (ii) Pontymoile OAP Club (iii) Pontypool Golf Club (iv) Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Rehabilitation Centre (v) Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal 2026 (vi) Croesyceiliog Male Choir (vii) Jayne's Baby Bank 	

	<p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Traveller Education be awarded £900 from the wellbeing budget. (ii) Pontymoile OAP Club be awarded a grant of £550. (iii) Pontypool Golf Club be informed that they are not eligible for a grant as they are a company. (iv) Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Rehabilitation Centre be informed that their request was declined due to a change in our funding strategy. (v) Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal be awarded a grant of £200. (vi) Croesyceiliog Male Choir be awarded £500 from the wellbeing budget and also advise them to contact Cwmbran Community Council if they haven't already contacted them. (vii) Jayne's Baby Bank be informed that due diligence checks have been carried out they are not the type of organisation that should receive funding from PCC therefore their funding request was declined. 	CC/AA
469.	<p><u>Thank you letter(s)/acknowledgement(s)</u></p> <p>The Committee received and noted the thank you letter(s)/acknowledgement(s) from Victoria Village Hall, Abersychan.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the information be noted.</p>	
470.	<p><u>POLICY</u></p> <p><u>To review the following policies/criteria:</u></p> <p>Members were asked to review the business continuity plan.</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that during the appointment process for the new Clerk a question was asked why PCC did not follow the business continuity plan?</p> <p>The business continuity plan is to take place when the normal business of the Council cannot proceed and an amendment has been made to include the word "immediate" in front of resignation to make it clear as to when this policy should be used.</p> <p>Councillor N Jones advised they the question was along the lines of why the policies with regards to replacing staff shows no reference to the Full Council. The business continuity plan should not have been discussed without the knowledge</p>	

	<p>of the Full Council as this related to the most senior member of staff and that was the reason that clause was included in the plan. As a matter of course it should follow a meeting of the staff and calling of the Full Council to actually take that forward. That is the point on that, rather than to say they are actually missing and there should be a policy to follow that directly when PCC loses any senior member of staff.</p> <p>Cllr N Warren informed the meeting that they think this policy only comes into force or into effect if the Council are unable to fill their statutory duties and they think that there is a wider issue around the recruitment, particularly around the role of the Clerk, and that the recruitment policy should be reviewed and also the delegation of powers to the Establishment Committee.</p> <p>The Constitution always takes precedent over policy so if there is any confusion or clash between the two, the Constitution would always win. Therefore, there is a need to align the recruitment policy and the business continuity plan.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Business Continuity Plan be deferred until next month. (ii) the Constitution and Recruitment policy be included on next month's agenda. 	KS
471.	<p><u>Biodiversity and Sustainability</u></p> <p>How has this meeting contributed to the Council's duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems?</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that it was a hybrid meeting and Members had car shared.</p>	
	<p><u>Recording of Meeting</u></p> <p>The recording of the Council meeting was stopped at this point.</p>	

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

Signed by the Chair.....

FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & POLICY**4 FEBRUARY 2026****LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDING**

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor R. Matthews	£550.00 (PROJECT)	Pontypool Town AFC	To help pay the costs of winter training at West Mon plus the costs of hiring West Mon to play fixtures.
Councillor L. Jones	£1,000.00 (PROJECT)	Pontymoile Community Centre	To provide equipment and resources for a Youth Club and play sessions for families with young children.
Councillor R. Matthews and Councillor J. James	£1,000.00 (£500.00 each) (Summer PROJECT)	Royal Naval Association Torfaen Branch	Polo t-shirts for members trips throughout the summer for veterans.
Councillor J. James	£450.00 (PROJECT)	Cold Barn Farm	To fund Easter holiday hampers.
Councillor L. Jones	£500.00	Newport and Cwmbran Royal Engineers Association	T - shirts with logo and transport.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each) PROJECT	Pentwyn and Lethbridge Community Hall	Various costs relating to events for the community.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Abersychan Alexanders RFC	Help with running costs and equipment.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£400.00 (£100.00 each)	Abersychan Comprehensive School	For extracurricular activities.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Brynteg Community Hall	Help with running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Coedwedd Community Hub	Help with running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Cwmavon Village Hall	Help with running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£100.00 (£25.00 each)	Cwmavon WI	Help with running costs and hall hire.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Fairfield AFC Mini and Juniors	Help with running costs and equipment.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Fairfield United AFC	Help with running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox,	£400.00 (£100.00 each)	Friends of Garnteg PTA	Help with Extracurricular activities and equipment, environmental projects.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers			
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Garndiffaith 1 st Scouts Group	Help with equipment and running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Garndiffaith RFC mini and juniors	Help with running costs and equipment.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Garnsychan Partnership	Funding for food bank.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Garndiffaith RFC	Help with running costs and equipment.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Garndiffaith Bowls Club - me and women Team	Help with equipment and running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Garndiffaith Community Association	Help with running costs.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Talywain Community (exOAP) Hall	Assistance with running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£100.00 (£25.00 each)	Cake and Paws	Running costs such as hall hire
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£100.00 (£25.00 each)	Nifty Knitters	Help with running costs such as hall hire.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Noddfa Church Food Bank	Food bank items.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£100.00 (£25.00 each)	Old Time Dancers Club	Help with running cost and hall hire.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Talywain RFC mini and juniors	Help with running costs and equipment.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox,	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Talywain RFC	Help with running costs and equipment.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers			
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Varteg Community Association	Help with running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Victoria Village Community Hall	Help with running costs.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£100.00 £25.00 each)	Victoria Village Pensioners Club	Help with running costs and hall hire.
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Ysgol Bryn Onnen Primary School	To help with cost of running a Forest School session on a Tuesday
Councillor L. Clarkson, Councillor J. Cox, Councillor B. Rogers, Councillor J. Rogers	£100	Hoops There It Is Netball Club	To help purchase equipment
Councillor S. Senior and Councillor N. Jones	£5,000.00 (£2,500.00 each) (PROJECT)	Police	ANPR would allow the police to monitor all vehicles entering and leaving New Inn 24/7.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Friends of Fishpond Park Panteg	New bedding plants, maintenance and upkeep of paths.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	Panteg Food share	Running costs
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Panteg Cricket Club	To subsidise the cost of training and equipment, removing barriers to access.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Panteg AFC	To be put towards funding winter training.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Griffithstown Jnr AFC	To subsidise kit and maintain grounds and changing rooms.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Sebastopol Juniors AFC	To maintain the pitch and provide kit for the teams.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	New Panteg RFC	To maintain the pitch and provide kit for the team(s).
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	New Panteg Jnr RFC	To maintain the pitch and provide kit for the team(s)
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	PILCS FC	Maintenance of grounds, kit.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£200.00 (£50.00 each)	PILCS Darts Academy	Equipment.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£150.00 (£37.50 each)	Panteg Park Bowls	To repair, improve and maintain the grounds and club house.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£150.00 (£37.50 each)	Panteg Park Ladies Bowls	Maintenance and kit.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt,	£150.00 (£37.50 each)	Panteg House Bowls Club	The grant will be used to assist in the maintenance of the club and green, which we

