



## Minutes of Ponthir Community Council Full Council

Monday 08/12/ 2025 at 19:00 PM

**Present:** Councillors R Morgan, I Danaher, M Leighton, P Buffery, I Danaher

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A Lang, L Ryan Scales

2. **Members Declarations of Interest:**

3. **Public Questions and Representations:** None Submitted

4. **Minutes of Meeting held 10/11/25:**

a. **Acceptance:** Minutes of the meeting held 10/11/25 were moved by Cllr R Morgan and were seconded by Cllr I Danaher, members accepted the minutes and were signed by the Chair of the Council.

b. **Matters Arising**

- i. **Planters** Members agreed to defer motion on planters, but ML to get quote for the maintenance of benches and set aside a small portion of the budget for refreshing the planters. Members to get cleared asap.
- ii. **Police Update:** No update was given, prior to the meeting, clerk to circulate to members upon receipt.
- iii. **Christmas Lights/Trees-** The Clerk reported that lights had gone up, as well as trees. All Saints Church have asked for lights, members have cleared expense for next year, members also discussed the lights at village hall, and agreed to maintain current lights.- members to look at extra lights for village- PM to survey lampposts for plugs and power outlets
- iv. **Events -** The Clerk updated members on the programme of events held by other community councils in torfaen. Members explored the possibility of remembrance Sunday service. And raised the idea of a christmas fete/ summer fete/ also mentioned previous appearances by "Father Christmas". The new Christmas topper on the village postbox provided by the WI has met with 163 likes on facebook. Marking one of the highest engagements on social media. Members were keen to facilitate and support village

x-mas events and remembrance events, with the council acting as linking point drawing village together with small funding to be made available.

- v. **Update on play provision-** Members heard a proposal from Torfaen play which would see a youth club for children aged between 5-12 to be held at PSCC members expressed concerns of proposed time and location and that they felt that there was more of a need to target teenagers as opposed to the younger demographic. Clerk to look at concerns, ask for recommendations from hdrc, clerk to contact brownies guides etc. Clerk to go back to Torfaen Play with feedback
- vi. **Solar factory-** members were updated that no new information has been received

**5. Finance:** CLERK TO Chase hdi data over invoice. And Mike morris

- a. Grants- Members agreed to fund the Ponthir WI £150 as per their application, ML to submit application for defibrillator , and members to look at extra locations potentially Ponthir House or doctors surgery/pharmacy .

**6. Planning:** 25/P/0693/SCOPE-

- a. Clerk forwarded on application and members raised objections on the basis of the Increased risk of flooding, the Health and safety of those living close by and the wider community, Logistical issues surrounding the construction; such as increased traffic and unsuitable road infrastructure to support development, The effect on wildlife, The effect on amenities associated with the proposed site, The overbearing impact of the scale of the project, The noise and disturbance associated with construction, The increased risk to motorists and cyclists, The impact on active travel and safe routes to school, Potential loss of public right of way, Potential links to further planned development in the area, That the development does not adhere to TCBCs LDP or Ponthir Community Councils place plan., Loss of trees and hedgerows to allow access

**7. Members Presubmitted Motions:** No motions had been submitted

**8. Budget:** Members discussed budget and were overall happy with the clerks recommendations, a final draft will be brought to the next meeting with a few tweaks to made regarding election planning and reserves.

**9. Committee Reports**

- a. **Ponthir CIW Primary School-** No report given
- b. **Torfaen Community Transport-** No update.
- c. **Gwent Valleys Partnership-** No Update

- d. **Ponthir Village Hall-** members noted new trustees and that annual accounts have been published to charity commission.
- e. **PSCC-** No Update
- f. **Mick Morris Trust-** No Update
- g. **Torfaen LCP-** item for agenda, minutes need to be circulated within 20 days, still not being met. Also transfer of community assets and reserves resulting from boundary commission review.
- h. **Chairs Report-** chair attended carol service and thanked the church for their invite.

### **Meeting Closed 20:17**

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