

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend a remote meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to commence immediately following the Planning and Highways Committee **on Tuesday 14th September 2021**.

Members of the Council have been provided with instructions on how to join the Meeting.

If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting (remotely), please contact the Town Clerk at the above e-mail by 12 noon on 14th September 2021 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

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

AGENDA

Declaration of Interest

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

1. Apologies for absence:

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

2. 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) One Voice Wales – (for information - copies attached)

i Remote Training Sessions for September 2021.

ii E-mail re: Using national milestones & indicators to measure our Nation's progress.

iii Minutes of the Gwent Valleys Area Committee meeting and Annual General Meeting held on 13th July 2021.

b) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – (for information – copy attached):

i E-mail re: Nye's Community Champions.

- c) Welsh Government – (for information - copy attached):
Electoral Reform Newsletter – August 2021.
- d) Crafty Knitter – (for information – copy attached):
Letter of thanks and safe receipt of recent financial donation received.
- e) Community Voice Community Choice – (for information – copy attached):
E-mail informing of voting events.
- f) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – (for information – copy attached):
Letter informing that there has not been a request for an election in respect of the recent vacancy in the Blaina Ward and that the vacancy can be filled by co-option. Members are informed that the vacancy (co-option) has now been advertised as required.

3. Decisions taken under Delegated Powers during August 2021:

a) Office IT Provisions:

Members will be aware of the report considered by the Finance Committee in July in respect of the Town Council's IT provisions. Members are now informed that due to the office PC being no longer functional and that the one laptop is often non-responsive, three quotes were sought regarding IT provision & ongoing support and one has been instructed to provide the required hardware, software, set up and on-going support for the Town Council Offices. Members are additionally informed that the deciding factor in choosing Orbits IT was their current experience in providing IT equipment and support to Town/Community Councils together with their quick response times, helpfulness and expertise.

Resolved that the required IT provisions, set up and on-going support be provided by Orbits IT.

4. 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 September 2021.

5. Review of the Remuneration Framework for Community & Town Councils:

- a) Members are invited to consider the review of the current arrangements for the remuneration of Town / Community Councils by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (*copy attached*).
- b) Members are also informed of the response provided by One Voice Wales in respect of the review (*copy attached*).

6. Meetings of the Town Council:

Members are invited to consider the attached report in respect of meetings of the Town Council. Also included for information is a response from One Voice Wales in respect of the current legislation regarding meetings of Town /Community Councils (*copies attached*).

7. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

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

- a) Mr Michael Paul Knapp (*copy attached*).

8. Salem Chapel:

Members are invited to consider the attached inspection reports:

- July 2021 (*copy attached*).
- August 2021 (*copy attached*)