

**COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 16:00**

**Present**

Councillor HJ David – Chairperson

H T Bennett  
O Clatworthy  
S Easterbrook  
RM Granville  
M Jones  
JC Spanswick  
HM Williams

A R Berrow  
RJ Collins  
N Farr  
GC Haines  
W J Kendall  
I M Spiller  
I Williams

E L P Caparros  
C Davies  
J Gebbie  
M L Hughes  
J Llewellyn-Hopkins  
T Thomas  
MJ Williams

N Clarke  
P Davies  
W R Goode  
M R John  
J E Pratt  
AJ Williams  
E D Winstanley

**Present Virtually**

S Aspey  
C L C Davies  
RM James  
A Wathan

F D Bletsoe  
M J Evans  
M Lewis

S J Bletsoe  
P Ford  
R J Smith

JPD Blundell  
S J Griffiths  
A Ulberini-Williams

**Officers:**

Kelly Watson  
Jake Morgan  
Claire Marchant  
Janine Nightingale  
Louis Pannell  
Adam Provoost  
Carys Lord  
Lindsay Harvey  
Mark Galvin  
Rachel Keepins  
Michael Pitman

Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy  
Chief Executive  
Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing  
Corporate Director - Communities  
Principal Strategic Planning Policy Officer  
Strategic Planning Policy Team Leader  
Chief Officer – Finance, Housing & Change  
Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People  
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees  
Democratic Services Manager  
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services

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Oscar Roberts

Temporary Democratic Services Officer - Communities

**181. Apologies for Absence**

Decision Made	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Wood, Cllr J Tildesley, Cllr R Penhale-Thomas, Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr R Williams, Cllr H Griffiths, Cllr G Walter
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025

**182. Declarations of Interest**

Decision Made	<p>The following declarations of interest were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr M James declared a personal interest in agenda items 7 and 8, as his wife chairs the Fostering Panel.</li><li>• Cllr E Winstanley declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, as her employer AWEN Cultural Trust is mentioned in the report, as well as her support of the Feel Good For Life Programme run by HALO.</li><li>• Cllr H Bennett declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, as her employing organisation BAVO is noted in the report.</li><li>• Cllr J Spanswick declared a personal interest in agenda item 11, as a trustee of Peace For Nature.</li></ul>
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025

**183. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of a meeting of Council dated 23 July 2025, be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025

**184. Presentation to Council by the Police and Crime Commissioner (South Wales)**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That the report of the Chief Executive and the presentation by the Police and Crime Commissioner be noted..
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**185. To receive announcements from:**

Decision Made	Announcements were received from the following dignitaries (no decisions required or made):- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor;</li><li>• Chief Executive</li></ul>	
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025	

**186. To receive announcements by the Leader**

Decision Made	Announcements were received from the Leader (no decisions required or made).	
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025	

**187. Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Improvement Check of Childrens and Family Services June 2025**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Council noted the CIW findings report and associated Action Plan
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025	

**188. Social Services Annual Report 2024-25**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Council approved the 2024-25 Director of Social Services Annual Report.
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025	

**189. Retail and Commercial Development Supplementary Planning Guidance**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Council:  a) Noted the contents of this Report and approved the Officer's consultation responses to the representations received following public consultation on the draft Retail and Commercial Development SPG, together with resultant amendments set out in attached Appendix 2.  b) Adopted the final form Retail and Commercial Development SPG (Appendix 1) for immediate application in making development management decisions and in the determination of planning applications along with the adopted RLDP, subject to the provisions of Recommendation c) below.  c) Authorised the Corporate Director – Communities and Group Manager – Planning and Development Services to make minor presentational changes, typographical or factual corrections as necessary prior to publication of the adopted Retail and Commercial Development SPG.
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025	

**190. Information Reports For Noting**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Council acknowledged the publication of the reports referred to in paragraph 3.1 of this report.
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025	

**191. To receive the following Questions from:**

Decision Made	<p>Councillor Ian Williams to the Cabinet Member - Climate Change &amp; the Environment (response circulated previously to Members).</p> <p>A supplementary question was asked by Councillor Davies which was responded to at the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Ian Spiller to the Cabinet Member - Regeneration, Economic Development &amp; Housing (response circulated previously to Members).</p> <p>A supplementary question was asked by Councillor Davies which was responded to at the meeting.</p>
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**192. Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Tim Thomas**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>The Council agreed to delegate authority to the political group leaders, along with Councillor Tim Thomas, to work with Officers and seek legal advice to finalize the wording of the motion to ensure it is effective and legally sound within the next five working days.</p> <p>Therefore, it was agreed that the wording be finalised as soon as possible and circulated to all Members, rather than brought back to the October meeting for a vote to avoid delay in the resolution of this motion.</p>
Date Decision Made	24 September 2025

**193. Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Jane Gebbie**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>Members agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the next meeting of Council dated 22 October 2025.</p>
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**194. Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Rhys Goode**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	Members agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the next meeting of Council dated 22 October 2025.
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**195. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None.
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