



## Minutes of Ponthir Community Council Full Council

Monday 10/11/ 2025 at 19:00 PM

1. **Present Councillors:** , R Morgan, A Lang, I Danaher (acting chair) L Ryan-Scales,P Buffery
2. **Apologies:** Cllr M Leighton & Cllr P Matthews
3. **Members Declarations of Interest:** Cllr P Buffrey declared an interest in item 10.4
4. **Minutes of Meeting held 10/11/25:** Minutes were moved by RM and Seconded by LRS and found to be an accurate record of the meeting. Matters Arising were:
  - a. Community Planters: members noted that the clerk had distributed bulbs to members to begin the winter planting. Members also discussed the idea of purchasing replacement planters as the current lot are becoming worn.  
[Action: Clerk to get rough costings for new planters for future budgets](#)
  - b. Police Report: No police report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
  - c. Christmas Lights: After finally contacting the correct supplier of Christmas lights (festive taunton, NOT festive Cwmbran) ID arranged quotes for additional lighting and bulbs as agreed at previous meeting. [Action: ID to finalise order, Clerk to arrange repair in the new year](#)
  - d. Solar Farm: members noted upcoming meetings to be held jointly with Llangybi Fawr Community Council, Newport Council and stakeholder as well as liaison committee meeting with Total Energy and agreed to send representatives. Members also heard about ecological issues that may have an effect on the project submitted by local residents
5. **Events**
  - a. Christmas Event: members noted that it was probably too late to jointly organise an event with PSCC however agreed to support any events within the village hall and have agreed to develop a provisional program of events for next year, and suggested that a wreath be laid at the War Memorial in Ponthir on 11/11 at 11 AM to kick off future program of events.  
[Action: Clerk to look at other Town and Community Councils locally to draw up potential list of events.](#)
  - b. Christmas Trees: Members noted that the trees would be delivered during the last week of November and that lights would be going up the following week.
6. **Finance:** Members noted the itemised schedule of receipts and payments
7. **Planning:** No planning applications or pre planning applications had been received

- 8. Members Presubmitted Motions:** No motions had been submitted
- 9. Budget:** Members discussed priorities for upcoming year noting the need to build a healthy budget reserve to cover the costs of elections in 2027. Members also raised concerns over distribution of funding after the 2027 elections due to the outcomes of the community council boundary review (still underway) **Action:** Clerk to speak to C&L Community Council and Monitoring officer at TCBC to gauge what budgetary implications there would be to PCC
- 10. Committee Reports**
- a. Ponthir CIW Primary School-** No report given
  - b. Torfaen Community Transport-** Members noted regular services to Velindre.
  - c. Gwent Valleys Partnership-** No Update
  - d. Ponthir Village Hall-** Members noted use of the hall as a vaccination centre and upcoming New Years event.
    - i. Previously submitted grant to bowls club at the Village Hall was decided and members agreed to pay the sum of £200
  - e. PSCC-** No Update
  - f. Mick Morris Trust-** No Update
  - g. Torfaen LCP-** Issues surrounding the late publication of minutes was noted by members also it was noted that members were not being directly notified of meetings, only clerks
  - h. Chairs Report-** the Vice Chair updated members on the Chairs visit to Blaenavon Town Council's Community Awards evening.

## Meeting Closed 20:00

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