

**COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2019**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 15:00**

Present

Councillor SE Baldwin – Chairperson

S Aspey	TH Beedle	JPD Blundell	NA Burnett
MC Clarke	N Clarke	RJ Collins	HJ David
PA Davies	SK Dendy	DK Edwards	J Gebbie
T Giffard	RM Granville	DG Howells	A Hussain
M Jones	MJ Kearns	DRW Lewis	JE Lewis
JR McCarthy	D Patel	RL Penhale-Thomas	AA Pucella
JC Radcliffe	KL Rowlands	B Sedgebeer	RMI Shaw
CE Smith	JC Spanswick	RME Stirman	G Thomas
T Thomas	JH Tildesley MBE	E Venables	SR Vidal
MC Voisey	LM Walters	KJ Watts	CA Webster
DBF White	PJ White	AJ Williams	HM Williams
RE Young			

Apologies for Absence

P Davies, CA Green, RM James, B Jones, SG Smith, A Williams and JE Williams

Officers:

Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Gill Lewis	Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer
Andrew Rees	Democratic Services Manager
Mark Shephard	Chief Executive
Kevin Stephens	Democratic Services Assistant
Kelly Watson	Head of Legal & Regulatory Services

370. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

371. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Council of 23 October 2019 be approved as a true and accurate record.

372. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM:

Mayor

The Mayor informed Council of the engagements which he had undertaken since the last meeting of Council which included attending the BAVO volunteer awards which celebrates local people who give up their time to help others in their community. He had the honour of presenting the Sports Volunteer of the Year award to Shannie Bowen, who runs weekly meetings during the school year with current Maesteg Active Young People leaders, helping them with their work books, organising placements and supporting them with their progress.

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Nominations for the Mayor's Annual Citizenship Awards were now open, the awards are open to people who live in the county borough, as well as groups and businesses based locally. Further information can be found on the BCBC website and a nomination form can be downloaded. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 24 January, the winners will be announced at an event in March.

The Mayor had the honour of representing the Authority at the Remembrance Sunday event held in Bridgend and laying a wreath on behalf of BCBC and its residents.

The Mayor announced that the first fundraising event "Music with the Mayor" was held at Court Colman on 10 November and had proven a great success, raising £1,300 for the Mayor's charity.

He reminded Councillors that he would be collecting for the foodbank at December Council. Councillors can also bring in their reverse advent calendars so that they can be collected by the Foodbank and he urged all to participate.

He also announced that the Princess of Wales Hospital Neo Natal Unit had received a prestigious UNICEF award, for the support the Unit gives to mothers and babies. He stated that the Unit is leading the way not only in Cwm Taf but in Wales.

### Deputy Leader

The Deputy Leader informed Members of a wide range of local events that are taking place across the county borough to draw to constituents' attention. Events begin on 22 November when the Bridgend and Porthcawl Fundraising group for Marie Curie will host an evening of crafts, songs and refreshments at Bridgend United Church along with a performance from choral group Sounds Familiar. The annual Bridgend White Christmas will take place on 23 November, where Santa Claus will tour the town centre before entering his grotto at Carnegie House, and later switching on the town lights. Children can also visit him at his grotto on the 30 November, and 7 and 14 December.

The Porthcawl Jingle Bell Parade will take place on 29 November with live brass band music, food stalls, children's rides and a Bridge FM stage, while the Grand Pavilion will host A Merry Little Christmas with Only Men Aloud.

On 30 November, the Maesteg Christmas Parade will offer a fireworks display and the switching-on of the Christmas lights, while Bryngarw Country Park will feature a visit from the only Green Santa in South Wales who will also be there on 1 December. On 7 December, the Wooden Reindeer Trail will open at Bryngarw Country Park and children will be asked to help Santa find his lost reindeer. The reindeer will also be lost on the 7, 8, 14 and 15 December. A Christmas Coastal Crafts will take place on 8 December at the Rest Bay Watersports Centre, and the Porthcawl Christmas Cracker event featuring a pop-up Christmas market, street food stalls, children's rides, Santa's grotto, a brass band and more. From 14 December until 5 January, the Grand Pavilion will be home to the Snow White pantomime, and with the annual Morning Swim taking place on Christmas Day itself. He announced that this year will mark the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and is in aid of Alzheimer's Society Cymru. The theme will be 'A Trip Down Memory Lane' where swimmers will dress up as a Christmas memory.

