



Minutes of the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee 23RD February 2026

Present: Councillors D Ingram-Jones; M Ingram-Jones; H Llewellyn; C Andrews.

Present Online: Councillors S HamerThomas; J McCarthy.

Chairperson: Councillor M Ingram-Jones.

Also present: Mrs H Williams (Town Clerk); Mr C Gapper (Deputy Clerk).

To receive Apologies for Absence.

Councillors R Price (Family).

To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.
No declarations made.

Press and public participation.

No enquiries received by the clerk.

1. To receive, review and approve draft unapproved minutes of the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee 19TH January 2026.

Resolved – to approve the minutes as a true record of proceedings. Councillor D Ingram-Jones moved, Councillor C Andrew seconded.

2. To receive feedback from the first Working Group meeting regarding the feasibility of a Community Cinema held on the 21ST February 2026.

Deferred – Working Group meeting differed to the 2ND March 2026 due to availability. Findings to be communicated at the next Engagement & Wellbeing Meeting, 13TH April 2026.

3. To receive updates from the Deputy Clerk on the Circus Berzercus event at the Arthur Balfour Conservative and Workingmen's Club – 19TH February 2026. Members evaluation and instructions required.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed 43 Adults, 59 Children attended. Positive and constructive feedback given by the Deputy Clerk to improve future family events regarding food choices and onsite resources. First Aid cover provided by St Johns Ambulance. Night Out Report to be completed and sent back to the Arts Council of Wales by the Deputy Clerk to confirm feedback and funding support. Feedback from attendees at the event requested more summer activities.

Committee discussed future family events including the Autumn Event in 28TH October 2026, Deputy Clerk instructed to continue planning. First Aid cover to be considered for future family events.

Resolved – Retrospective authorisation of £81+VAT (St Johns Ambulance Fee)

4. To discuss members participation and resources at the Spring Event.

Councillors' participation discussed. Councillors Ingram-Jones and McCarthy confirmed attendance with other councillors expected to support the activity.

A list of resources required for the stall including a council banner, table, stationery and clothing (Hi-Viz) were discussed. Flyers and questionnaires to be prepared for the event

Instruction to the Deputy Clerk - To create a flyer with details on how to become a councillor along with contact details of the local town councillors.

5. To receive an update from the Deputy Clerk regarding the Morrisons Artwork Project. Deputy Clerk provided an update based on an email from Morrisons on the 13TH February 2026. Dawn Ingram-Jones confirmed that Caerphilly People First and Bargoed YMCA are happy to proceed with the project.

Resolved – Deputy Clerk to contact Morrisons Store Manager for further information.

Resolved – Dawn Ingram-Jones to forward details of the funding programme.

6. To receive feedback from the Annual Report working group on progress. Members are required to discuss next steps. Completion deadline 2ND April 2026 for full council review.

Clerk reviewed current report, detailed certain areas to improve and change regarding photographs and layout. Various photographs and content included but further details on events needed inclusion. Wellbeing for Future Generations Act details needs inclusion along with updating financial details. No current photographs uploaded for the Over 60's Summer Party & Orchard Tree Planting. Initial theme and layout discussed.

Councillors M Ingram-Jones and D Ingram-Jones to support officer with report completion.

Resolved – The following points were resolved:

- Remove Contact Details from cover page and change image
- Photo of the council in session to be taken at next Full council meeting on 18/03/2026.
- Councillor Howard Llewellyn to provide short paragraph on role of major.
- Font to Aerial MT Pro with a maximum size of 14.

16.48pm Councillor Llewellyn left the meeting.

7. To hear from the chair regarding an events strategy for Older People. Deferred 13/04/26. Initially discussed that an event strategy is needed due to the number and type of events going on throughout the year.

Deferred - Discussion on the event strategy deferred to full council on 18TH March 2026.

The Chair thanked everyone for their work and the meeting was closed at 16.54pm.