



Date: Tuesday 27th November, 2018, 2pm – 4pm Venue: Cwmbrian Library

Present:	Rosemary Butler Roslyn Chamberlain - Treasurer Verlie Crandon Angela Day Brian Day Jane Dorsett Sheila Gummery Maureen Guppy Richard Guppy Walter Harris - Secretary Roger Hayes Toni Hayes – Vice Chair	Olive Jenkins Sylvia Hoad Jean Jones Ann Parish Barbara Parry Val Predeauss Patricia Parsons - Chair Joyce Petrovic Muriel Price	Doreen Smith Margaret Stubbington Evelyn Trumper Laura Turner Pat Walkley Avril Weaver Kit Welbirg Maureen Williams
In attendance:	Age Connects Torfaen Office of Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner	Tracey Jones Jess Tippins	
Apologies:	David Bevan Carol Briffett Paul Davey Mary Davey Delene Leek	Brian McDowell Shirley McDowell Dorothy Phillips Barbara Bowen	Bridget Barnes

Agenda item	Minutes	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies for absence Members were welcomed to the meeting by Chair – Patricia Parsons. Apologies were noted by Secretary and Age Connects Torfaen.</p>	<p>PP TMJ WH</p>
2.	<p>Minutes review, acceptance and matters arising Correction to minutes – Mobile telephone number of secretary – last digit missing – Walter Harris mobile telephone number will also be added to future minutes. A proposal of accepting the minutes as a true and accurate record was received from Verlie Crandon, the proposal was seconded by Barbara Parry.</p>	<p>Chair & TMJ</p>
3.	<p>Chair introduced guest speaker - Jess Tipping – Gwent Office Police and Crime Commissioner - Communication & Engagement Officer Jess introduced herself, informing Jeff Cuthbert current Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner was publicly elected in 2016. Priorities of policing include Crime Prevention, Supporting Victims, Service Delivery and Effective Community Cohesion Budget 2018-2019 The Commissioner is required to determine the budget for 2018/19 and then set the council tax precept following consultation with the Police and Crime Panel. The greater part of the budget will be allocated for to Gwent Police for operational purposes, but an element needs to be retained to cover the cost of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and commissioning of services from organisations other than the Gwent Police. <u>Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Budget 2018/19</u> In determining the Budget Requirement for 2018/19 the Commissioner has had regard to the Police and Crime Plan 2017/21; the Policing Visions 2025; the Strategic Policing Requirement; the Chief Constable’s view of the financial resources required to deliver the operational requirements of the Plan; the level of resources to be allocated for commissioning other than from the Chief Constable and the cost of running the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Commissioner has approved, in consultation with the Police and Crime Panel: (i) A budget requirement for 2018/19 of £123,522,220; (ii) The planned efficiency savings in 2018/19 of £0.183m and further planned efficiency savings of £5.865m (totalling £6.048m) detailed in Appendix 4b of the Annex to this submission; (iii) The further proposed utilisation of the Reserves and Committed Funds (Appendix 5) (iv) The initial Capital Programme as described in Appendices 6a</p>	

and 6b; and

(v) The 2018/19 proposed precept to be levied in respect of general expenses of £52,035,431 (equivalent to a Council Tax Band D of £238.84) and that this sum be apportioned to each City/County/County Borough Council according to the following table:

Unitary Authorities	£	Tax Base Band D Equivalent (£)
Blaenau Gwent	4,819,779	20,179.95
Gaerphilly	14,317,027	59,944.01
Monmouthshire	10,959,854	45,887.85
Newport	13,963,903	58,465.51
Torfaen	7,974,868	33,390.00
Total	52,035,431	217,867.32

The precept shown in the above table generates the following amounts of council tax for the various bands:

Council Tax Band	£
A	159.23
B	185.76
C	212.30
D	238.84
E	291.92
F	344.99
G	398.07
H	477.68
I	557.29

Further discussion followed regarding:

Cyber Crime, neighbourhood policing and events, car parking and abandoned cars now the responsibility of TCBC and not the police as of December 2018. Previously income obtained through fines was forwarded to central government, now TCBC will monies. Proceeds from Criminal Acts support community groups. Local policing. If the consultation response does not support Crime & Police Commissioner proposal, policing will have to make £5.3 million in savings. Jess handed out consultation information and remained at the rear of the room for the remainder of Forum meeting to enable members to speak to her on a one to one basis. Chair thanked Jess for attending the meeting today to ensure forum engaged in the consultation opportunity.