### Cabinet Member Communities

The Cabinet Member Communities announced that Members will be aware of the ongoing efforts to promote the Armed Forces Covenant, the latest element of which has involved the establishment of a guaranteed interview scheme for veterans. He informed Members that the Ministry of Defence has presented the Council with a bronze award from its Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. The scheme recognises commitment

and support from UK employers for defence personnel, and it presents bronze, silver and gold awards for employers who support those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families.

#### Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help

The Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help announced that in preparation for inevitable winter pressures placed upon hospitals, the Welsh Government has allocated a total of £4.3m to Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board, £2.7m of this is intended to be used in partnership with organisations in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region. This has required the health board to work closely with each of the local authorities based within the region to identify bids that are designed to provide solutions to this significant problem. He was pleased to confirm that following consideration of the regional wide bids, Bridgend County Borough has been allocated £600,000.

This funding will be used to enhance community provision and will include the Multi Agency Rapid Discharge Team, and investment in the third sector to increase their ability to support the community provision of services. It will also be used to increase capacity within existing services and teams, and for new ways of working with our domiciliary care providers.

He also announced that that a further £250,000 has also been allocated to increase bed capacity, to enable new ways of integrated working which increase capacity, to prevent any unnecessary hospital admissions to the Princess of Wales Hospital, and to speed up discharge where appropriate.

The Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help announced that the Council's annual 'empty nesters' campaign is appealing for people whose older children have left home to consider becoming foster carers. At this time of year, many parents may be going through what is known as 'empty nesters syndrome' and research has shown that for some people, these feelings can result in depression and a loss of purpose. He stated that the Council would like parents to reflect on their longer-term aspirations, and make them aware of how valuable they could be to a foster child as people who have brought up their own children will already have the necessary experience and life skills. Further information is available at the Bridgend Foster Care website.

#### Cabinet Member Wellbeing and Future Generations

The Cabinet Member Wellbeing and Future Generations announced that for almost 20 years, Community Chest has invested more than a million pounds into grassroots sport in Bridgend County Borough. This is a Sport Wales initiative which provides eligible community groups, sports clubs and youth clubs with grants of up to £1,500. She informed Council that grant funding such as this plays a vital role in helping clubs to remain sustainable, especially in light of recent efforts to secure the long-term future of community sport by encouraging more community asset transfers, and in the face of ongoing budget challenges.

The Cabinet Wellbeing and Future Generations informed Council of the groups which had benefitted recently from Community Chest funding, which include Every Link Counts, to set up a boccia club for people with learning difficulties, the Maesteg Canoe Club and Bridgend Canoe Club, who used their funding to purchase instructor training and equipment for younger members and people with disabilities. The Bridgend Bolts Netball Club has used Community Chest funding to encourage more girls to take up sport and ensure that they can progress from junior level into senior netball. The funding has also supported training for coaches, umpires and first-aiders, equipment and facility hire costs and more. She urged Members to encourage local sports teams and clubs to find out more about how the Community Chest funding scheme can support

them. The deadline for the next round of funding applications will be 27 November, with details available on the Sport Wales community chest website or contacting sports development officer Andrew Jones.

#### Cabinet Member Education and Regeneration

The Cabinet Member Education and Regeneration announced that Natural Resources Wales is in discussions with the Kenfig Corporation Trust over a long-term management lease for Kenfig National Nature Reserve. He stated that the Council has been working towards a management handover of the site for almost a full decade and has been supporting the trust as they seek to appoint a new organisation who can continue this work when the lease is returned on 31 December 2019. He informed Council that Natural Resources Wales are undertaking 'due diligence' checks after concluding that they are best placed to manage the conservation interests at the site. He acknowledged and thanked everyone who had worked at the reserve or who has volunteered there while it has been managed by the Council.

