



Minutes of Ponthir Community Council Full Council

Monday 12/01/2026 at 19:00 PM

Present: Councillors R Morgan, I Danaher, M Leighton, L Ryan Scales, A Lang, P Matthews

- 1. Apologies:** P Buffrey
- 2. Members Declarations of Interest:** None submitted
- 3. Public Questions and Representations:** Members heard presubmitted Questions regarding the council advertising for volunteers for seniors lunch clubs, as well as question regarding damage to wall near the councils noticeboard at tram lane Llanfrechfa
- 4. Guest Speaker:** Guest Speaker- Cllr Sue Morgan- Cabinet Member for waste and sustainability- members welcomed cllr Morgan- ID asked around promotion and aligning with the borough council. Cllr Morgan- updated on the climate and nature emergencies and TCBCs commitment to what the council can do on recycling and what the council can do to make the borough more sustainable. Cllr Morgan highlighted new build schools and public buildings including maendy primary. Talked about the frequency of bin collection- members asked questions around bin inspections, cllr morgan clarified that inspections only take place when invited- members also raised concerns about levels of plastic packaging, cllr morgan agreed and raised the challenges of adapting this. Cllr morgan brought up the tcbc goal of net zero and how the council can achieve that. Members asked around carbon credits, cllr morgan said that all options were being considered. The 2050 objective is set out around developing communities, residents and businesses and making sure that all biodiversity is being protected. Cllr Morgan also spoke about the foodshare and other food production schemes, and other sustainable issues. Members asked around reduction of farm production and the national impact of topography. Cllr Morgan also talked about biodiversity issues, members raised concerns over TCBC policy of not mowing verges and park areas. [Clerk to write to biodiversity officer over barnfield- Veronica Bronovic](#). Members asked questions around extending green bin collection in the more rural areas, also asked around rate of recycling currently at 65% with 70% targeted for 2027, members asked for clarity of recycling rate from household wasted centre. Members also praised staff at the tip. Cllr came back to the theme of engagement and education on what can be recycled and in what manner. [Clerk](#)

[to pull together recycling info for caerleon times article](#). Cllr morgan also raised what several examples of what community councils can do to. Also raised what the council is doing to address service outages. Members raised issues around incorrectly separated recycling not being collected. Cllr morgan highlighted that tcbc no longer landfills waste, all waste is incinerated. Nature reserve created above abersychan. RM asked if info on where recycling goes could be put out.

5. Minutes of Meeting held 08/12/25:

- a. **Acceptance:** Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December the were Signed by the chair of the council after having been proposed by ID, and seconded by RM
- b. **Matters Arising**
 - i. **Planters and street furniture-** Members noted position, ML to get quotes about benches refurbishment. Members also used this opportunity to raise issues of street signs, particularly the street signs at Oaklands which have been back ordered since July, clerk to raise with TCBC again and lodge formal complaint with head of services.
 - ii. **Police Update:** No update was given, prior to the meeting, clerk to circulate to members upon receipt. [Clerk to invite Gwent police rep to next meeting.](#)
 - iii. **Events** - clerk updated on progress regarding Remembrance service for november.
 - iv. **Solar factory-** members have observed the flooding in the area and express continued concern over state of the ongoing application

6. Finance:

- a. Members noted the financial arrangements and accepted those. Members asked around x-mas tree costing and cost of lights, the council instructed the clerk to look into getting 40 clips for the Christmas lights affixed to streetlights members asked questions around council mergers and how budgets and revised tax base will be effected clerk to write to TCBC and ask for clarity at LCP meeting.
- b. Grant Request: Members agreed to £200 for the current financial year and urge that the club reapply in the new financial year
- c. Budget 2025/2026- Members accepted revised budget £34,669.46 with a precept set to be £30,669.46

7. Planning: MMCA/25/P/0675FUL- No objections noted

8. Members Presubmitted Motions: No motions had been submitted

9. Seminars and Outside Bodies

- a. **Ponthir CIW Primary School**- No report given
- b. **Torfaen Community Transport**- No update.
- c. **Gwent Valleys Partnership**- No Update, Clerk to attend OVW AGM on the 21st
- d. **Ponthir Village Hall**- no update- members of the council asked that thanks be given to the committee and organisers of the NYE party
- e. **PSCC**- No Update
- f. **Mick Morris Trust**- No Update
- g. **Torfaen LCP**- Members noted upcoming meeting, [Clerk to ask for minutes to be put out sooner, also for session on asset transfer and tax base increases resulting from Community Boundary review](#)
- h. **Chairs Report**- No Update

Meeting Closed 20:36

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