Second guest speaker – Digital Inclusion – the guest speaker did not attend as previously scheduled by Tracey Jones – no apologies were received prior to the meeting. Tracey Jones will recontact.

<p>4.</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>Treasurers report presented by R. Chamberlain Income Raffle £33.00. Expenditure £20.00 rent, £5.00 raffle prize, refreshments £10.00 NPC membership. £557.00 Christmas Meal. Balance: £1717.33 bank account, £1005 Business Account (interest of .17p) Cash In Hand £55.94</p> <p>Secretary Report Walter Harris shared aspects of the Older Peoples Commission For Wales Autumn Newsletter 2018. The Older Peoples Commissioner For Wales ambition is to make Wales the best place in the world to grow older, and has been travelling throughout Wales to hear directly from older people and stakeholders about what would make Wales the best place to grow older for them, something that has been both enjoyable and hugely valuable.</p> <p>Walter Harris also reflected on the third phase of the Older Peoples (2013-2023) Strategy (Living Longer, Living Better) focuses on ensuring that older people in Wales have the resources they need to deal with the challenges and opportunities they face.</p> <p>Older people should expect to be able to participate as fully in society as they desire, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributing to community and family life • influencing decisions • having their needs met <p>The plan concentrates on the 3 priorities for the Strategy for Older People. These priorities are that older people in Wales have the social, environmental and financial resources to age well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walter has attended Health Champion workshops on Diabetes & Quit Smoking Awareness. • 2 million letters and leaflets are being sent to households across Wales to tell taxpayers about the new Welsh rates of income tax, which will be introduced in April 2019. Have you received yours? <p>Walter shared Guardian Newspaper article – banks are blaming their customers if they have been scammed. Discussion followed. Reminder you can register with Mail & Telephone Preference Service. Contact can be made to the ACT Info & Advice Service (01495 769264) for assistance to register or register online.</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>WH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PP & Steering Panel</p>
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	<p>Members also reminded everyone they can register with their telephone provider to stop unwanted calls from abroad.</p> <p>Chair Report - Patricia Parsons Steering Group have met, discussions: Christmas Lunch, Forum Funding, Future Meetings, Constitutions – Aims & Objectives.</p> <p>Attendance of Newport Forum meeting – discussions took place on parking problems and new road layouts.</p> <p>Common interests are: Public toilets and transport, the future of 75+ Free TV Licence. The Government will hand over funding of BBC in 2020.</p> <p>A BBC consultation document summary will be sent to Forum members accompanying November minutes by Tracey Jones. A request was made to members, please complete and return to the next Meeting in January 2019. This will enable a joint Cwmbran Forum response to be collated.</p> <p>At the next Forum meeting, discussions will be held to establish key questions in preparation of presenting to the Older Peoples Commissioner Helena Herkloets who is visiting the Forum in February 2019.</p>	<p>ALL TMJ</p> <p>PP ALL</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Age Connects Torfaen Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to What's On At The Hubs – ACT • Loneliness & Isolation Will you be on your own at Xmas, Event details here please • Mature Times • Vicar of Didbley- 15th January in Congress. 17th January at St Cadoc's Church, Trevethin. • Bron Afon Tenants- all tenants are entitled to a free weeks rent, starting 24th December, if not in arrears. Arrears letters will be sent out until the Friday 21st September. If you are in arrears, please contact Information and Advice of Age Connects Torfaen, TCBC financial Support team or Citizen Advice Bureau. • Age Connects Torfaen Carol Concert will be held on 14th December at 1030-11.30. Book tickets (free) at Age Connects Torfaen reception today. • Carers Rights Day at Widdershins Centre on 30th November from 9.30-11.30. There will be a free Breakfast, benefits assessment, managing guilt, find local carer support and try a relaxing therapy, legal advice from Rubin Lewis Obrien Solicitors. ACT would like to welcome registered and also 	<p>ALL</p>

	informal carers.	
6, 7 & 8	<p>Raffle was drawn</p> <p>Chair – Thank you for attending today. Christmas Lunch service commencing 1pm. Raffle on the day will contribute £2.00 towards cost of lunch. No meeting in December, Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 4pm. Date of next meeting 22 January 2019.</p>	