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren			provide the labour and materials for.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£150.00 (£37.50 each)	Panteg House Ladies Bowls Club	Maintenance and kit.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£300.00 (£75.00 each)	Pontyfelin Bowls Club	Repairs to and maintenance of the green and site in general.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£100.00 (£25.00 each)	Torfaen Qigong	Running costs including hall hire.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£200.00 £50.00 each)	Torfaen Male Voice Choir	Running costs, ties and music.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£150.00 (£37.50 each)	Linden Singers	Running Costs.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£100.00 (25.00 each)	Mello 'D'	To subsidise music costs.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£350.00 (£87.50 each)	Griffithstown Allotment Association	Upkeep of allotment sites, support for allotment holders.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£150.00 (£37.50 each)	Canddo Project	Maintenance of shed.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£250.00 (£62.50 each)	Age Connects Torfaen (Widdershins)	Running costs and incidental expenditure.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£250.00 (£62.50 each)	Royal Navy Association	To help fund a standard dedication service.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£350.00 (£87.50 each)	St John Ambulance, Griffithstown	For hall maintenance.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£250.00 (£62.50 each)	1st Griffithstown Guides	Go towards census fees.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt,	£500.00 (£125.00 each)	1st Griffithstown Scouts	Repair and maintain the scout hall on Hill Street.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren			
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£250.00 (£62.50 each)	Griffithstown Rainbows	Go towards census fees for the unit.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£400.00 (£100.00 each)	Golliwopsies	Running costs and new toys.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£150.00 (£37.50 each)	Griffithstown Ladies Club	To subsidise running costs.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£100.00 (£25.00 each)	Congregational Church Women's Guild	Running costs.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£100.00 (£25.00 each)	Ennirocraft Crafting Club	It would go towards the rent for the use of Griffithstown Community Hall since, some weeks we don't take in enough to pay the rental, due to low numbers attending. We only charge £3 per head.
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£100.00 (£25.00 each)	Thrifty Fifties Quilters	To fund a speaker to teach a new skill at a meeting or a trip to a sewing place.

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor A. Gunter, Councillor E. Hunt, Councillor A. Peploe & Councillor N. Warren	£1,001 (£250.25 each) PROJECT	Panteg House Sports and Social	Towards the installation of new fire doors and upgrading the fire escape.

PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OPERATES UNDER THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

AGENDA ITEM 9

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Wednesday 25th February 2026

Planning Applications to be commented on

1	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0754	Griffithstown East	56 and 56A Windsor Road, Griffithstown, Pontypool.	

PROPOSAL: Conversion of shop to mixed use shop, meeting place, coffee house and internet café (sui generis use), installation of balcony and fenestration alterations.

2	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	26/P/0043	Pontypool	Public Convenience Hanbury Road, Pontypool.	

Proposed substantial demolition of existing building, retention and modification of front facade, for new cafe/restaurant (use class A3).

3	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	26/P/0044	Pontypool	Multistorey Car Park, Glantorvaen Road, Pontypool.	

PROPOSAL: Refurbishment works to existing multi-storey car park including vertical fin cladding, landscape works, internal lighting, EV charging points, and PV roof panels.

4	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	26/P/0048	Pontypool	Public Convenience, Hanbury Road, Pontypool.	

Proposed substantial demolition of existing building with retention and modification of front facade for new cafe/restaurant.

5	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	26/P/0052	New Inn Lower	10 Afon Close, New Inn, Pontypool.	

PROPOSAL: Two storey side extension and rear sun lounge.

6	<i>Plan Number</i> 26//0055	<i>District reference</i> Wainfelin	<i>Site reference</i> Glyn View, 1 Club Road, Tranch.	<i>Other reference</i>
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PROPOSAL: Variation of condition 2 to extend time limit of 21/P/0203/HH single storey rear extension with first floor balcony area, raised decking and new external staircase/store.

7	<i>Plan Number</i> 26/P/0064	<i>District reference</i> Pontnewynydd	<i>Site reference</i> Snatchwood View, Pontnewynydd, Pontypool.	<i>Other reference</i>
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PROPOSAL: Fell TPO trees T3.14, T3.15, T3.16 and T3.G2 as part of highway safety urgent works required to be carried out to on the roadside retaining wall to the west side of Snatchwood Road. The wall is in poor condition with various bulges and areas of damage, it is now in danger of collapse.

8	<i>Plan Number</i> 26/P/0072	<i>District reference</i> Abersychan and Cwmavon	<i>Site reference</i> 17 British School Close, Abersychan, Pontypool.	<i>Other reference</i>
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PROPOSAL: Reduce crown back towards boundary by 3m maximum at suitable lateral branches. Lift low foliage tips to 5m over 17/18. Remove dead or damaged branches over 17/18. Tree owner should have a full tree assessment carried out in order to meet their duty of care to neighbours.

AGENDA ITEM 10

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Planning Determinations

1	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0072	Griffithstown East	3 Charles Street, Pontypool	Griffithstown,

PROPOSAL: Change of use of Upper floor of Skippy's Bar, 3 Charles Street, Griffithstown into 1 no. 2-Bed Flat and 1 no. 3 Bed Flat, with minor changes to the fenestration.

Comment 03/03/25
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

2	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0093	Cwmynyscoy	Penyrheol Farm, Penyrheol	Cwrdy Lane,

PROPOSAL: A new side extension, replacing the existing workshop with internal re-configurations to the property.

Comment 17/03/25
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

3	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0556	St. Cadocs and Penygarn	Penygarn Primary, Road, Penygarn	Penygarn

PROPOSAL: Installation of 4no. 8m high LED floodlights for yard.

Comment 28/10/25
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

Decision 02/02/26

Approved.

8	Plan Number	District reference	Site reference	Other reference
	25/P/0684	Pontypool	12A Osborne Road, Pontypool, Torfaen	

PROPOSAL: Replace 2no. upstairs bedroom windows with white UPVC.

Comment 02/01/26

This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26

Approved.

9	Plan Number	District reference	Site reference	Other reference
	25/P/0705	Griffithstown West	5 Bryn Heulog, Griffithstown, Pontypool	

PROPOSAL: Garage Conversion to accommodate bedroom & level access shower for disabled person.

Comment 10/12/25

This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26

Approved.

10	Plan Number	District reference	Site reference	Other reference
	25/P/0708	Brynwern	4 Brynwern, Wern Hill, Pontypool	

PROPOSAL: Single storey extension to accommodate bedroom and level access shower for disabled child.

Comment 10/12/25

This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26

Approved.

11	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0715	Abersychan and Cwmavon	The Manse, Brynteg, Abersychan	

PROPOSAL: Raise garage roof and convert to annexe.

Comment 15/12/25
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

12	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0718	Abersychan and Cwmavon	75 Manor Road, Abersychan, Pontypool	

PROPOSAL: Raised platform and external stairs (retrospective).

Comment 15/12/25
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Refused.

REASONS:

1 The development, by virtue of its siting and unnaturally elevated height results in an awkward, unsympathetic and discordant addition which materially harms the character and appearance of the existing property and the surrounding area. This is contrary to Policy BW1 of the Torfaen Local Development Plan.

2 The development by virtue of its siting, design and unnaturally elevated height, results in an overbearing and unneighbourly form of development which adversely impacts on the living conditions of the property known as 77 Manor Road. This is contrary to Policy BW1 of the Torfaen Local Development Plan.

13	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0723	Abersychan and Cwmavon	Hillside, Victoria Road, Abersychan	

PROPOSAL: T1 - crown reduction by up to 4-6m at suitable lateral branches to reduce leverage, sail and overhang to house roof. Remove

dead or rubbing branches. T2 - 3-4m crown reduction and deadwood/rubbing branch removal specification.

Comment 02/01/26
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

14	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0748	Abersychan and Cwmavon	Willowdene, Stoney Road, Garndiffaith	

PROPOSAL: New front porch Part Single and Two Storey Extension to rear of property.

Comment 02/01/26
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

15	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0749	New Inn Upper	Land at South Pontypool Industrial Estate	

PROPOSAL: Full planning application for the construction of an Office Centre (B1 Use) and associated works.

Comment 02/01/26
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

16	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0757	Pontypool	9 Osborne Road, Pontypool, Torfaen	

PROPOSAL: Change of use of ground floor to a launderette.

Comment 02/01/26
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

17	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0773	Griffithstown West	The Greenway Club, Greenway Drive, Griffithstown	

PROPOSAL: Felling of T11 Ulmus glabra (Wych Elm) (TPO.7.T3) located to the south of the site, to the rear of Pinecrest on Greenway Drive.

