

Ponthir Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on 9th June 2025 at Ponthir Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Cllr M Leighton (Chair), Cllr R Morgan, Cllr A Lang, Cllr L Ryan-Scales. Cllr P Matthews, Cllr P Buffery and Cllr I Danaher.

Also present: Clerk to the Council – Mrs C Danaher.

1. **Apologies** – None, as all members present.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None.
3. **To consider matters raised by members of the public** – None.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on 12th May 2025** – Proposed by Cllr Danaher and seconded by Cllr Morgan.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - a **Training** – All Councillors have now booked on courses other than Cllr Matthews who has advised he will not be undertaking any training this year. **Action:** Clerk to publish training plan on website. All councillors to forward training certificates to the Clerk when received from OVW.
 - b **Councillor Expenses** – Clerk is still awaiting a reply from Cllrs Matthews and Lang. **Action:** Cllrs Matthews and Lang to let Clerk know their intentions by Friday 20th June.
6. **To consider and discuss items:**
 - a **Review of Council policies, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.** – Councillors had various questions regarding the review and Clerk asked for all suggestions to be emailed to her by Friday 20th June, so clarification can be obtained from OVW before the July meeting. **Action:** Councillors to email Clerk. Clerk to agenda again for approval
 - b **VAT Return** – VAT return for 24/25 in the sum of £927.46 has been received.
 - c **Clerk Job Description** – Advert, Job description and Person description had been circulated by email prior to the meeting. **Action:** All Councillors to confirm by 16th June that it can be published on TCBC jobs page and shared with OVW.
7. **Finance and Accounts:** Balance and all transactions noted.
8. **Planning:** None received.
9. **Correspondence received:** Noted.
10. **Committee Reports**

Ponthir Church in Wales Primary School: Cllr Ryan-Scales unable to attend the last meeting but confirmed that Mr Evans has been appointed as permanent Deputy Head. Next meeting is 12th July.

Torfaen Community Trust: No meeting.

Gwent Valleys Partnership: AGM 8th July. Cllr Leighton confirmed she would be attending.

Ponthir Village Hall: There are Trustee vacancies which will be advertised in September.

PSCC: AGM was held on 28th May. Sports club can now provide food. Nothing heard on retrospective planning permission yet. Swales were mentioned, seen by some as still a risk hazard. Food and Music Festival is going ahead on Sunday 24th August.

Mick Morris Memorial Sporting Trust: Next meeting 11th June.

Local Council Partnership Committee: Next meeting is 16th July.

Chair's Report: Cllr Danaher thanked Council for the opportunity to have been Chair for the last 4 years and wished Cllr Leighton every success in her role for 25/26.

Matters arising from the floor: Cllr Ryan Scales queried an audit fee that was paid in May 2021. Clerk confirmed that this fee was for the audit 2019/20.

Proposed solar farm: Council felt that they need current information regarding this. Clerk suggested that we invite Cllr Gauden to our July meeting to update us.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Gauden to ensure he briefs us on developments and to attend our meetings on a quarterly basis.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 14th July, Ponthir Village Hall at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 19.55

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