

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held at 1pm on Tuesday 23rd February 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,
& M Williams

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 at the end of the Events Committee meetings and prior to the Meeting of the Town Council. 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 Councillors K Treharne, L Emanuel, G Watkins and L Harris.

2. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence.

Nature at Keep Wales Tidy - Plants for the wildlife garden

E-mail inviting members who were part of the Butterfly Project to join an expert from Plant life to get some tips on gardening for wildlife; what to grow, where and how to keep it alive! Ideas and examples for Welsh community wildlife gardens.
Plant life is invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85757467231?pwd=dmJtMGdUZGhsQicyd3pOWTNvUXZiQT09>
Meeting ID: 857 5746 7231
Passcode: 895948

Members who had participated in the Butterfly Project can pick one date from the scheduled dates.

Resolved to note the information received.

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

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

- a) **NHS Day 5th July 2021** – The Assistant Officer (AO) informed that the NHS Day Flag £34.98 each Only one supplier can be found, all other flags were Thank You NHS. Members agreed to purchase 3 flags. Suggestion for area of flags were Blaina Institute, Co-op, Blaina and possibly at the Millennium wall or Wesleyan Church, Nantyglo.

Resolved that 3 “NHS Day” Flags be purchased

- b) **Dog show:** The AO informed that Information sourced on how to run a successful dog show and what was required. The company sourced who were willing to come and run show but on the understanding that any money raised would go to their charity, All Creatures Great and Small. Members suggested to enquire with Blaina Pet Shop as they have previously run a dog show and ask if both parties could provide Council with information on what they cover i.e., dog arena, dog fouling stations, drinking facility, judging, competition categories and rosettes and if money raised where would the money go. Costing of rosettes to be sourced.

Resolved to note the information received and further **Resolved** to contact the two above named companies to provide further information.

- c) **Street Banners:** Members were informed that two schools have submitted designs for street banners and the two other schools have been given an extension on time to submit their designs.

A suggestion was put forward to have a design on welcome banners for Blaina & Nantyglo and a banner each to thank NHS Staff and Key Workers.

Cllr M Williams agreed to design the 2 welcome banners and Thank you Banners. Size of Street banners to be sent to Cllr M Williams.

Resolved that Cllr' M Williams design 2 welcome and thank you banners.

- d) **Street Banner Areas:** The AO informed that the installer (Mr R Dunham) suggested to use the same lampposts that are used to display Christmas lights. 5 x High Street, Blaina evenly distributed through the town and for Nantyglo he suggested Town Council chose to either have 2 at Garn Cross and 3 on the New Road, however, R Dunham believes that this option banners would be too far out and suggested that all banners be located on New Road, Nantyglo.

A discussion ensued regarding position of street banner and how they could not be positioned onto wooden lampposts. The position of Street banners to be discussed further once banners have been printed.

Resolved to agenda at a future meeting of the events committee.

- e) **Easter Activity & Eggs:** AO informed that an email was sent to local schools enquiring if they would like Town Council to support their Easter Activities and that Town Council had agreed to provide local primary schools child with an Easter Egg. To date only 1 school has replied that they would greatly receive any support and eggs for pupils. Contact to be made end on the month.

Resolved to note the information received

- f) **Christmas lights at Wesleyan Church:** AO informed that Installer RD confirmed that lights were put up and an extra 30 meters of LED lights were put around Wesleyan Church.

It was discovered that timer had been set for lights to switch on at 6pm and turned off at 8pm.

Resolved to note the information received

- g) **Christmas Tree at Blaina Square:** The AO informed that it was recommended by RD that the most suitable option would be for Town Council to plant a real tree as a temporary tree would require a secure stand. RD also confirmed that if the option of a temporary tree is the preferred option then a stand a civil engineer would be required.

Suggestion put forward to source quotes for a suitable size tree to be placed South of Blaina Institute.

Resolved to investigate quotations for a suitable Xmas tree.

- h) **Bunting:** The AO the new bunting would be put up in Blaina & Nantyglo ready for Easter.

Resolved to note the information received

- i) **Street Banner Areas:** This item was duplicated – please see item 3d above.

Resolved accordingly.

- j) **Sunflower Competition:** The AO requested of members to consider if the competition would be open to schools only and also for consideration of competition dates.

Suggestions put forward for Schools to be asked if they would like to participate in competition, all materials required for sunflower competition will be provided by Town Council, seeds to be planted in March and judged in September.
A discussion ensued regarding the availability of compost.

Resolved that the competition for local primary schools and **further resolved** that all required materials be provided by the Town Council.

- k) **Brighter Future Fund – Tai Calon:** The AO informed members that a funding application was submitted and applied for planters and plants for Blaina & Nantyglo.

Application was successful in the first round the second part of funding was totally reliant of the number of likes on Tai Calon's Facebook page. Funding available was up to £500. Members would be sent an email link to vote but can only vote if on Facebook.

Resolved to note the information received

- l) **Drawing/Painting/ Poetry competition:** The AO informed that members were requested to consider the following:

- is there a theme?
- who would be eligible to apply?
- who could be asked to Judge?
- what prizes to be awarded?

It was suggested that a craft fair for drawing, painting, poetry, and other handmade items could be displayed for sale at craft fair in Autumn if Government restrictions permits. Item to be followed up in 2 months at Task and Finish Group.

Resolved to note in for item to be followed up at a future meeting of Task and Finish committee.

- m) **In Bloom:** Members were requested to consider the dates for Nantyglo and Blaina "In Bloom" competition and if members could agree if they are permitted or not permitted to apply to any competitions as it was agreed that members were not allowed to participate in the "In Bloom".

AO apologised for error as item was not agreed for members not to participate, it was only a discussion. Item to taken to Task and Finish Group.

Resolved

Meeting declared closed at 13:50.