Comment 06/01/26
This Council has no observations.

Decision 02/02/26
Approved.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Full Council

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Plenary Powers

1	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	25/P/0767	Garndiffaith and Varteg	Land Adjacent to 7 Top Road, Garndiffaith	

PROPOSAL: Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) and condition 6 (visibility splays) of planning permission 20/P/0652/FUL to allow changes to the layout, fenestration and design of the proposed dwelling. Proposal includes variations to the ground levels, the incorporation of a heat pump and solar panels to the roof.

Relocate Rear Access Door to Site Elevation Enlarge proposed French Doors to Rear and provide Bi-Fold Doors Reduce size of proposed Kitchen Window from 1800 mm to 1500 mm Remove Front Door Recess/Porch Area Provide Solar Panels to Roof Provide Heat Pump to Side Elevation Front Porch to be Supported on Gallow Brackets Reconfigure Ground Floor Utility and WC Reconfigure First Floor Bathroom and En suite.

This Council has no observations.

2	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	26/P/0025	New Inn Upper	2 Lodge Wood, New Inn, Pontypool	

PROPOSAL: Two storey, part single storey rear extension.

This Council has no observations.

3	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	26/P/0026	Sebastopol East	Widdishins Day Centre, East Avenue, Sebastopol	

PROPOSAL: Ground Mounted Solar Panels.

This Council has no observations.

4	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	26/P/0027	Pontypool	Crane Street, Pontypool, Torfaen.	

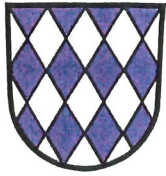
PROPOSAL: Works to: T2; (Willow), Coppice failed Willow in woodland. G3; Only 10% of group WG land, minor works required; prune back from building those trees in WG land to obtain 203m clearance. G4; Prune/Cut back any vegetation encroaching on top of retaining wall by 2-3m.

This Council has no observations.

5	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District reference</i>	<i>Site reference</i>	<i>Other reference</i>
	26/P/0028	Sebastopol West	Roof mounted solar panels.	

PROPOSAL: Roof mounted solar panels.

This Council has no observations.



Melanchthonstadt Bretten



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England

Bretten, 2. Februar 2026/vg

Invitation to the Cloverleaf Youth Meeting and Conference Weekend in Bretten

Dear Mr. Peploe,

I am very pleased that the youth meeting 2026 will take place in Bretten. I would like to cordially invite you and two other representatives of the city of Pontypool to the conference weekend in Bretten from **August 14 to 16, 2026**.

In preparation for the youth meeting, we have exchanged ideas with representatives of the four Kleeblatt partner cities on several occasions, including via video conferences. It was agreed that in future, a shorter youth week would be held from Tuesday to Sunday. In addition, up to three delegates from each partner city will be invited for the weekend to discuss topics related to the city partnership as well as a focus topic determined in advance.

We are delighted to welcome eight young people aged 14 to 17 and two supervisors to Bretten from **August 11 to 16, 2026**, for the youth meeting itself. A varied program awaits the young people. The theme for the week is:

"Have a say – help plan – get involved: youth participation in our cities."

In addition to getting to know each other, we are planning an interesting program that will give you the opportunity to get to know Bretten in greater depth. Together with the young people, we will focus intensively on the topic of youth participation in our cities on the Saturday of the conference and also visit projects in Bretten. At the joint closing evening, we will once again enjoy contributions from the youth groups and round off the weekend in a convivial atmosphere.

Ms Vogler will contact you shortly with further information. As the accommodation costs for both the young people and the representatives of the twin towns will be covered by the town of Bretten, we require a binding confirmation by the end of April indicating who will be travelling to Bretten in August 2026 so that the necessary reservations can be made..

I look forward to welcoming you to Bretten together with the young people.

Yours sincerely,



Nico Morast
Mayor

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Dear Council,

One Voice Wales National Awards Ceremony 2026

I am delighted to announce that One Voice Wales will be holding its National Awards Ceremony on **Wednesday 1 July 2026** at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground, Llanelwedd, near Builth Wells, LD2 3SY. We are grateful to **Unity Trust Bank** who have kindly agreed to be the main sponsors of the Awards Ceremony. **Please use this opportunity to mark this important date in your Council diaries.**

These awards are an opportunity for your Council to showcase the services it provides for its community, and an opportunity for Councillors, Clerks and Staff to receive the recognition they truly deserve. The entries will be used as an evidence base to inform Welsh Government, Unitary Authorities, the Third Sector and other key partners of the good work local Councils are doing in their communities across Wales and how they can support the work of the local Council sector in the future.

Attached you will find a **Nomination Guide 2026** (PDF) listing the award categories and details of how you can nominate your Council for these prestigious awards. For 2026, we have introduced an **on-line Application Form** which allows you to save the form and continue at another time, before submitting the form electronically. Further details of the new process and the Application Form are on our designated website page: [One Voice Wales National Awards 2026 - Application Form - One Voice Wales](#)

As in previous years, an independent panel made up from national representative bodies will undertake the assessment of the submitted Applications.

You will already be aware from previous communications from us that this year we are holding our annual National Awards Conference **as a special ceremony on the afternoon of our National Conference, which will be held on Wednesday 1 July 2026 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd.** As a change to the normal short-listing process, this year all Councils will be notified of their successes that afternoon.

During the special ceremony, all winners and runners-up will be presented with their awards and certificates. Hopefully, this will build up even more excitement and enthusiasm for our member Councils. We will be publishing a post-event report to be shared with local Councils and stakeholder organisations throughout Wales, as well as showcasing successful projects on our website and in our e-newsletter magazine. Furthermore, we will invite award-winning Councils to exhibit and display their successful projects as part of our Innovative Practice Conference (Wednesday 30 September 2026).

The closing date for entries is 30 April 2026.

Should you have any queries regarding our 2026 National Awards, please get in touch with Emyr John, Communications Officer: ejohn@onevoicewales.wales

I do hope that you will nominate your Council for an award and help One Voice Wales to highlight and promote the innovative practices that take place in local communities throughout Wales.

Yours sincerely,
Cllr. Mike Theodoulou,
Chair, One Voice Wales

ONE VOICE WALES

**Minutes of the meeting of the National Executive Committee
held remotely at 10.30 am on 12 December 2025**

Present

Councillor Mike Theodoulou (Chair of One Voice Wales) in the Chair.
Councillor Andrew Bailey (Wrexham/Flint)
Councillor Karen Coldrick (Brecon/Radnor)
Councillor Mike Cuddy (Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale of Glamorgan)
Councillor Elwyn Evans (Meirionnydd)
Councillor Malcolm Davies (RCT/Merthyr/Caerphilly)
Councillor Paul Fletcher (Conwy/Denbigh)
Councillor Gordon Hughes (Conwy/Denbigh)
Councillor John Hughes (Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale of Glamorgan)
Councillor Tom Kendall (Ceredigion)
Councillor Ann MacGarry (Montgomery)
Councillor Derrick Pugh (Montgomery)
Councillor Meryl Roberts (Meirionnydd)
Councillor Susan Rodaway (Swansea)
Councillor Phillip Warlow (Carmarthen)

Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive
Paul Egan, Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager
David Collins, Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer

NEC 2025/24 Chair's address

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. He briefly described the current political landscape and wished members a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. He looked forward to improving engagement with Councils in 2026.

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

NEC 2025/25 Apologies

Councillor Kim Broom (Carmarthen)
Councillor Mike Harriman (Wrexham/Flint)
Councillor Mary Leighton (Gwent Valleys)
Councillor Glyn Morvan (Gwent Valleys)
Councillor Jo Rao (RCT/Merthyr/Caerphilly)
Councillor Carrie Townsend-Jones (Swansea)

NEC 2025/26

Declaration of Personal Interests

Members were invited to declare any interests. None were declared.

