

# NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

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Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend a hybrid meeting of the Town Council to be held at **6.00pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024** at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk at the above e-mail by 3pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Town Clerk

## AGENDA

**A meeting to which members of the public are entitled to attend.**

### Declaration of Interest

Members are invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Please note that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided.

**1. Apologies:**

Members are invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

**2. Town Mayor's Communications:**

The Town Mayor's communications for April 2024.

**3. Questions from the Public:**

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (please note this is limited to 10 minutes).

**4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (pages 134 – 138)**

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

**5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (pages 139 - 141)**

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

- a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

**6. Minutes of the Task & Finish Group Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (pages 142 - 144)**

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

- a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

**7. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (pages 145 - 147)**

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

- a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

**8. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (pages 148 -151)**

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

- a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

**9. Correspondence:**

Members are invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that may be received prior to the date of the meeting:

- a) Blaenau Gwent & Torfaen Local Nature Partnership (for information – copies attached):

Agenda of meeting and information of other events taking place.

**10. Blaina Library:**

Members are invited to consider the information received from Blaina Community Institute Ltd in respect of the future of Blaina Library.

**11. Application to the Community Grant Fund:**

*None received to date.*

**12. Confidential Information:**

The following item(s) may contain information that is of a confidential or personal nature and is therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960).

Item no 4

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### Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of the Full Council held at 6pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

**A meeting to which members of the public are entitled to attend.**

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Town Mayor, presiding.  
Councillors G Morvan, K Jones JP, D Hillman, C Hillman, L Harris, L King,  
M Willams (remote) & J Bond.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO  
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer  
Mr M Brooks, member of public

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that one member of the public was present. **Resolved** to note the information received.

The Town Mayor informed that Mrs Valda Bridgeman, wife of ex Town Councillor and Town Mayor Mr Clive Bridgeman had recently passed away. All present stood and observed one minutes silence as a mark of respect. **Resolved** accordingly.

#### Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Please note that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** that Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman declared a personal interest in item 8a. Due to the nature of the interest, it was **Resolved** that Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman remain in the chamber and participate in that item.

#### 1. Apologies:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that no apologies were received.

#### 2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for March 2024.

The Town Mayor informed that there had not been any activities etc during March to date but that both he and his Consort were to visit Llys Y Capel Residential Home, Blaina at the end of April.

Cllr D Hillman informed that, as promised, he had donated £30 to the Town Mayor's Appeal. The Town Mayor expressed his thanks to Cllr D Hillman.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

**3. Questions from the Public:**

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (please note this was limited to 10 minutes).

**Resolved** to note that no questions were received.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (pages 120 – 124)**

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (pages 125 - 127)**

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Page 27 (item 4) – Cllrs D Hillman and C Hillman apologised for not being able to help with the delivery of Easter Eggs to primary schools due to an emergency medical appointment.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**6. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (pages 128 - 129)**

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**7. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (pages 130 -133)**

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Page 132 (item 8) – Cllr C Hillman informed that the date of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at Llys y Capel was to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 2.30pm.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

## 8. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that might be received prior to the date of the meeting:

### a) Mrs Christine Gunter (for information / consideration):

E-mail regarding the 'Run down town of Blaina'.

Members considered the e-mail, and the following comments were made:

- The e-mail appeared to be an attempt to cause trouble and bad feeling
- Was it appropriate for the Town Council to spend public finance on private businesses (shop fronts) when Blaenau Gwent CBC received the business rates? Would this be the remit of Blaenau Gwent CBC?
- In respect of contributions to events put on by Blaenau Gwent CBC, Blaenau Gwent CBC received grant funding to put on such events. The Town Clerk informed that Brynmawr Town Council did not make any financial donation to Blaenau Gwent CBC events, whilst Tredegar Town Council donated between £50 and £100 to such events (NBTC donated £100 in addition to providing 400 bags of reindeer food at the Christmas event).
- A Town Council must legally employ a Town Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer and other staff to ensure that the Town Council continued to operate legally in all areas in addition to arranging events and other all other functions. Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council received grant funding in order to fund the youth worker, which would have identified and target a particular need.
- Town & Community Councillors were entitled to claim allowances as set out by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) and as resolved by Council. The Town Clerk / RFO informed that there was no information from IRPW in respect of claiming allowances and one internet connection being in a household. It was also emphasised that only 66% of Town Councillors at Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council claimed any allowances, compared to 100% of Ward Councillors for Nantyglo & Blaina at Blaenau Gwent CBC who claimed allowances – the basic amount being £17,600 per annum and in some instances some additional allowances and pension contributions.
- It was agreed that selection boxes at Christmas time, in addition to Easter Eggs at Easter time provided by the Town Council helped to ensure that all primary school aged children in the area received a seasonal gift, without being singled out as being 'in need or deprived'.
- At the Christmas event, Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and L Harris attended the event to offer help and Town Councillors had made up the bags of reindeer food. All Members of the Town Council could attend events as members of the public and as volunteers. It was queried what did Mrs Christine Gunter do to improve Blaina and why not apply to join the Town Council in order to do so?
- It was recognised and reiterated that the Leader of the Town Council did an excellent job as Parade Major/Sergeant at Remembrance Sunday Parades.
- The Town Clerk informed that Brynmawr Town Council had previously funded one play session at a cost of £120.00 in 2022.
- It was agreed that the letter could have been more constructive, and that the response would need to answer each point raised and illustrate all that the Town Council does.
- The Town Clerk informed that the Town Council's Facebook Page was now 'live' and thanked Councillor M Williams for his help.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to answer the letter as agreed and include an application form for co-option to the Town Council.

*Additional correspondence with permission of the Chair:*

b) Brynmawr Town Council (for information / consideration):

E-mail received informing that Brynmawr Town Council had organised a meeting with Ms Nicola Prygodzicz, Chief Executive, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board at Brynmawr Town Council Chamber at 6.00pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in order to discuss the downgrading of services at Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny.

The Town Council were invited to send two members to the meeting.

Members considered the e-mail and agreed that a meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils would be required (as requested in the e-mail) to discuss this item prior to the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**Resolved** that a hybrid meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils be arranged for 10.30am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute.

9. **Armed Forces Covenant:**

Members were invited to consider adopting and signing of the Armed Forces Covenant.

The document template was attached for consideration together with the completed Covenant adopted by Blaenau Gwent County Borough as an example.

Cllr G Morvan (Town Council representative to Blaenau Gwent Armed Forces Covenant Steering Group) informed that all principal authorities throughout the UK had signed up to the covenant which was to assist individuals transition from armed forces life into civilian life.

**Resolved** that Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council adopt the Armed Forces Covenant.

10. **Annual Review of Policies of the Council 2024/25:**

Members were invited to consider, and if agree, to approve the updated policy for 2024/25:

a) Standing Orders 2024/25:

The Town Clerk informed that the updated Standing Orders contained relevant updates from One Voice Wales model Standing Orders.

The Town Clerk informed of the changes made to the Standing Orders which were contained in One Voice Wales Model Standing Orders.

**Resolved** that the Standing Orders for 2024/25 be approved.

11. **Application to the Community Grant Fund:**

*None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

12. **Confidential Information:**

The following item(s) might contain information that was of a confidential or personal nature and was therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960). **Resolved** that the motion be supported.

*Mr M Brooks, member of the public left the meeting at this juncture.*

21/03/24 11:00

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### Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Events Committee held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 6.55pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### A meeting to which members of the public were entitled to attend.

Present: Councillor L Harris, Chair of the Events Committee,  
Presiding: Councillors G Morvan; K Jenkins, C Hillman, D Hillman  
K Jones JP, J Bond, L King, & M Williams (remotely)

In attendance: Mrs Tracy Hughes, Town Clerk  
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer  
Mr M Brooks, member of public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Town Clerk informed that no members of the press or public were in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

#### Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Please note that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided.

**Resolved** to note Cllr J Bond declared a personal interest on agenda item 5. **Resolved** that Cllr J Bond remain in meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

**Resolved** to note that apologies were received from  
and **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

2. **Questions from the public:** To receive any questions from the public on matters on the agenda.

**Resolved** to note that there was Mr M Brooks in public attendance and no questions from public received.

### 3. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chair's permission, any urgent information that may well be received prior to the date of the meeting.

***With permission of Chair additional correspondence received.***

**Email: [dmteam@markethallcinema.co.uk](mailto:dmteam@markethallcinema.co.uk) Summer Cinema Project**

Confirmation that Brynmawr Cinema can provide cinema showings for the children of Nantyglo & Blaina during the summer schools holidays. All details would be provided at Task and Finish Group Meeting.