The Cabinet Member Education and Regeneration congratulated pupils at Corneli Primary School, Ysgol Y Ferch o'r Sgêr and the Integrated Children's Centre for offering a helping hand to infants at Mynydd Cynffig Primary. He stated that the infants found themselves in need of a new classroom after a burst pipe left theirs without heat and in need of extensive repairs. He stated that their fellow pupils have rallied round to make room for them while the work is underway.

#### Chief Executive

The Chief Executive announced that a number of Council staff have been recognised at the South Wales Police Awards after winning the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership Award for 2019. The award was presented for their efforts as part of the Suicide Review And Response Group. Featuring representatives from the Communications, Safeguarding and Education and Family Support teams, the group brings together colleagues from the Council, health, police and third sector organisations. The group works in partnership to provide dedicated support which is designed to help people access services that support mental well-being, and prevent self-harm and suicide. He congratulated the staff for their efforts.

The Chief Executive also announced that staff have also organised a Christmas Foodbank collection and donation scheme in support of local families and individuals who are experiencing hardship. Throughout all of next week, collection points will be set up in staff kitchen and break areas at the Civic Offices, and a list of food and other urgently needed items will be distributed as part of this week's all-staff Bridgend email. This was being organised in time for Christmas, in addition to the Mayor's ongoing Foodbank collection.

#### 373. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE LEADER

The Leader announced that National Safeguarding Week had been marked across Wales with a series of events designed to raise awareness about how abuse can take many different forms, and how people can access help and support. He stated that to demonstrate how everybody can spot signs of abuse and help promote safeguarding, local school children took part by placing specially painted pebbles in parks and public areas across the county borough. The Council had teamed up with a range of different organisations to help mark the week, and staged information events alongside Barnardos, the Community Safety Partnership, Bridgend Carers Wellbeing Service and Telecare.

He informed Council that new Wales safeguarding procedures were launched to provide guidance for practitioners, specific training sessions were held which highlighted the use of tools such as the 'Bright Sky' app, designed to provide support and information for anyone who may be directly experiencing or know someone who is suffering from domestic abuse, sexual abuse, stalking and harassment. He thanked everyone who took part and helped organise all of this, especially the members of Bridgend Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.

The Leader announced that the Council has been contacted by WEPA UK Ltd, who are currently exploring a number of options to enhance its European operations, which includes the Bridgend Paper Mill at Llangynwyd. The proposals for the site would include the construction and operation of a second tissue paper machine and additional converting capacity in new building extensions, new handling and shipping areas, as well as a new entrance on the south east side of the site. If approved, the extension will safeguard the existing 267 jobs at the site and create up to 74 new high-quality jobs as well as bringing investment into the local economy. WEPA estimate that more than £100m of inward investment would be generated by the Paper Mill's expansion which would also result in a positive knock-on effect to the supply chain. He had received a request to meet with WEPA to hear about their plans. WEPA has triggered the statutory 28-day pre-application consultation period as this will require planning permission. The planning application will be considered in the same way that any planning application will be considered by this authority against its statutory plans and policies.

The Leader also announced that he was looking forward to viewing the new type of trains that will be serving the Maesteg rail line from December, which would have significantly more capacity, more space, on-board passenger information systems, accessible toilets, air conditioning, Wi-Fi and power sockets. The new trains will also be introduced by Transport for Wales onto the Cheltenham and Ebbw Vale lines providing space for up to 6,500 more commuters a week from December this year. Transport for Wales would also be introducing a Sunday service for the first time on the Maesteg line and he looked forward to hearing more about plans to increase the frequency of the service.

374. 2020-21 COUNCIL TAX BASE

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer reported on details of the council tax base and estimated collection rate for 2020-21.

She advised that the estimated council tax base for 2020-21 was 55,604.38, Band D equivalent properties and the estimated collection rate is 98%. The net council tax base was therefore 54,492.29. She stated that the Council Tax Base is provided to Welsh Government and is used as part of the distribution of the Revenue Support Grant in the Local Government Settlement. For the purpose of distributing RSG, collection rates are assumed to be 100%. The amount of Council Tax due for a dwelling in Band D is calculated by dividing the annual budget requirement to be funded by taxpayers by the Council Tax Base. She informed Council that the council tax element of the Council's budget will be based on the net council tax base of 54,492.29.