NEC 2025/27

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 September 2025

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the above meeting held on 19 September 2025 are approved as a correct record subject to the addition of Councillor Susan Rodaway to the list of Members who had submitted apologies for absence.

(The Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer also highlighted a minor typing error in relation to Minute NEC 2025/05.)

NEC 2025/28

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2025

No additional matters were reported.

NEC 2025/29

Audit Panel: 16 October 2025

Members noted the minutes of the above had been prepared on the basis of recommendations given that the meeting was inquorate.

It was **Resolved** that the minutes and actions of the panel are approved.

NEC 2025/30

Finance, Resources and General Purposes Committee: 28 November 2025.

Councillor John Hughes introduced the minutes of the above meetings. He advised that the Chief Executive had attended the meeting in relation to the budget. He also provided an overview of the discussion relating to financial reserves and bad debtors.

The Chief Executive elaborated on matters relating to the budget, describing the impact of the late timing of the confirmation of unhypothecated funding for the current year and the importance of receiving formal confirmation of funding from Welsh Government at a much earlier stage. Core grant funding which had been agreed for the coming year would allow an extension of the work of the Cost-of-Living Crisis Team for a further 12 months. The current deficit of around £67,000 would reduce as a result of changes in pension contributions made to Cardiff and Vale Pension Fund to a much lower level than hitherto

Members highlighted potential ways in which any underspend of Welsh Government funding in the current financial year could be used, such as support for Councils to deliver hybrid meetings, wider technical support and addressing the legal personality of One Voice Wales.

See also Minute NEC 2025/45 below.

It was **Resolved** that:

- (1) the minutes and actions of the committee are approved.
- (2) the Chair, Vice-chair, Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager hold further discussions about means of avoiding a significant underspend of unhypothecated Welsh Government funding in the current financial year

NEC 2025/31

Commercial & Communications Committee: 28 November 2025

Members received the minutes of the above meeting.

It was **Resolved** that the minutes and actions of the committee are approved.

NEC 2025/32

Policy Committee: 28 November 2025

Councillor Mike Cuddy introduced the minutes of the above meeting. He drew attention to matters discussed.

Members noted that the Manifesto would be launched at the AGM on 21 January 2026. A report of the Commission on Community Assets would be circulated.

Members discussed usage of the One Voice Wales website and analytics. The Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer highlighted a number of measures being developed to increase usage of the site and encourage Councils to use the site to access information. He drew attention to information which featured on the site.

Members considered ways in which the flow of information from One Voice Wales could be improved, emphasising the importance of reports back to Councils from individual Members following One Voice Wales meetings and events. The Chief

Executive highlighted the development of the E Bulletin, which would improve and streamline communication with Councils.

It was **Resolved** that the minutes and actions of the committee are approved.

NEC 2025/33

One Voice Wales AGM 21 January 2026

Members considered arrangements for the above. The meeting would be held remotely at 6.00 pm. Members noted current anticipated attendance and highlighted a number of ways by which attendance could be encouraged, such as direct. "urgent" invitations to Area Committee members.

It was **Resolved** that the arrangements described above are confirmed.

NEC 2025/34

'The Senedd is Changing' Conference 26 November 2025.

Members reviewed the success of the One Voice Wales stand at the Democracy Marketplace at this event and matters arising. John Griffiths MS had agreed to sponsor a future event for One Voice Wales. The event had allowed an opportunity to showcase the work of One Voice Wales, including its digital offer.

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

NEC 2025/35

One Voice Wales Manifesto

Members considered arrangements to launch the draft Manifesto in 2026.

It was **Resolved** that the Manifesto is formally launched at the AGM on 21 January 2026.

NEC 2025/36

Joint working with the WLGA

Members noted a number of potential areas where collaboration could take place with the WLGA. These included HR and Community Boundary Reviews. The potential for webinars was under consideration in relation to Community Boundary Reviews.

It was **Resolved** that the proposals are endorsed.

NEC 2025/37

Commission on Community Assets

Members considered an oral update from the Chief Executive.

It was **Resolved** that the Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer circulate copies of the report of the commission to NEC members.

NEC 2025/38

New Year message from the Chief Executive.

Members considered a draft message to Councils.

It was **Resolved** that the content is approved.

NEC 2025/39

Digital Health Update

Members considered an oral update from the Chief Executive. Training modules would be developed to support Councils in delivering digital solutions. The Chief Executive hoped that additional financial support would be possible. Staff were also being trained in the use of Artificial Intelligence. Policy guidance could emerge from this. It was important however to mitigate against energy usage and environmental factors.

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

NEC 2025/40

Local Places for Nature

Members considered an oral update from the Chief Executive, which included progress in relation to staffing. Members also considered a detailed written report of the project. The Chair paid tribute to the success of the project and staff.

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

NEC 2025/41

Cost-of-Living Crisis Update

Members considered an oral update from Chief Executive. He confirmed that core grant funding which had been agreed for the coming year would allow an extension of the work of the Cost-of-Living Crisis Team for a further 12 months. He also highlighted the recent Social Impact Survey. Wavehill Social and economic research would evaluate the impact of the work of the team and Councils. This would send an important message to Welsh Government about the work of the team and encourage a long-term preventative approach to the crisis.

Members considered the potential for the provision of grants to allow Councils to deliver initiatives in response to the crisis and

encourage digital solutions. Such initiatives could help reduce underspending of One Voice Wales finances.

It was **Resolved** that the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager discuss the matters raised by Members with Welsh Government.

NEC 2025/42

Equal Opportunities monitoring of NEC Members, Area Committee Chairs, and staff

Members considered an oral update from the Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager. He described progress and response rates. Further responses would be chased up ahead of discussion with the Chief Executive regarding next steps.

It was **Resolved** that the position is noted.

NEC 2025/43

Matters raised by Area Committees.

None

NEC 2025/44

Matters referred from Larger Councils 23 October 2025

Issues raised included:

- (i) potential voting by proxy at major One Voice Wales meetings.
- (ii) observations from Larger Councils in relation to engagement with Councils and other challenges.

Members noted that the introduction of proxy voting would require constitutional change. Members noted the wider observations referred to above. Following discussion, there was overall consensus that Area Committees remained a valuable way of engaging with Councils.

It was **Resolved** that the Chief Executive continue to keep these matters under review.

NEC 2025/45

Staffing update/Budget

Members considered proposals to reduce the role and hours of the current Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager. Members considered a number of new arrangements to be put in place as a result of these changes, including some new posts. The Chief Executive described the financial implications of the proposal, which would take effect from 1 April 2026. He described the changes within the context of the wider budget.

See also Minute NEC/2025 30 above.

It was **Resolved** that:

- (1) the proposals described above are approved in principle.
- (2) the 2026/27 budget is approved.

NEC 2025/46

Dates of future meetings 2026/27

Members considered dates of future meetings of the NEC and committees.

It was **Resolved** that:

- (1) committee meetings are held on separate days from the NEC when taking place remotely, as currently was the case.
- (2) committee meetings are held on the same day as NEC when the NEC meets in person (committees in the morning, NEC in the afternoon.)
- (3) the Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer is instructed to prepare a timetable of meetings for 2026/27.

ONE VOICE WALES

Meeting of the Gwent Valleys Area Committee held at The Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY on Tuesday 6 January 2026 at 7pm.

Minutes

Present: Members

Councillor Leanne Lloyd-Tolman
Councillor Rhiannon Bennett
Councillor Nigel Davies
Councillor Stewart Matthews
Councillor Glyn Morvan (Chairman)
Councillor Allan Peplow (Vice Chair)
Councillor Mark Turner

Cwmbran Community Council
Cwmbran Community Council
Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Council
Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Council
Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council
Pontypool Community Council
Tredegar Town Council

Present: Clerks

Gareth Davies, Clerk

Cwmbran Community Council

Apologies for absence

Councillor Lewis Evans
Councillor Lynne Higgins

Blaenavon Town Council
Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council
Henllys Community Council

Apologies for Absence: Clerks

Kevin Warren, Clerk

Blaenavon Town Council

One Voice Wales: Officers in attendance

Maria Mulcahy: South Wales Development Officer

GV2026/01

Chair's Address

Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

GV2026/02

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence as set out above.

