

TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM - MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM HELD REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick – Chairperson

H T Bennett
N Farr
I M Spiller
E Davies
A Le Geyf

S J Bletsoe
P Ford
MJ Williams
G Chappell
Y Walton

C Davies
RM Granville
E D Winstanley
E Jones

M J Evans
M R John
J Gebbie
M Rock

Officers:

Jake Morgan
Jason Frowen
Rachel Keepins
Louise Connolly
Carys Lord
Alex Rawlin
Nimi Chandrasena
Oscar Roberts

Chief Executive
Town and Community Liaison Officer
Democratic Services Manager
Community Asset Transfer Manager
Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change
Corporate Policy & Performance Manager
Democratic Services Officer
Temporary Democratic Services Officer – Committees

36. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	Apologies for absence were noted from Cllr T Wood.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2025

37. Declarations of Interest

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Decision Made	There were no declarations of interest.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2025

38. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the 29 July 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2025

39. Future Working Relationships With Town And Community Councillors

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of this report, presented by the Chief Executive, was to consider and progress collaborative working between the Local Authority (the Authority) and Town and Community Councils (TCCs) to ensure effective future local service delivery.</p> <p>Members posed questions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What issues the Committee should be focused on solving.• Communication challenges between Town and Community Councils and BCBC. <p>These questions were addressed by the Leader, the Chief Executive and the Community Asset Transfer Manager. The suggestion of a Service Level Agreement was raised as a possible route forward in order to ensure that Town and Community Councils and BCBC can communicate effectively and promptly.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Forum considered and made comments and proposals in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) future local service delivery and how to progress effective collaborative working between the Authority and Town and Community Councils;b) the future of the Town and Community Council Forum.
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40. Update On The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 To 2029-30

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of this report, presented by the Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change, was to provide the Town and Community Council Forum with an update on the process and timescales for approving the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2026-27 to 2029-30, and specifically the Council's budget for 2026-27.</p> <p>The Committee was also informed of the need for Town and Community Councils to notify the Council of their precept by 9 January 2026, outlining the need for BCBC and T+CCs to work closer together within a timescale of the next few months.</p> <p>Members posed a question on whether political changes in Welsh government could impact the budget-setting process. This question was addressed by the Leader and the Chief Executive.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Town and Community Council Forum noted the update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-30 and actively engaged with the Council on opportunities for taking on Council services going forward to support the budget planning process.</p>
Date Decision Made	22 September 2025

41. Self-Assessment 2024/25

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of this report, presented by the Corporate Policy & Performance Manager, was to seek Town and Community Council's views on the draft self-assessment for 2024/25 included at Appendix 1 and the accompanying performance information at Appendix 2.</p> <p>Members provided comment on the report, noting that tree-planting estimate targets could be increased in order to set challenging goals for the Council.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the Town and Community Council Forum considered the draft</p>
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	Self-assessment 2024/25 report in Appendix 1 supported by performance information in Appendix 2.
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42. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2025

Prior to closure of the meeting, Members posed questions on:

- The current status of the Boundary Review and whether a briefing note could be prepared on the subject for distribution to Town and Community Councils.

These questions were addressed by the Leader. It was agreed that the Monitoring Officer should be consulted to ensure that decisions are made in the correct timescale to be considered by the Boundary Commission.

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 16:54.