**NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held at 1pm on Tuesday 26th January 2021 via a remote meeting.**

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Chair of Events Committee, presiding

Councillors G Morvan; R Pagett; K Jones, D Hillman, C Hillman,

& L Harris.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair informed that a five-minute break would take place either at the end of the Events Committee meeting or after a period of approximately 55 minutes. The Chair advised all in attendance to end the call at that time and re-dial in. **Resolved** to note the information received.

The Town Clerk informed that no members of the public were in attendance. **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** to note that no such declarations were received.

**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: Councillor K Treharne.

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

**2. 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:

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a) One Voice Wales *(for information):*

E-mail re: NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day – 5th July 2021:

Members considered this information in detail and agreed that this should be supported and commemorated by the Town Council. The purchase of two or three commemorative flags and suitable locations for their display was considered together with the possibility of a civic event with the Mayor’s Chaplain in attendance such as a two minute silence.

**Resolved** that the Town Clerk and Assistant Office investigate the costs of purchasing the commemoration flag, display locations and the possibility of holding a civic event.

b) Tai Calon Community Housing *(for information)*:

E-mail informing that the Town Council was not successful in progressing further in respect of the funding application.

Members stated that they were not aware of how or who could vote in support of the funding. The Town Clerk informed that voting was carried online.

**Resolved** to investigate any further possibility of applying for funding from Tai Calon and **Further Resolved** to clarify Tai Calon’s voting procedures used for this application.

**3. Annual Programme of Events 2021:**

Members were invited to consider a possible programme of events for 2021.

The Chair thanked the Town Mayor (Councillor K Jones JP), the Leader (Councillor G Morvan), the Town Clerk and the Assistant Officer for their help in escorting Santa and his Sleigh around Nantyglo and Blaina on 1st December 2020. It was agreed that the event was successful with many residents watching Santa and his Sleigh from their homes and gardens. The Town Clerk informed that letters of thanks had already been sent to PC R Lewis, Brynmawr Town Partnership and Blaenau Gwent Councillor L Winnett for all their help and assistance with this event.

Councillor D Hillman also thanked all who attended and helped plant the Butterfly Nature Garden at Nantyglo.

*At this juncture the Town Clerk informed that the Assistant Officer was experiencing technical difficulties in joining the meeting.*

**I**n addition to the established Nantyglo and Blaina in Bloom the following events/competitions were suggested for consideration for the year 2021/22: drawing & painting competitions (adults and children categories); poetry competitions (adults and children categories); sunflower growing.

Members also considered that it was currently unknown when local schools would re-open and that their involvement before September may be too onerous but that local schools involvement could be possible for Christmas events.

Members were reminded of other events previously suggested was: the re-siting of the flag poles; siting of bunting throughout Nantyglo and Blaina (ongoing) siting of a Christmas Tree in the square opposite or to the south of Blaina Institute; providing sunflower seeds etc to

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the wider community; community show; best Christmas tree; best Christmas lights/dressed

window; dog show. Members were also reminded of a previous resolution to provide an Ester Egg to each primary school child. The idea of sponsoring an Easter competition in the local primary schools was suggested.

**Resolved** that the local primary schools be contacted in the first instance to ascertain if they would be able to take part in any such activities and **Further Resolved** that the activities listed be investigated and considered at a future meeting of the Events Committee.

Meeting declared closed at 13.25pm

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