GV2036/03

Declarations of Personal Interest

Members resolved that if there were any declarations of interest they would be declared during the meeting

GV2026/04

PRESENTATION – Nicola Prygodzicz - The Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Main points -

- ABUHB have a new strategy called Clinical Futures.

- The strategy aims to provide care closer to home for residents. This includes a redesign of clinical and operational services across all parts of the health system.
- The strategy focuses on improving services from primary and community care to secondary and specialized services.
- They are looking at innovative service design opportunities.
- Gwent 35 is the ABUHB ten-year strategy to transform health, Care and Lives across Gwent. The plan has been broken down into 5 key areas
- Key achievements were outlined and challenges for 2025/26 which also includes staff absence due to sickness
- Primary Care in Gwent – Primary Care and Community Services are responsible for over 90% of all patient contact with the NHS.

Members raised questions and concerns relating to:

- Neurodiversity Adult Specific ie How the time scales, support etc through the pathway should be improved for adults with ADHD and Autism
- Closure of specific surgeries in Cwmbran. Members discussed how community councils can work closer with the health board as some residents now have to travel to Pontypool due to closure or changes to GP practices in their local area. Concern was also raised about:
 - the surgery in Pontypool that can no longer take on any more patients from Cwmbran
 - There are no health centres in the area
 - A ABHB questionnaire about surgeries which was circulated just after covid caused a lot of bad feeling.
 - Patients being told that they are being removed from list due to non-attendance for appointments. Nicola asked for the information relating to the case where a resident has been taken off the list to be shared with her and she will investigate it.

Chair thanked Nicola for attending and she left the meeting.

It was **Resolved** that MM would forward a copy of the presentation to members.

GV2026/05

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2025

It was **resolved** that the minutes are approved as a correct record.

GV2026/06

Matters arising from the minutes held on 8 July 2025

Cllr Matthews wished it to be noted that he was not at the last area meeting but did attend the Torfaen meeting where all the community councils were represented and the draft charter was agreed. During the meeting all councils had an opportunity to raise questions on the

revised charter, and it is only since the meeting that he has been made aware that one council had not given their representative the authority to agree to it. He has since spoken to the Clerk at Blaenavon and made him aware of the position. There were no Blaenavon representatives in attendance at tonight's meeting.

It was **Resolved** that the information be noted.

GV2026/07

Developments in relation to charters/devolution of services/asset transfers.

Charters

Torfaen CBC – No further updates

Blaenau Gwent CBC – No further updates

Asset transfers

Tredeggar Town Council are currently looking to take on the recreation ground in Tredeggar from Blaenau Gwent CBC.

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

GV2026/08

Councillor Training programme and Consultancy Services

Details of the training programme for January to March 2026 have been circulated to all councils via their clerks, chairs and area committee representatives.

Welsh Government have provided additional funded free places on the six core modules as well as two free places on a selected number of additional modules.

Consultancy service is also available to members.

It was **Resolved** that this information be noted

GV2026/09

Development of Good Practice Guidance

Since the last meet the following Practice Development notes have been published-

PDN 19 – Copyright

PDN 20 – Participating in webinars

PDN 21 – Annual Meetings

PDN 22 - Member Induction

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted but can also be found on the One Voice Wales website

GV2026/10

The draft minutes of the National Executive Committee (NEC) held on 12 December 2025.

It was **Resolved** that the draft minutes will be sent to members with the draft minutes of this meeting

GV2026/11 The draft minutes of the Larger Councils Committee held on 23 October 2025

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

GV2026/12 Guest speakers for Future Meetings

- **Mark Hobrough – Chief Constable of Gwent Police**
- **Jane Mudd – Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner**

It was **Resolved** that members will also send suggestions for further guest speakers to MM.

GV2026/13 Upcoming Conferences, AGMs and Events:

a. **21 January 26 - One Voice Wales Annual General meeting** – MM reiterated the importance of each member council being represented as the meeting must be quorate. The schedule of motions should be considered by each council as they will be voted upon at the meeting.

b. **1 July 2026 – One Voice Wales National and Awards Conference**

MM advised that details will be sent out shortly

c. **30 September 2026 – Innovative Practice Conference**

MM also advised that the joint One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales “Improving our local places – Welsh case studies and planning updates” will be taking place online on **19th March 2026**

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

GV2026/14 One Voice Wales Cost of Living Crisis Project

Members were reminded about the Social Impact Assessment survey and the importance of each council completing the survey as it has been commissioned to measure the sector response to the Cost-of-Living crisis as well as evaluating the contribution that the OVW Cost of Living project team has made in the response

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted and members to check with their councils they have completed and returned the survey. An update about the work that the team are doing will be sent to members with the draft minutes for this meeting.

GV2026/15 Local Places for Nature – Update.

Information relating to the Teams work can be found on the One Voice Wales website.

The 3rd reporting round for Section 6 is now complete, and all councils should have completed their 2025 section 6 report.

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted

GV2026/16

Correspondence and Consultations.

MM gave a summary of the information that had been circulated by One Voice Wales since October. Main points –

- Majority of information is now being sent out to members via the bi-monthly ebulletins. Only information that is time sensitive is being send out in individual emails
- Wales Regional Energy Strategic Plans (RESP) – It is important that councils engage in the wider consultation process.
- Equality and Diversity – A new page has been created on the One Voice Wales website, visit: [Equality and Diversity - One Voice Wales](#)
- A Civility and Respect Pledge (Wales) will be launched shortly.

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

GV2026/17

Welsh Government Elections Newsletter – Autumn edition

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

GV2026/18

Welsh Government guidance on procurement

It was **Resolved** that the information is noted.

GV2026/19

Matters for Referral to NEC

Councils in Blaenau Gwent raised concern about the inconsistency of charges by the local authority to place motifs on lampposts.

Chairman asked MM if a letter could be sent to Blaenau Gwent asking why there is inconsistency.

It was **Resolved** that MM in the first instance would check to see whether this is a national issue with Local Authorities and ask NEC to discuss matter if applicable.

GV2026/20

News and Reports from Councils

Councils were invited to give a brief description of initiatives that were being planned or had been implemented. Examples reported are set out below

Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon CC:

- Placed poppies on lampposts
- Held a memorial service on Remembrance Sunday
- Held a grants evening. 60-70 small organisations received grants, but it also gave the groups chance to network.

- A week and a half before Christmas they lit up a Christmas tree, and someone gave them £200 towards it.

Tredegar Town Council

- Held a presentation night
- Council placed poppies on lampposts
- Held a Christmas Light switch on

Cwmbran Community Council

- Held a Remembrance Day Parade
- Held a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony
- Provided five community hubs with live Christmas trees
- Currently facing a by-election

Pontypool Community Council

- A Wellbeing assessment for staff from work to home is ongoing for all staff.

Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council

- Held a Remembrance Day Service
- The council by working closely with the British Legion decorated the area with poppies and copies of soldier silhouettes were distributed in the area.
- Christmas lights were put up but unfortunately, 2 sets of the expensive lights were stolen. After seeing the message about the missing lights on social media, a firm in Tredegar kindly gave them a donation towards the lights.

It was **Resolved** that the information be noted

GV2026/19

Any other business at the discretion of the Chair

It was **Resolved** that there was no other business.

GV2026/20

Date of Next Meeting

It was **Resolved** that the next meeting will be held on 21 April 2026 at the Tredegar Town Council Offices if the Offices are available.

