

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB / REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor HJ David – Chairperson

H T Bennett
JPD Blundell
T Wood
RM Granville
M L Hughes
M Lewis
I M Spiller
A Wathan
MJ Williams

A R Berrow
N Clarke
S Easterbrook
H Griffiths
M R John
J Llewellyn-Hopkins
T Thomas
AJ Williams
R Williams

F D Bletsoe
O Clatworthy
M J Evans
S J Griffiths
M Jones
J E Pratt
JH Tildesley MBE
HM Williams
E D Winstanley

S J Bletsoe
RJ Collins
J Gebbie
GC Haines
W J Kendall
JC Spanswick
G Walter
I Williams

Present Virtually

S Aspey
P Ford
P W Jenkins

E L P Caparros
N Farr
RL Penhale-Thomas

P Davies
D M Hughes
R J Smith

Officers:

Mark Galvin
Laura Griffiths
Lindsay Harvey
Rachel Keepins
Jake Morgan
Janine Nightingale
Michael Pitman
Kelly Watson

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Principal Solicitor
Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People
Democratic Services Manager
Chief Executive
Corporate Director - Communities
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy

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270. Apologies for absence

Decision Made	Apologies for absence were received from the following members:- Cllr RM James Cllr WR Goode Cllr C Davies Cllr D Harrison Cllr Alex Williams
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271. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026

272. To receive announcements from the Mayor Councillor Huw David

Decision Made	No decision made
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026

**273. To elect the Mayor for the period to May 2027 in accordance with
Section 23(1) of the Local Government Act 1972**

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Decision Made	RESOLVED:	That Cllr H Bennett be elected as Mayor for the ensuing year, to May 2027.
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274. To elect the Deputy Mayor for the period to May 2027 in accordance with Section 24(1) of the Local Government Act 1972

Decision Made	RESOLVED:	That Cllr E Winstanley be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year, to May 2027.
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026	

275. To elect the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council

Decision Made	RESOLVED:	That Cllr JC Spanswick be elected as Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council for the ensuing year, to May 2027.
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026	

276. The Leader to inform Council of the members to be appointed to the Cabinet including the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member portfolios

Decision Made	The Leader advised that his Cabinet would comprise of the following members in the undermentioned portfolios:- Cllr J Gebbie – Deputy Leader/Cabinet member, Social Services & Wellbeing Cllr H Williams – Cabinet Member, Finance & Transformation Cllr G Haines/Cllr E Caparros – Cabinet Member, Communities & Environment (shared role) Cllr M Evans – Cabinet Member, Corporate Services
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	Cllr M Jones – Cabinet Member, Education & Young People Cllr C Jones – Cabinet Member, Regeneration & Housing
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026

277. Appointments to the Council Committees and Other Council Bodies

Decision Made	<p>RESOLVED: That Council :-</p> <p>(1) Appointed the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and such other committees as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions;</p> <p>(2) Determined the size and Terms of Reference for those committees as set out in Appendix 1 of the report; including approving changes to the Terms of Reference of the Governance and Audit Committee and a reduction in size of the Development Control Committee from 18 to 16 members (and not 18 to 14 as was recommended in the report) with a quorum of 8 members, and the associated amendments to the Constitution;</p> <p>(3) Determined the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules as set out in Appendix 2 (of the report) which has been amended to reflect the proposed changes to the Development Control Committee;</p> <p>(4) Noted which political groups represented at Council are entitled to make appointments of Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairpersons;</p> <p>(5) Received nominations and appointed Councillors to serve on each of the Committees, Panels and other bodies (as per a list of Committee member appointments shared with Group Leaders and confirmed on the BCBC web site):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appeals Panel• Appointments Committee• Governance and Audit Committee• Democratic Services Committee• Development Control Committee
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- Licensing Committee
- Licensing Act 2003 Committee
- Town and Community Council Forum
- Standards Committee
- Corporate OVSC
- Social Services, Health and Wellbeing OVSC
- Education and Youth Services OVSC
- Communities, Environment and Housing OVSC

(6) Received nominations and appointed the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the following Committees, Panels and other bodies (as indicated) with it being noted that the Governance and Audit Committee at its first scheduled meeting will appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson:

Appeals Panel – Chairperson. Two nominations were received, namely Cllr W Kendall and Cllr R Smith. A vote was therefore conducted for Chair of this Panel the result of which was as follows:

For – Cllr Kendall – 25

For – Cllr Smith – 18

Cllr W Kendall was therefore appointed Chairperson of the Appeals Panel

Appeals Panel – Vice-Chairperson – Cllr M Hughes (unopposed)

Democratic Services Committee Chairperson – Cllr T Thomas (unopposed)

Development Control Committee. Three nominations were initially received, namely Cllr D Hughes, Cllr R Granville and Cllr M John. Following a vote Cllr Granville and Cllr John proceeded to a second vote (with Cllr Hughes being omitted due to having the least votes)

The result of the second vote was as follows:

For – Cllr Granville - 28

For - Cllr John – 16

Cllr R Granville was appointed Chairperson of the Development Control Committee

Two nominations were received for Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee,

	<p>namely Cllr S Griffiths and Cllr M John. A vote was therefore conducted the result of which was as follows:</p> <p>For – Cllr Griffiths – 25 For – Cllr John – 18</p> <p>Cllr S Griffiths was appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee</p> <p>Licensing Committee and Licensing Act 2003 Committee. Three nominations were initially received, namely Cllr M Lewis, Cllr S Bletsoe and Cllr RM James. Following a vote Cllr Lewis and Cllr Bletsoe proceeded to a second vote (with Cllr James being omitted due to having the least votes)</p> <p>The result of the second vote was as follows:</p> <p>For – Cllr Lewis – 25 For – Cllr Bletsoe – 17</p> <p>Cllr M Lewis was appointed Chairperson of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Act 2003 Committee.</p> <p>Licensing Committee and Licensing Act 2003 Committee Vice-Chairperson – Cllr R Williams (unopposed)</p> <p>Town and Community Council Forum Chairperson – Cllr JC Spanswick (unopposed)</p> <p>Town and Community Council Forum Vice-Chairperson – Cllr J Gebbie (unopposed)</p> <p>(7) Noted the nominations from the Group Leaders in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3.3 of the report, and appointed those nominees to the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees:</p> <p>Corporate OVSC Chairperson – Cllr Alex Williams (unopposed) Social Services, Health and Wellbeing OVSC Chairperson – Cllr Freya Bletsoe (unopposed) Communities, Environment and Housing OVSC Chairperson – Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell (unopposed) Education and Youth Services OVSC Chairperson – Cllr Heather Griffiths (unopposed)</p>
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	(8) Noted the Co-opted Member Protocol attached at Appendix 4, which has been drafted in line with the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru's Annual Remuneration Report;
	(9) Noted the revised Local Resolution Protocol attached at Appendix 5 to the report.
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026

278. Proposed Programme of Meetings of the Council and Council Committees

Decision Made	RESOLVED: That Council: a. Approved the proposed Programme of Council meetings for 2026-2027 as set out in paragraph 3.1 of this report, including a meeting of Council dated 18 December 2026; b. Approved the proposed Programme of Meetings of Council Committees for 2026-2027, as also set out in Appendix 1 to the report; c. Noted the provisional Programme of Meetings of Council and Council Committees for 2027-2028, set out in Appendix 2 to the report; d. Noted the dates of Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee which are also set out within the reports appendices for information purposes.
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026

279. Representation on Outside Bodies & Other Committees

Decision Made	The purpose of this report presented by the Monitoring Officer, was to seek Council's approval for the appointment of Members to the South Wales Police and Crime Panel, the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee - Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the South East Wales Strategic Planning Group, the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Governance and Audit Sub-Committee and the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Standards Sub-Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
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Decision Made	Cllr Bennett verbally accepted the office of Mayor and recited the following oath:– “I Cllr Heidi Bennett do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty the King, Charles the Third.”
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026

281. To invest the Mayor's Consort

Decision Made	David Bennett was invested as the Mayor's Consort for 2026-2027.
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026

282. To invest the Deputy Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council for 2026/2027

Decision Made	The outgoing Mayor Cllr David confirmed that earlier in proceedings Council had approved the nomination of Cllr Winstanley as Deputy Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council for the year 2026-2027. He therefore invited Cllr Winstanley to accept this offer in office.
Date Decision Made	13 May 2026

283. To invest the Deputy Mayor's Consort

Decision Made	The outgoing Mayor Cllr David announced that the incoming Deputy Mayor did not have any one individual as a Consort for the coming year, but that she would seek to have members of her community to accompany her to Civic events.
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The meeting closed at 17.45.