**Resolved** to note information received.

**Email: [Helen.targett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.targett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) Blaen y Cwm Primary School**

A letter of thanks for the donation of easter eggs to every pupil and photograph. Members commented how lovely it was to hear that children were delighted with their Easter Egg gifts it was suggested for the email to go onto Town Council Facebook page.

**Resolved** to note information received and further **Resolved** for email to be displayed on Facebook

**Email: [sharon.cargill@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.cargill@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) Play Sufficiency Officer**

Fund a day for children play.

Information will be taken to Task and Finish Group to discuss further.

**Resolved** to note information received.

### 4. Members invited to discuss prior to the Task and Finish group for appropriate and achievable events for up to 2025. Members were reminded that this could include events that are "bought in", e.g. Play sessions during schools' holidays, held by BGCBC children officers.

Cllr D Hillman & Cllr C Hillman gave their apologies for the Task and Finish meeting, due to an emergency hospital appointment, however, if they were able to get away sooner, they would try to attend.

Cllr D Hillman asked if he was able to put some suggestions forward for possible discussions?

- Look into getting a Blue Badge for National Rugby Player, Daver Watkins
- Look into new contractors for installing Xmas lights on lampposts
- Contact Karen Morgan to ask why Blaina and Nantyglo was not provided with an Easter Egg hunt event, like Ebbw Vale, Tredegar and Abertillery.



- Purchase of summer plants for planters
- Add items to events calendar i.e. In bloom and ARC Awards
  
- Cinema Project.

**Resolved** and further **resolved** for suggestions to be taken to Task and Finish Group Meeting.

**5. Member items:**

**Email from Cllr.John.A.Bond.Blaina@outlook.com:**

Cllr Bond requested if the Town Council could purchase and raise the Pride flag during the Pride month in June. LGBT Pride Month, was a month, dedicated to celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender pride.

Cllr J Bond declared an interest but was permitted to remain in meeting. Members confirmed that it was a good idea and agreed to purchase the flag. A discussion took place regarding the conflict of date with D Day. It was suggested that the Pride flag to be raised after the D-day event, as Pride was celebrated for the whole month.

**Resolved** to purchase a flag and to fly the Pride flag after the D-Day.

**Updates:**

AO confirmed that Town Council Facebook page was now setup.

It was suggested for the previous Town Mayor photographs to be arranged for another date.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to arrange a photograph session at a later date.

Meeting declared closed at 19:10

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### Minutes of the hybrid Task and Finish Meeting of the Town Council held at 10:30am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, Blaina.

Present: Councillor L Harris presiding  
Councillors G Morvan, K Jones JP, & M. Williams

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk  
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Town Clerk informed that no members of the press or public were in attendance remotely. **Resolved** to note the information received.

#### 1. **Declarations of Interest:**

Members were reminded that all Declarations of Interest must be recorded in the book provided for this purpose.

**Agreed** to note that no such declarations were received.

#### 2. **Apologies for absence:**

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. Apologies received from Cllr D Hillman, C Hillman, J Bond & K Jenkins

**Agreed** to note that apologies were received and further **Agreed** to accept.

#### 3. **Cinema:**

Members were invited to consider the options from quotes received for indoor and outdoor cinema projects and through much discussion it was suggested that Brynmawr cinema was the best value for money. Therefore, it was to be ratified at the next event meeting.

**Agreed** accordingly.

The following items were also agreed and to be ratified at the next events meeting.

a) 1 adult 2 children, tickets to be given on first served bases.

**Recommendations** to be taken to Events Committee Meeting.

- b) Town Centre to design tickets, Cllr M Williams agreed to design artwork for tickets and posters.

**Recommendations** to be taken to Events Committee Meeting.

- c) Members agreed to work with the sale of 150 tickets = £525.00 of 4 weeks totalling to £2100 for the summer project.

**Recommendations** to be taken to Events Committee Meeting.

**4. Funday events provided by BGCBC The early years team, Childcare & Play Team for activities for ages between 4 – 14 year olds:**

Members discussed the 3 options.