A member of Council questioned whether the 98% collection rate is being achieved. The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer stated that the collection rate of 98% is being achieved, performance had previously dropped below the collection rate and every effort is made by officers to secure the target collection rate.

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (1) Approved the council tax base and collection rate for 2020-21, as shown in paragraph 4.1 of the report.
- (2) Approved the tax bases for the community areas set out in Appendix A to the report.

375. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Monitoring Officer reported on the findings of the Constitution Working Group and Democratic Services Committee and sought approval of amendments to the Constitution.

The Monitoring Officer explained that a request had been received from an Elected Member for a review of the Constitution. In accordance with Article 15 of the constitution the Monitoring Officer will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect. Any changes will need the approval of Council based on the recommendations of the Monitoring Officer.

The review of the Constitution specifically requested the following to be considered:

- 1) The time period for questions and motions be re-instated at 5 days, now that suitable resources are in place to allow timely translation to Welsh;
- 2) That following the presentations and announcements by Cabinet members, the Leader, and Chief Executive, Members be allowed to ask non tabled questions for a period of 15 minutes;
- 3) That the three largest opposition groups, be given 3 minutes (taken from Development Control Committee 3-minute rule) to make announcements or presentations to Council;
- 4) The timing of Council meetings

The Monitoring Officer reported that the Democratic Services Committee established a cross party Constitution Working Group to review the Constitution, which met on two occasions.

The Working Group recommended that the time period for the submission of questions and motions remain at 10 clear working days. The Democratic Services Committee further added that there be clearer policing of supplementary questions to ensure they are relevant to the original question and that they are short and concise. The Working Group in considering announcements made at Council, recommended that an amendment be made to the Constitution to re-title the Leader's Report to that of Leader's Announcements and that the current announcements made by the Cabinet be shortened. The Working Group recommended that all Members of Council receive replies to written questions 24 hours prior to the meeting of Council where practicable. The reply will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting of Council. The Working Group considered that announcements by Opposition Group Leaders could give rise to political statements being made and did not wish to pursue announcements being made by the Leaders of the 3 largest Opposition Groups. In relation to the timing of Council meetings, an electronic vote was conducted on conclusion of the meeting of Council on 24 July 2019 as to whether or not there was an appetite to explore evening meetings. Of the 45 Members present, 17 Members voted in favour of holding evening meetings. The Working Group recommended that as the vote was lost, the holding of evening meetings would not be explored further until the next administration.

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The Monitoring Officer informed Council that an opportunity was taken as part of the review to review the Council's call-in procedure to ensure it was working effectively within the current Scrutiny structure. Research had been conducted by the Democratic Services Team on the Call-in process in place at other local authorities in Wales. The Working Group recommended that the period of notice after publication of a decision be extended from the current 3 clear working days to 5 clear working days in order to have greater transparency and for backbench Members to have a greater opportunity to call-in a decision. The Working Group recommended that the time period for holding an Overview and Scrutiny Committee remains at within 5 clear working days. The Working Group recommended that any Member including a Chairperson who calls-in a decision is excluded from the decision making at that Committee meeting, but would be invited to give evidence to the Committee in support of the Call-in request.

The Monitoring Officer informed Council that the Democratic Services Committee at its meeting on 17 October 2019 considered the findings and approved the recommendations of the Constitution Working Group for consideration by Council.

Councillor Voisey who had submitted the request to the Monitoring Officer informed Council that he has done so as he believed that the public were not getting questions answered in the public domain. The Member believed that the increase in the time period for questions and motions to 10 days was temporary and should be reinstated to 5 days. The Member also believed that the announcements by the Executive and Chief Executive could be dealt with by press releases. The report of the Leader gave the opportunity for Members to ask questions of the Leader, this opportunity would not be afforded to Members if the Leader's Report was re-titled Leader's Announcements. In relation to announcements by Opposition Groups, the Member stated that this was a political chamber and Members have a right to make political statements. He believed that the request to question the Leader and Cabinet had been missed from the report and requested that this should be reviewed. The Member also requested that the timing of Council meetings start on a proportional basis according to the preferences of Members.