Local Council's Partnership Committee
held on Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 4.00pm as a hybrid (multi-location)
meeting in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 6YB

In attendance:

AGENDA
ITEM (iii)

Councillors:

Rhiannon Bennett, Cwmbran Community Council
 Joanne Boycott, Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon Community Council
 Nigel Davies, Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council
 Stewart Matthews, Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council
 Roger Morgan, Ponthir Community Council
 Allan Peploe, Pontypool Community Council

Chair: Councillor Peter Jones, Torfaen County Borough Council

Clerks:

Anthony Bird, Ponthir Community Council
 Gareth Davies, Cwmbran Community Council

Officers/Invitees:

Rachel Beale, Personal Assistant to the Leader and Deputy Leader
 Dave Leech, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic Director Adults and Communities
 Greg Macdonald, Interim Head of Economy and Place
 Mark Thomas, Joint Director Neighbourhoods and Environment

1.	Welcome and Apologies for absence	Action
1.1	Apologies were received from Leanne Lloyd-Tolman, Cwmbran Community Council, Sian Davies, Clerk of Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon Community Council and Kerrie Smith, Deputy Clerk, Pontypool Community Council.	
2.	Declarations of interest	
2.1	Councillor Nigel Davies declared an interest as he had been nominated by Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council to be put forward for the Community Council seat on TCBC's Ethics and Standards Committee.	
3.	Minutes of meetings held on 23 September 2025	
3.1	The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record.	
4.	Update on previous actions	
4.1	The Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic Director Adults confirmed that there were no outstanding actions.	
5	Introduction to Interim Head of Economy & Place	
5.1	The new Interim Head of Economy and Place explained that he had been in post since the end of October, replacing Gareth Beer,	

and would remain in the role for several months while the team reviewed its structure, vision and future direction.

He outlined several key programmes currently underway, including the Pride in Place programme, which represented a £20 million investment over the next ten years. Work was also progressing on a number of development sites, including the British, where phase one activities was already underway. Further updates on this would follow over the coming weeks and months, with involvement expected from all partners present.

In addition, work has begun on the Blueprint for Growth, which would set out the longer-term vision and strategic direction for the Economy and Place Service. This would generate a number of workstreams of interest to committee members, and a further update would be brought to a future meeting.

In response to a question asked about works at the British, the Interim Head of Economy and Place stated that it was noted that, while an older masterplan for the site existed, the immediate focus was on delivering Phase 1 works. This initial phase involved flood alleviation measures, including the construction of a flood storage pool to address long-standing issues. Preparatory site-clearing had already commenced, with the main works scheduled to progress through the spring and conclude by the end of the year.

Alongside this, the Council had submitted a funding bid of approximately £13 million to support improvements across former coal pit and coalfield areas. A significant portion of this funding would be directed to the site in question, enabling the development of a refreshed masterplan aligned with the emerging Local Development Plan and facilitating early delivery activity.

The forthcoming masterplan would consider options for bringing the site forward, including the potential for green energy initiatives, which had been discussed previously. Engagement with industry specialists would take place this year to assess the viability of different green technologies. The work would also explore future land-use options, including employment opportunities associated with green industry, drawing on examples from across Wales and the wider UK.

It was acknowledged that progress on the site had been long-awaited, but Phase 1 activity was now underway. This was expected to create momentum for subsequent phases, particularly if the funding bid was successful. Engagement would also continue with potential end users in the green technology sector to understand future possibilities for the site.

The Chair thanked the Interim Head of Economy and Place for the update and asked that he kept the Committee abreast with the progress of works at the British over the next coming months.

6.	Updates from the Community Councils	
6.1	<p>An update was provided by Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon Community Council on recent community activity prior to Christmas.</p> <p>It was reported that the annual grants evening took place, with over 60 organisations in attendance. In addition, the community's first outdoor Christmas tree was installed outside Woodland Road Social Centre. This initiative was very well-received, with a £200 donation offered within minutes of the lights being switched on, and further positive feedback from local residents shortly afterwards.</p> <p>The event generated strong engagement on social media, with many comments praising the quality of the display and the Council's efforts. As this was the first time such an installation had been delivered, it was noted as a significant success.</p>	
6.2	<p>The Clerk of Ponthir raised concerns on behalf of Ponthir Community Council regarding issues linked to the forthcoming Community Boundary Review and requested a briefing to this committee as the boundary changes would affect all councils. He highlighted the practical concerns that Ponthir Community Council had concerns over, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • land transferring between Community Council areas • responsibility for maintaining assets previously funded by another council, and • the movement of reserves raised through taxpayers in one council area to another. <p>The Deputy Chief Executive agreed that these were valid logistical questions. It was confirmed that an item will be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting, with input from Caroline Genever Jones, to provide clarity on the practical implications should the Boundary Commission accept the recommendations.</p> <p>Committee representatives were asked to ensure that information from the briefing was reported back to their respective full councils.</p>	
6.3	<p>A query was raised by the Clerk of Ponthir Community Council regarding the timeliness of minutes, explaining that members relied on the timely circulation of minutes in order to report back accurately at their respective meetings. He asked that the minutes be issued within 20 working days of the meeting, rather than waiting for them to be released alongside the next agenda.</p>	
6.4	<p>An update was provided on current activity within Pontypool Community Council. It was reported that the recruitment process</p>	

	<p>for a new Clerk was now underway, with the vacancy advertised on the Pontypool Community Council website. This was identified as a key priority to ensure continuity of operations, and the Council aimed to progress the appointment as soon as possible.</p> <p>A summer survey had also been undertaken across various areas to gather information that would help shape future work. A draft strategy for the coming year and for longer-term direction had been prepared. This would be finalised by the Community Council before being taken forward.</p> <p>Reference was made to the need for strengthened partnership working between Community Councils, particularly where issues crossed boundaries. This included aligning with new guidance being issued by One Voice Wales.</p> <p>The Chair asked that once Pontypool Community Council had finalised its strategic action plan, it should be shared with all via the clerk to this meeting.</p>	
6.5	<p>An update was provided by Cwmbran Community Council on the Council's forthcoming Medium-Term Strategic Plan. The Clerk advised that the plan was due to be approved at the end of the month. A key focus of the strategy was future-proofing ongoing work and ensuring stability for organisations receiving support. He emphasised the importance of providing partners with confidence that funding and assistance would continue over several years. The plan also seeks to safeguard major events such as Crow Fest and the Big Event.</p> <p>It was further noted that the Community Council had been considering the announcement made regarding the Town of Culture programme.</p> <p>The Chair advised that, as with other Community Councils, the strategic action plan should be sent to clerk of the committee for circulation to all Community Councils once finalised.</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive asked whether there was any support that could be offered in relation to the Town of Culture application. The Clerk confirmed he would welcome a discussion once he had received further information.</p>	
6.6	<p>An update was provided on the appointment process for Community Council representatives to the TVA Committee and the Ethics & Standards Committee.</p> <p>It was reported that three nominations had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Davis (Blaenavon Community Council) • Nigel Davis (Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon Community Council) • Leanne Lloyd-Tolman (Cwmbran Community Council) 	