- **Option 1:** A 2hr session delivered in local community (Venue to be agreed) Cost £150.00
- **Option 2:** This is our multi-pack of open access play sessions option 1 x 4 (delivered as you chose). Cost £500.00 (*saving £100 from option 1*).
- **Option 3:** This is our 'Mini Play Den' option incorporating a 4 hour open access family / play day (Venue to be agreed). Cost £600.00

Members collectively agreed that option 2 was the better value for the children of Nantyglo and Blaina.

A discussion ensued regarding venues; however, the choice of appropriate venues would be arranged by BGCBC. Members agreed that 2 play sessions each for Nantyglo and Blaina to be booked during the summer 6 weeks holidays. Providing BGCBC would split the option in two halves, to hold 2 sessions in Nantyglo and 2 in Blaina from the option 2.

**Recommendations** to be taken to Events Committee Meeting.

**5. Events Planner:**

There was an £11,000 budget with an additional earmarked reserves fund, taking into consideration for Christmas Lights, easter and Christmas gifts to each pupil within the 4 local primary schools. Also, In Bloom and ARC Awards etc.

A discussion ensued about the cost of installing Christmas lights on lamppost with the new legislation from Welsh Government.

Cllr M Williams explained that he needed to leave due to appointment so suggested if photographs could be taken at the next meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, to commence before Planning and Highways meeting.

Cllr M Williams left the meeting at this juncture.

It was confirmed that Russel Dunham was still able to put up Xmas lights around both areas, just not on the lampposts. It was suggested for Town Council to look for quotes from contractors to have Xmas lights installed on lampposts and for Russell to suggest what premises lights can be installed on.

Town Clerk explained that she had contacted Crime Stoppers due to youths had pulled out the Xmas tree within the grounds of St Peters Church, Blaina. Russell Dunham had replanted it, but the next day it had been pulled up again, therefore, it was potted at present in the hope it would be forgotten about to get it replanted.

Cllr G Morvan was surprised that the crime had to be reported to Crime Stoppers & agreed to look into this matter.

**Recommendations** to be taken to Events Committee Meeting.

**6. Easter Egg Hunt:**

Members suggested to ask BGCBC Town Centre Manager to why there were no Easter Egg hunt in Blaina and Nantyglo this year and if she had any intentions for next year.

**Agreed** as recommendation detailed in Events Committee meeting.

**7. Dave Watkins blue plaque:**

It was suggested to recognise the accomplishments of Dave Watkins, Welsh Rugby Player. It was suggested to find out where Dave Watkins had lived and ask for permission to have plaque placed on the property. AO explained that Colin Wall (local resident) might have this information as she was sure that he was looking into having a memorial statue for the square in Blaina. AO to speak with Colin Wall regarding his ideas and to liaise with Blaina Rugby club to see if a brick could be purchased for Dave Watkins.

**Recommendations** to be taken to Events Committee Meeting.

**8. Plants:** Members agreed for the item to be discussed at Events meeting.

**Agreed** to note the information received.

**9. In Bloom:** Suggested for the event to continue and to advertise in May for judging to take place end of July '24.

**Recommendations** to be taken to Events Committee Meeting.

**10. ARC Awards:** Members agreed that ARC Awards was no longer suited for its purpose and therefore, members agreed to recognise individuals as and when appropriate.

**Recommendations** to be taken to Events Committee Meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 11:30

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**Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held at  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6pm.**

**at Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina**

**A meeting to which members of the public were entitled to attend.**

**Present:** Councillor K Jones, presiding, Chair, Planning & Highways Committee  
Councillors G Morvan, D Hillman, C Hillman, L Harris and K Jenkins.  
Remotely – Councillors M Williams & J Bond

**In attendance:** Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO  
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer  
Mr M Brooks, Member of the public

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were present. **Resolved** to note the information received.

The Chair informed of the fire procedures to be taken in the event of an emergency. **Resolved** to note the information received.

## **Declaration of Interest**

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members were reminded that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept.

Apologies received from Cllr L King and K Jenkins

**Resolved** to apologies accepted.

### **2. Questions from the public:**

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda. There was a 10-minute allocation time for any questions from the public.

**Resolved** to note that there was Mr M Brooks in public attendance and no questions from public received.

**3. Correspondence:**

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that might be received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) Charlotte Wright – BBC News Wales – (for consideration & information – copy attached):

E-mail querying a number of planning issues and associated works concerning a site to the rear of Nantyglo Rugby Club.