Councillor Venables who chaired the Constitution Working Group and is also the Chairperson of the Democratic Services Committee commented that the Working Group had met on 2 occasions and had robustly scrutinised the elements of the Constitution subject to the review. Councillor Howells who is a Member of the Constitution Working Group and Democratic Services Committee commented that the Working Group had looked at research undertaken by the Democratic Services Team and had considered the options available. He reiterated that the Group was a cross party group.

Councillor Giffard expressed concern at the recommendation that any Member including a Chairperson who calls-in a decision is excluded from the decision making at that Committee meeting, but would be invited to give evidence to the Committee in support of the Call-in request. He expressed concern that Committees considering a Call-in would become imbalanced if the Members signing the Call-in were excluded from the decision making at the Committee. The Monitoring Officer informed Council that the Constitution Working Group had considered the Call-in process during the review as there had been a call in during the period and it was felt lessons could be learnt. It was considered that to avoid the perception of impartiality and pre-determination Members who call in a decision should not sit on the Committee considering the matter. The Monitoring Officer informed Council that with the ever increasing use of social media the perception of the public had to be considered.

The Monitoring Officer informed Council that a large number of Members had signed the most recent Call-in which could have led to the meeting being inquorate if they had all declared that they had pre-determined.

Councillor Watts considered that Members should have the ability to ask non tabled questions of the Executive. The Monitoring Officer informed Council that Constitution Working Group had concluded that the Cabinet Member may not have the detail to fully respond to questions being put at the meeting. They felt it was more appropriate to ask tabled questions to give the opportunity for a comprehensive answer to be prepared. Councillor Venables informed Council that all elements of the review had been considered robustly by the Constitution Working Group. Councillor Patel stated that she had attended a meeting of the Working Group and had explained that as a Cabinet Member she would like a response to a question to be correct. She believed Cabinet Members would not be in possession of that level of detail at meetings of Council. Councillor Watts believed that if Members did not have the opportunity to ask questions, that debate was nullified and Members could not voice their opinions. The Mayor informed Council that the Member asking the question is able to ask a supplementary question and two further questions can be asked by Members.

Councillor T Thomas believed that all Members of Council should have been able to contribute to the review of the Constitution. The Mayor advised that the review had been delegated to the cross party working group by the Democratic Services Committee.

Councillor T Thomas also believed that the increase in the timescale for submitting questions and motions was a temporary due to the implementation of the Welsh Language Standards.

Councillor N Clarke also expressed concern that Members signing a Call-in request could be excluded from sitting on the Committee hearing the Call-in and considered that the number of Members sitting on Overview and Scrutiny Committees should be increased to avoid Committee becoming inquorate.

Councillor Burnett welcomed Cabinet Members being able to make announcements and to present good news items and felt political statements were not made during the announcements.

Councillor Penhale Thomas felt that there should be policing of supplementary questions and welcomed replies to Questions being sent to Members 24 hours before the meeting. He also welcomed shorter announcements by Cabinet Members, but believed that announcements should also be extended to all political groups and also commented that this is a political chamber.

Councillor M Clarke commented that the purpose of Call-in is for Members to have another look at a decision and felt that the administration should not be afraid to have another look at a decision it was to make. He also considered that the administration could have a pre-disposition on a decision it intended to make. He stated that Call-in requests were rare and that Committees would act responsibly.

Councillor Voisey commented that a 15 minutes period for non-tabled questions should be allowed and that Cabinet Members are experienced and are supported by officers. He expressed concern that he had not been asked to attend meetings of the Constitution Working Group and that its minutes were not available to Members. The Monitoring Officer advised that the matters raised by Councillor Voisey had been referred to the Democratic Services Committee which delegated that matters to the Constitution Working Group it had established.



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Councillor Spanswick considered that Members should declare an interest if they had pre-determined or were pre-disposed in relation to a decision which had been called-in and what was needed was a review of the scrutiny process.

Councillor Vidal considered that the views of the 17 Members who had voted in favour of evening meetings should have been taken on board. The Monitoring Officer informed that this was an informal vote as the Constitution Working Group wanted an indicative view of Members.

