

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

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## Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 13.25pm via a remote meeting.

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee, presiding  
Councillors K Jones JP; D Hillman; C Hillman; M Williams; L Harris;  
K Jenkins & G Watkins

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Clerk confirmed that no members of the 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. Members were reminded that all declarations must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2a(i). **Further Resolved** that Councillor D Hillman and C Hillman remain in the meeting for this item.

The Chair welcomed Councillor M Williams to his first meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

### 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 K Treharne; R Pagett & L Emanuel. **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 might be received prior to the date of the meeting

#### a) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (for information):

i E-mail informing of national survey in respect of NHS Care during Coronavirus Emergency Survey.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- ii E-mail informing of Blaenau Gwent Wellbeing Friends Coffee Morning on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021.  
**Resolved** to note the information received.
- iii E-mail providing details of South East Wales Vascular Network Public Engagement Events.  
**Resolved** to note the information received.
- b) Urdd Eisteddfod (for information):  
Letter of thanks and receipt of recent financial donation made by the Town Council.  
**Resolved** to note the information received.

*Additional correspondence with the permission of the Chair:*

- c) Welsh Government (for information):  
Electoral reform newsletter (February 2021).  
**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that the e-mail be sent to all Members.
- d) Aneurin Bevan UHB (for information):  
E-mail informing of bowel cancer/screening virtual workshops.  
**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that the e-mail be sent to all Members.
- e) Councillor L Winnett:  
E-mail request that Town Council Offices be lit up yellow in remembrance of Welsh Covid 19 day.  
Members were informed that the day of remembrance was 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021. Members considered options as to how the Town Council Offices could be lit up in yellow and for the Town Clerk to contact Mr R Dunham (local contractor) as to how this could be achieved.  
**Resolved** that the Town Council support this request and **Further Resolved** that Mr R Dunham be contacted.
- f) Aneurin Bevan Health Board (for information):  
E-mail re: vaccination update for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.  
**Resolved** to note the information received **Further Resolved** that the e-mail be sent to all Members.

*At 13.45pm it was **Resolved** that Members present log out of the meeting and log back in to avoid possible call charges.*

### 3. **Review of Council Policies:**

Members were invited to consider the policies listed below and if appropriate resolve to adopt for the year 2021/22:

- a) **Financial Grants policy and application form:**  
The Chair informed that no changes had been made to the policy or application form. Members considered the form and the following comments were made:

P2: the word 'section' should be included instead of the abbreviation.

P2: the s.137 limit financial limit was explained.

P3: add 'residents'.

P4: add 'residents'

P6: add 'residents & our community'.

P6: add 'Town Clerk'.

P7: add 'or see below'.

**Resolved** that the policy and application form be approved with the above changes.

- b) **Standing Orders:**

The Chair informed that the policy contained an amendment re: the inclusion of section 1a and an amendment to appendix 1. The Town Clerk informed that the policy was based largely upon Once Voice Wales model standing orders for Town/Community Councils.

Members considered the policy and the following comments were made:

P2: meeting time amended to '2 hour duration'.

P3: alter to 'providing for this'.

P12 & 13 (paras 14 & 17): alter to 'three members'.

P13: add 'up to authorised amounts'.

P13: estimates – only relevant to Events Committee.

P21 & 22 (appendix 1): change of meeting day to Tuesday noted.

**Resolved** that the policy be approved with the above changes.

#### **4. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales:**

Members were invited to consider the annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in respect of payments to Members of Community and Town Councillors. Members were informed that some decisions required resolution prior to the Annual Meeting of the Council when Council positions and representatives will be resolved.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

#### **5. 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 of that applications would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

- 6) *None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

**6. Salem Chapel:**

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- **February 2021:**

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that the condition of the chapel was deteriorating generally but other than what was previously reported, no other specific issues could be identified.

**Resolved** that the report be approved.