Members are advised that this e-mail has been forwarded to the Planning Department at Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

It was pointed out from email off Wales News Schedulers, that it is not the residents who carried out the extensive excavations.

Clerk informed all that a reply had been sent to the emails explaining the Principal Authority BGCBC would be the contact for such queries. BGCBC was also sent an email informing them of the email and was explained that communications department was in the process of producing report and will send it soon as it is completed. However, TC announced that the report has not yet been received.

Chair confirmed that he also sent an email to News Schedulers and a copy has been put on the Town Council Facebook page. Chair read out his email that explains the concerns and safety of the works carried out and fully accept the temporary stop notice.

All present support the action of Chair

**Resolved to note information received.**

***Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:***

Cliff Mullen – cliffordmullen@hotmail.com – (for consideration & Information)

Good evening,

I would like to raise my and my wife's concerns over the increase in speeding vehicles travelling along Farm Road to the point there is going to be a serious accident, having seen a recent near miss when a car was trying to exit the Trevor Rowson Park and a speeding vehicle travelling along Farm Road.

Farm Road seems to be being used as an alternative route to using Queen Street/King Street, this is also very noticeable at school times.

This road is used by lots of pedestrians including children and it is only a matter of time before someone is serious hurt.

Would it be possible to look into some form of traffic calming along the whole length of Farm Road to attempt to slow traffic down,

Members suggested to respond to enquire, explaining that the Principal Authority BGCBC and Gwent Police remit and that the email will be forwarded to the both.

It was suggested that maybe contact the speed camera van department?

Discussion ensued regarding the poor state of the road in the area of question.

**Resolved** to note information is received and further **Resolved** for email to be forwarded to BGCBC, Gwent Police and enquire if a speed camera van could be possible for the area.

***Additional application received with permission of the Chair:***

**Planning Application:**

Members were invited to consider the applications listed below and, with the permission of the Chair, any further applications that might be received prior to the

- a) Planning Application No. C/2024/0073 – Land at Oak Road, Tanglewood, Blaina, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 3JX

Proposed for 6 housing units of a mixture of semi and terraced at the land at Oak Road, Tanglewood, Blaina.

**Resolved** that no objections or representations be made.

**5. Licence Applications:**

Members were invited to note the application(s) **for information only:**

*None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

Meeting declared closed at 18:15 pm

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## Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 6.15pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, Blaina A meeting to which members of the public were entitled to attend.

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Presiding, Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee  
Councillors G Morvan, C Hillman, K Jones JP, L Harris, J Bond & M Williams.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO  
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer  
Mr M Brooks – Member of public

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair informed of the action to be taken in the event of an emergency. **Resolved** to note the information received.

### Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members were reminded that all declarations must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

### 1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillors L King & K Jenkins.

**Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

### 2. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters itemised on the agenda (limited to 10 minutes total).

**Resolved** to note that no questions were received.

### 3. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that may be received prior to the date of the meeting.



a) One Voice Wales – (for consideration & for information)

i) Invitation for the Town Council to renew its annual membership with One Voice Wales.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that she had contacted OVW numerous times for advice and opinions in respect of legal and procedural queries and would continue to do so if the Town Council's membership was renewed.

Cllr G Morvan (Town Council's area and Larger Council's representative) informed that the number of councils in Wales now members of OVW was increasing rapidly.

**Resolved** to renew Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council's annual subscription to One Voice Wales for 2024.

ii) Training Sessions available during March, April, May, and June 2024.

**Resolved** to note the information received, **Further Resolved** that any Member wishing to undertake any training sessions contact the Town Clerk or Assistant Officer.

b) North Gwent Cardiac Rehabilitation & Aftercare Charity (for information):

Poster informing of a free Heart Health event.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

4. **Meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils:**

Members were reminded that a hybrid meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils (JCLC) would take place at 10.30am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute. The meeting was to discuss the downgrading of services at Nevill Hall Hospital prior to a meeting with Ms Nicola Prygodzicz, Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

The Chair informed that he had spoken to members of Brynmawr Town Council, and it was agreed that, as Chair of the JCLC, he would chair the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The meeting with the Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Ms Nicola Prygodzicz, would take place at 6pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Brynmawr Town Council Chamber. The two representatives from each Town Council to attend this meeting would be decided at a later date.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

5. **S.137 donations (Local Government Act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:**

As previously resolved, Members are invited to consider making further financial donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist residents of Nantyglo and Blaina for the month of April 2024.