Councillor Webster stated that she attended Overview and Scrutiny Committees with an open mind and left politics at the door. She also stated that Members need to be mindful of comments which they make on social media. The Monitoring Officer informed Council that queries had been received from members of the public as to whether Members had pre-determined as a result of comments which had been made on social media.

Councillor PA Davies stated that the recommendations made by the Constitution Working Group to the Democratic Services Committee were cross party. She also stated that translations had to be accurate and timely.

The Leader stated that the Constitution Working Group was a cross party group and that his Group had received feedback on its work as part of the review. He stated that purpose of Council was not ask questions of Members but to make decisions and set policy. He also stated that the Constitution Working Group had been tasked by the Democratic Services Committee to come up with recommendations and that the Working Group had tried to protect Members in calling-in a decision. Councillor Penhale Thomas informed Council that no member of his Group sits on the Working Group. He also believed that Members need to be able to ask strategic questions at Council.

A proposal was received from Councillor Watts that the proposals for the Call-in process be referred back to the Democratic Services Committee. This was not seconded and fell.

A proposal was received from Councillor Giffard for the removal of paragraph 4.7.4 of the report. He requested assurances that the Council believes that a Call-in will always be heard by a politically balanced Committee. This was seconded by Councillor N Clarke.

The Monitoring Officer informed Council that paragraph 4.7.4 would not be implemented and further consideration would be given to the Call In process.

**RESOLVED:**

That Council:

- (1) Noted the research and work undertaken by the Constitution Working Group on behalf of the Democratic Services Committee;
- (2) Approved the recommendations made by the Working Group and amend the Constitution accordingly with the exception of paragraph 4.7.4
- (3) Delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to make minor amendments to the Constitution to include amending typographical and drafting errors, updating legislative changes and drafting improvements to enhance clarity and remove minor anomalies.

376. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR A HUSSAIN TO THE CABINET MEMBER COMMUNITIES

**Question from Councillor A Hussain to the Cabinet Member Communities**

In the County Borough there are many cycle and walking route gaps. How is the Cabinet Member addressing this to encourage Active Travel?

**Response of the Cabinet Member**

The Council's active travel network map is in two parts: a) the existing route map (ERM) based on cycle routes that existed before the Active Travel Act (Wales) 2013 was enacted; b) the integrated network map (INM) based on proposed routes. The proposed schemes contained in the INM have the following aims:

1. Improve access to key services and facilities including town centres, employment sites, retail areas and transport hubs;
2. Improve access to education facilities such as schools and colleges;
3. Improvement to, and expansion of, the existing strategic cycle network in the county borough.

The supporting information accompany the INM advises further that that routes identified are "indicative alignments that may be subject to change as routes are further developed. The development and delivery of the proposals shown on the INM will be dependent upon the availability of funding.

The points enumerated above supplement the criteria identified in the Active Travel Delivery Guidance issued by the Welsh Government. In it, Appendix B contains 9 settlements where routes had to be identified, which is linked below.

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2017-09/statutory-guidance-for-the-delivery-of-the-active-travel-wales-act-2013.pdf>

The 13 settlements are as follows:

- For the Bridgend catchment: Bridgend, Sarn, Trelales.
- For the Maesteg catchments: Croeserw, Cymmer, Maesteg.
- For the Ogmores Vale/Nantymoel settlement: Nantymoel, Ogmores Vale.
- For the Hendreforgan/Gilfach Goch settlement: Gilfach Goch.
- The other two catchments are Pyle, Pencoed and Pontycmer.

Where settlements straddle adjoining authorities, responsibility rests with joint authorities.

Although the active travel INM provides a basis for the primary active travel network in the county borough, the development of a comprehensive network is not limited to the INM. The INM provides a base network into which active travel routes that are identified as part of the land use development process and to be provided by developers could link. Other measures such as safe routes to schools and communities will be explored to cover areas that are not covered by the INM.

Councillor Hussain referred to Map 8 of the INM which showed proposals for the future works in and around the County and asked a supplementary question, could the Cabinet Member help the public by installing a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Tondu Road and Church Road near the petrol station, which will be a way forward for the residents to cycle and walk to Bridgend?

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The Cabinet Member Communities undertook to speak to Councillor Hussain in relation to the request made in his supplementary question.

377. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.