	<p>A meeting had been arranged just before Christmas to consider the nominations; however, it was not quorate due to several Community Council Chairs being unavailable. As a result, all three nominees were asked to submit written statements outlining why they should be selected. These statements had now been received.</p> <p>Arrangements were currently being made to convene a further meeting of Community Council Chairs and Leaders to progress the selection. It was confirmed that once a decision has been made, the outcome would be reported back to Torfaen County Borough Council.</p>	
7.	Update on The Deal	
7.1	<p>An update was provided by the Deputy Chief Executive on the development of the emerging 'Deal' concept and recent engagement activity.</p> <p>It was noted that the committee had previously discussed the early stages of the Deal proposal and members' constructive feedback had been taken into account in shaping the material now released publicly.</p> <p>Over the past three to four months, extensive engagement work had been undertaken. This had included in-person sessions in key locations such as Cwmbran town centre, local leisure centres, the indoor market and other areas where high footfall was expected. The purpose had been to gather public views on where there was appetite to work differently with the Council in the delivery of services.</p> <p>Engagement had also taken place with a range of groups and forums, including the Torfaen Access Forum, a group at Pontypool Library, the People's Panel and the Participation Group. Work was now being planned with Torfaen Voluntary Alliance to hold a dedicated session with the wider third sector. Committee members have also been engaged throughout this process.</p> <p>Alongside this, an online survey and hard-copy survey have been available to ensure wider public participation. All feedback gathered was now being collated and would be considered by Citizens' Assemblies. A call for participants resulted in several hundred expressions of interest, from which panels of local residents would be formed. The assemblies would review the consultation feedback and identify priority areas where residents feel most willing to engage and work differently with the Council.</p> <p>The findings of the Citizens' Assemblies would shape service plans for the coming year. The plans would include transformation actions reflecting the areas identified for change. It was intended</p>	

	<p>that draft service plans would be brought to the committee in the next quarter.</p> <p>Members were also encouraged to continue engaging with the Health Determinants Research Collaboration and with the Head of Communities and Renewal and her team, noting that this work aligned closely with the wider agenda on community well-being and participation.</p>	
7.2	<p>Councillor Peploe provided an update on an element included within Pontypool Community Council's draft strategy that aligned with the work on The Deal.</p> <p>He explained that the strategy proposed a structured approach for councillors to engage directly with their community areas and wards. This included identifying local voluntary groups, exploring opportunities for those groups to collaborate, and forming a small consortia of voluntary sector representatives.</p> <p>These groups would then collectively set out their priorities for their area and advise on how the Community Council could support them to progress. Councillor Peploe noted that such an approach would help ensure that future activity was shaped by the 'voice on the ground' and informed by local needs.</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive stated that it was an excellent example of a Community Council's commitment to collaborative working. The Deputy Chief Executive expressed an interest in promoting the approach as part of the wider Deal initiative and would ask the Council's Head of Public Relations and Resilience to contact Pontypool Community Council to discuss further.</p>	
7.3	<p>A question was raised by Cllr Matthews concerning how the Council ensures engagement reaches beyond the groups who typically participate in consultations:</p> <p>It was noted that traditional consultation methods often attract the same individuals, and the challenge was to involve residents who do not usually attend meetings or take part in formal processes.</p> <p>In response, the Deputy Chief Executive explained that the current approach had deliberately focused on non-meeting-based engagement. While some invited sessions had taken place such as those held in the library most activity had involved staff being present in high-footfall public venues, including Cwmbrian Town Centre and Leisure Centres, to proactively speak with residents who would not normally engage. Officers had approached members of the public directly to encourage wider participation.</p> <p>It was also noted that further work was planned with Housing Associations to engage tenants more effectively. This may include visiting selected streets and speaking directly with residents who may be less likely to respond to traditional consultation methods.</p>	

	<p>Officers acknowledged that it would never be possible to reach everyone but emphasised that significant efforts were being made to engage more inclusively and reach people who would not typically attend meetings or complete surveys.</p>	
7.4	<p>In relation to consultations the Interim Head of Economy and Place noted that traditional masterplans often fall short because, despite expert input and community consultation, the final plans did not always reflect what local people truly wanted, leading to plans being revisited only a few years later. In contrast, the emerging approach aligned with the principles of the Deal focused on ensuring that master planning was driven by the community itself.</p> <p>An example was given in relation to the British site. The intention was to work directly with local schools to create physical models of the area, enabling pupils to lead wider engagement with residents. This would ensure that consultation was undertaken by local people for local people, and that the community collectively shapes the vision alongside the Council and professional advisers. A successful outcome would be one where the Council, experts and residents all move together toward a shared new vision for the area. Subject to grant funding being secured, the first step would be to engage with local schools to begin this community-led process.</p>	
7.5	<p>The Clerk of Ponthir asked how the Council's medium- and long-term strategy work was taking account of the strategies and plans being developed by Community Councils. It was noted that Community Council plans contained important local insight, and clarification was sought on how those documents were being incorporated.</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that this had been raised at the previous LCPC meeting, where Community Councils were asked to share their strategies so they could be considered and aligned with Council planning. Looking ahead, the Deputy Chief Executive proposed that the January meeting each year should include a session on draft service plans before they were formally adopted. This would allow committee members to review planned work in advance.</p> <p>Members were encouraged not only to scrutinise Council plans, but also to bring their own Community Council plans to the same session. This would enable a joint discussion on alignment, shared priorities, and opportunities to avoid duplication or undertake work collaboratively.</p> <p>Strategic directors from key service areas would be invited to attend the January session to support this joint planning approach.</p>	
7.6	<p>The Clerk of Ponthir informed the committee that he had been developing a paper on High Street redevelopment which he would share.</p>	
8.	<p>Any other business</p>	

8.1	<p>The Deputy Chief Executive reminded members that the January meeting would focus on forward planning and draft service plans, with Strategic Directors in attendance. He also outlined a proposal for Directors to attend Town and Community Council meetings once a year, alongside himself, to discuss how effectively the Charter was working. He emphasised that such sessions should remain focused on strategic performance, not individual cases or operational issues. Members were asked to consult their respective councils and provide suggestions for items to include on that agenda.</p> <p>The Clerk of Ponthir Community Council requested that service delivery be included as an agenda item for the meeting with the Strategic Directors, as there had been recent delays in routine work and ongoing projects, with some dating back to June/July which were causing concern.</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive agreed that service delivery should be included and noted the distinction between day-to-day service delivery and project delivery, both of which could be addressed separately.</p> <p>The Joint Director for Neighbourhoods and Environment confirmed he would welcome specific examples of service failures or project delays. He asked that such cases be forwarded directly to him so he could follow them up and ensure that Town and Community Councils received updates and explanations for missed targets.</p> <p>The Clerk of Cwmbran Community Council suggested that the strategic planning session should include an update on the Council's work with Welsh Government and UK Government. He noted that programmes such as the Shared Prosperity Fund had concluded and that Welsh Government's approach to employability support had changed. An update on how those developments aligned with the current strategic priorities would be helpful.</p> <p>It was confirmed that this would be added to the agenda for the joint session with directors and Town and Community Councils.</p> <p>Cllr Bennett suggested that the strategic meeting with Directors would benefit from a small number of clear, focused questions. These should cover, the key priority areas each Director would be concentrating on in the year ahead, any service areas where demand was rising most quickly and where Community Councils should be aware of emerging pressures and opportunities for closer collaborative working between the Council and Community Councils.</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive agreed that these were valuable suggestions and confirmed they would be added to the agenda.</p>	
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8.2	<p>A discussion took place regarding meeting formats between Officers and Community Councils. Members reported that although remote meetings could be effective, some Councillors still felt uncomfortable with online-only arrangements and would prefer certain meetings to be held in person.</p> <p>Reference was made to a recent online meeting in November concerning riverbank flooding; Members felt that an in-person session would have supported fuller participation, as several attendees remained quiet due to the number of people joining online.</p> <p>In response, the Deputy Chief Executive clarified that their expectation was to attend in person where a specific request for in-person attendance had been made. If Community Councils wanted Officers to be present physically, it must be stated explicitly. If a meeting invitation included a Teams link and did not indicate that physical attendance was required, Officers would assume that joining remotely was acceptable. Community Councils were therefore asked to make their preference clear on a meeting-by-meeting basis.</p>	
8.3	<p>Cllr Morgan raised concerns regarding ongoing flooding issues in Ponthir, noting that the area continued to experience problems, and he displayed a recent photograph from November illustrating recurring incidents. It was emphasised that, although the situation had not been as severe as in previous years, flooding remained a persistent issue that required further attention.</p> <p>In response, the Joint Director for Neighbourhoods and Environment confirmed that, as part of the work linked to the Deal, Ponthir had been identified for targeted engagement. Officers would meet with the Community Council within the next couple of months to undertake a site walk-through, assess the issues and develop proposals for a joint, collaborative approach to improving flood resilience. This work was already programmed, and the Community Council would be contacted shortly.</p> <p>A further concern was raised by Cllr Matthews regarding blocked drains and gullies, with examples given of drains remaining full of mud for two to three years. Members noted that although sweepers removed surface leaves, the underlying blockages prevented effective drainage, resulting in water running down the roads during heavy rain.</p> <p>The Joint Director for Neighbourhoods and Environment acknowledged the issue and stated that additional resources had now been allocated to accelerate gully-clearing work. He recognised that some areas had been left uncleared for too long and assured members that efforts were being increased to address the backlog.</p>	
8.4	<p>The Deputy Chief Executive stated that, in line with commitments made under the Charter and previously agreed by the committee, the work undertaken by this group would be presented to a Joint</p>	