**Resolved** that a donation of £200.00 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank in respect of Nantyglo & Blaina residents for the month of April 2024.

**6. Application to the Community Grant Fund:**

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s), plus with the Chairman's permission any additional applications that might be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members were also reminded that applications would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

*None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

**7. Salem Chapel:**

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- **March 2024:**  
In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that, as far as she could ascertain there was no obvious changes to the building, except for the continuing general deterioration.

**Resolved** that the report be approved.

**8. Members Updates:**

Members were invited to provide any updates or information.

Cllr D Hillman:

Cllr Hillman informed that the planters along Nantyglo & Blaina had now bloomed and were a lovely display.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

Cllr K Jones JP:

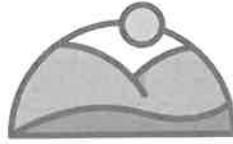
Cllr Jones queried if individuals were allowed to comment on the Town Council's Facebook page? The Town Clerk informed that there was no option to comment and that the Facebook page contained a 'pinned' post stating that all posts were for information only and that any queries could be made via e-mail, phone, letter or in person.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

*Mr M Brooks, member of the public left the meeting at this juncture.*

**9. Confidential Information:**

The following item(s) might contain information that was of a confidential or personal nature and was therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960). **Resolved** that the motion be supported.



Partneriaeth  
Natur Leol  
Blaenau Gwent  
a Thorfaen | Blaenau Gwent  
and Torfaen  
Local Nature  
Partnership

NANTYGLO & BLAINA

11 APR 2024

TOWN COUNCIL

## AGENDA

Meeting to be held at 10.00 am

Abraham Darby Room, The General Offices

1. Welcome from Chair
2. Introductions
3. Matters arising from previous meeting
4. Coordinator update: Local NRAP and website update, Go Wild plans
5. Project updates from partners
6. Any Other Business
7. Speaker: Nathalie Nicolaus – presentation on rivers projects

# Curlew Walk

Join us for a picturesque walk across the beautiful Moors to Trefil to celebrate World Curlew Day 2024

**Car park by Trefil Rugby Field**

**W3W:** bulletins.convert.signature

**Grid Ref:** SO 11815 12553

**FREE  
EVENT**



**Date: Monday 22nd April**

**Time: 9:30am - 12pm**

(approximately 2 hours walking)

***Uneven terrain, the walk is wet and boggy in places. Walking boots or wellies are advised.***

**For more information please email:**  
[nadine.morgan@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:nadine.morgan@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)

# 2024 Volunteer Events Schedule



Fancy volunteering in the outdoors? Come join us on one of our volunteering days and take part in some citizen science across Blaenau Gwent.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME(S)
16th April	Create a Reptile Hibernacula	Six Bells LNR	10:00 - 13:00
22nd April	Curlew Walk	Trefil	9:30 - 12:00
25th April	Create a Reptile Hibernacula	Cwmtillery LNR Lakes	10:00 - 13:00
1st May	Hedgehog Event	Beaufort Hill LNR	10:00 - 13:00
20th May	Bee Event	Parc Bryn Bach LNR	10:00 - 13:00
22nd May	Bioblitz	Ebbw Vale Cemetery	10:00 - 13:00
5th June	Planting Day	Cwmcelyn LNR	10:00 - 13:00
12th June	Wildflower Event	St Illtyds Church	10:00 - 13:00
26th June	Needle-felting Workshop*	Parc Bryn Bach	10:00 - 14:00
28th June	Bioblitz	Sirhowy Woodlands LNR	10:00 - 13:00
2nd July	Planting Day	Parc Nant Y Waun LNR	10:00 - 13:00
4th July	Nature Walk	Location TBC	10:00 - 13:00
11th July	Dragonfly Event	Beaufort Hill LNR	10:00 - 13:00
22nd August	Bat Walk	Cwmtillery LNR	TBC
4th October	Fungi Event	Sirhowy Woodlands LNR	10:00 - 13:00

\*Booking required

For further information or to register interest / bookings please contact either:

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Sheryl Edwards, Nature Recovery Officer : [sheryl.edwards@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:sheryl.edwards@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)