

COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3) - MONDAY, 13 JULY 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3) HELD REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY, 13 JULY 2026 AT 16:00

Present Virtually

Councillor JPD Blundell – Chairperson

P Jenkins	O Clatworthy	C L C Davies	P Davies
I Williams	W J Kendall	M Lewis	J E Pratt
	MJ Williams	T Wood	

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs G Haines, RJ Collins, P Ford and G Walter

Invitees

Councillor Colin Davies	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing
Councillor Eugene Caparros	Cabinet Member for Communities and the Environment (Job Share)
Janine Nightingale	Corporate Director – Communities
Delyth Web	Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration
Peter Carlick	Sustainable Development Manager
Paul Smith	Decarbonisation Programme Manager
Nicola Lewis	Team Leader Regeneration Projects and Approaches

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Officers

Lucy Beard	Scrutiny Officer
Stephen Griffiths	Democratic Services Officer – Committees

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Timothy Wood – Personal – Item 4 – Trader in the Rhiw Shopping Centre

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135. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the meeting of the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 15 June 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	13 July 2026

136. Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan Update

Decision Made	Following consideration of the report, and detailed discussion with a Cabinet Member, Senior Officers and Invitees, the Committee made the following recommendation and request for additional information: <u>Recommendation:</u> 1. The Committee expressed concern regarding the limited availability of town centre parking for workers, shoppers and visitors and that this was likely to be exacerbated by the opening of the Sunnyside Wellness Village and the new Bridgend College and recommended that consideration be given to the availability of parking during the review of the Masterplan. <u>Additional information requested:</u> 2. The Committee requested further details regarding the Brackla Street Gardens Project including what the project entails, how and by who each element would be delivered and the funding required.
Date Decision Made	13 July 2026

137. Bridgend County Borough Council Net Zero Strategy

Decision Made	Following consideration of the report, and detailed discussion with a Cabinet Member, Senior Officers and Invitees, the Committee made the following recommendation: <u>Recommendation:</u> 3. The Committee welcomed the change of terminology and focus from Net Zero to Decarbonisation, discussed the need for more efficient heating systems, better vehicle propulsion systems, and lower energy costs for schools and recommended that whilst continuing to monitor current arrangements, consideration be given to more focus being placed on seeking out alternative established technologies and those that the Authority could invest in and develop.
Date Decision Made	13 July 2026

138. Bridgend County Borough Council Electric Vehicle Strategy Post Consultation

Decision Made	Following consideration of the report, and detailed discussion with a Cabinet Member, Senior Officers and Invitees, the Committee made the following request for additional information: <u>Additional information requested:</u> 4. The Committee requested the number of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging points located in town centres and the number of commercially provided chargers available e.g. at supermarkets, out-of-town developments, etc.
Date Decision Made	13 July 2026

139. Forward Work Programme Update

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee approved the Forward Work Programme (FWP) in Appendix A subject to the following amendments, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet to track responses to the Committees' Recommendations made at previous meetings in Appendix B and noted that the FWP approved by the Committee would be reported to the next meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information. Members requested that: a) the following be included in the scope of the report on Condition of the Highways and Status of Road Resurfacing Programme: i) Work being undertaken to enhance road safety including any traffic calming measures ii) What enforcement action is taken against drivers who park illegally, particularly against persistent offenders. b) A report regarding the Integrated Work Management System be added to the Committee's FWP.
Date Decision Made	13 July 2026

140. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None.
Date Decision Made	13 July 2026

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

The meeting closed at 19:10.

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