	<p>Scrutiny session. Officers were currently working on dates, but the session was expected to take place in March.</p> <p>A report would be prepared during February and Members were advised that their Clerks may receive increased correspondence during this period, as further information and feedback would be sought on aspects of the Charter and topics discussed at the meeting. This would help inform the scrutiny paper. Members were asked to be aware of, and responsive to, the upcoming requests.</p>	
8.5	<p>The Interim Head of Economy and Place gave an update on the Blueprint for Growth. It was explained that the Blueprint represented the Council's developing vision and long-term direction for the economy, regeneration, and future growth. This work was progressing and was closely aligned with the wider Deal programme. The lead officer, Chris Ashman, would be contacting Community Councils, if he had not already done so, to arrange discussions with individual organisations. It was suggested that it would also be beneficial for him to attend a future committee meeting, potentially in April, subject to meeting schedules.</p> <p>Members were advised that any contact they receive requesting a meeting about the Blueprint for Growth would relate to this engagement process. Rather than running broad surveys, the approach would focus on in-depth conversations with communities to understand what matters most to them and ensure those priorities shape the Blueprint.</p>	
8.6	<p>An update was also provided by the Interim Head of Economy and Place on the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). It was noted that SPF was ending, and a new Local Growth Fund would be introduced from 1 April. Although not a like-for-like replacement, it would continue some of the types of activity previously supported. The Council was currently awaiting guidance and confirmation of allocations. As with last year, funding may be released at short notice, creating tight delivery timescales. The intention was to ensure broader engagement and involvement from a wider range of partners in any new programme. A further update would be brought to a future meeting, and it was suggested that this would be timely for the next agenda.</p>	
9.	Next meeting date – to be agreed at the meeting	
9.1	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 22 nd April at 4pm.	
9.2	The meeting concluded at 4.55pm.	

Minutes produced by Rachel Beale, Personal Assistant to the Leader and Deputy Leader

AGENDA ITEM 16 (iv).

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MIC MORRIS MEMORIAL SPORTING TRUST (Charity Reg No 519636) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2026

PRESENT:

Co-opted Trustees:

Chris Vorres (Chair)
Tom Huish
Cllr Mike Wheeler (rep Blaenavon TC)
John Harris
Jan Thomas
Derek Parry
Robert Benjamin

Officers:

Ben Jeffries, Sports Development Officer
Christine Philpott, Administrator

1 Apologies

Cllr Anthony Hunt, Cllr Collette Thomas, Cllr Michele Day, Cllr Allan Peploe, Cllr Sean O'Dobhain

2 Minutes of the Meeting dated 1 October 2025

The Minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

A 'thank you' card has been received from Kristina, who is the cleaner at Blaenavon Workmen's Hall and who the Trustees gave a £50 Amazon voucher for the work she carried out for the Mic Morris Torfaen 10k on 13 July 2025.

4 Bank Accounts – Update on Finance

The Trustees were sent copies of bank statements/statement of accounts for 20 September – 19 October; 20 October – 19 November and 20 November – 19 December 2025.

As of 21 January 2026, the accounts were as follows:

Community a/c	£ 716.93
Business Money Manager a/c	£44,627.50

	£45,344.43

Rob Benjamin spoke to the Trustees regarding the amount of funding available and raised the question of seeking advice from the Council's auditor regarding an independent audit.

RB had previously raised the question of an independent audit on 12 October 2022. The Minutes from that meeting read:

6.1 As in previous meetings and more recently at the meeting on 22 October 2020, RB informed the meeting that he was of the opinion that the accounts should be independently audited to ensure that, as he put it, 'we are squeaky clean' with the Charity Commission.

6.2 As at the meeting on 22 October 2020 6.3 stated:

CP explained that on an annual basis, HSBC goes through the accounts via telephone asking various questions on different amounts and requesting an explanation for each amount highlighted. With regard to the Charity Commission, CP was informed that Charity Law requires the submission of an Annual Report every financial year. An independent examination is used to check if an independent audit is required. A statement is given to let CP know that the Annual Report has been accepted as a 'true and fair' view and no other action needs to be taken.

6.3 To have the accounts independently audited would be expensive and the majority of Trustees feel that it is unnecessary as the Charity Commission are happy with the submitted paperwork.

Although the above is self-explanatory, the Chair has agreed to contact the Council's Finance Department and the Charity Commission for their advice regarding auditing the accounts. However, the Charity Commission would contact CP if they were not wholly satisfied with the Annual Return as well as the accompanying, relevant statements and balance sheets from the charity events held each year. As explained by CP and as stated on the Annual Return, the majority of the information submitted to the Charity Commission becomes publicly available on the Register of Charities.

5 Update on Charity Events

Mic Morris Torfaen 10K – the date was confirmed as Sunday, 21 July 2026 as minuted in the 1 October minutes. A race licence has been secured and Ben, as Race Director will shortly be looking at the security and traffic management of the race.

The total amount of entries to date are 289. It was also agreed at the 1 October meeting, that Trustees would become more proactive with this event, promoting the event in their communities, sourcing possible sponsorship and being available on the day.

Tom also informed the Trustees that he will not be available for the event this year. The issue of whether Blaenavon Workmen's Hall can be used to be discussed nearer the time.

Charity Golf Tournament – this event is yet to be decided upon. It was suggested that this event be led by Trustees, to be looked into at a later date.

6 Applications for Financial Assistance

As in previous meetings, the amount of funding is capped at £2,500.

No	Name	Age	Sport	Grant Status	Grant Awarded
1	Morgan Mates	17	Kyokushinkai Karate	Re-applying	£1,000.00
2	William Gwinnet	16	Snooker	Re-applying	£250.00
3	Arianwen Evans	12	Cricket	Re-applying	£400.00
4	Faye Gibson	12	Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu	Re-applying	Reject
Total					£1,650.00

The successful applicants will be notified via a letter attachment to an email. Instead of sending a cheque, Chris P will ask for their bank details to process the payment via BACS.

7 Any Other Business

RB brought up the subject of a name change for the Torfaen Sports Development Team. This has now been changed to Torfaen Health, Sport & Fitness Team as part of a revised divisional structure within the Council's Reconfiguration of Prevention Services.

RB asked if this name change would affect the rules as laid down by the Charity Commission. CP has looked into this matter and it is clear that the rules only apply to the actual name of the Trust not to the administrative role of the Torfaen Health, Sport & Fitness Team.

The question of changing the day of the meeting was put to the Trustees present. By changing the day, there might be the possibility that those who were absent from this meeting would be able to attend future meetings. The Trustees present were in agreement that the day be changed to a Tuesday.

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 21 April 2026 at 4.30 pm in The Settlement, Pontypool.

Signed:
(Chairman)

Date: