

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 27th April 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 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 are 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, G Watkins, R Pagett and T James.

Cllr D Hillman asked if Town clerk had spoken to members who have not been in attendance for some time. Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with Cllrs T James and L Emanuel, both confirmed that both have no issues with time of meetings.

Cllr G Watkins had sent an email explaining that the time of meetings had no reflection on nonattendance it is circumstances. The Clerk had not managed to contact Councillor K Treharne.

A discussion ensued that it was thought that in most cases, Members could attend a remote meeting wherever you are within the UK .

Resolved accordingly.

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) **Permission to plant Christmas Tree.** BGCBC replied with the following statement: Planting within the paved area would provide a good focus on the tree, however, this would need to be properly constructed with the paving made good. The species would need to be appropriate and not a fast-growing conifer but maybe a higher quality specimen such as a Cedar. Last year mature sycamore trees which were in close proximity to the building were removed due to complaints, so trees should not be planted anywhere within 10-15 metres of the building.

A conversation with local builder (Mr R Dunham – RD) had taken place and RD confirmed that he would not be able to plant a tree as his public liability insurance would not cover the £10 million that was required for project. Members suggested that clerk obtain quotes from an Arborist to plant a well-established cedar tree at the south of Blaina Community Institute. Having the tree situated to the south ensured that an electric supply can be gained from the Council Chamber.

Resolved that three quotes be obtained from Arborists in respect of the above.

Clerk informed members that RD had explained that a 4-foot Christmas could be donated by Lyndon Moore if Council Members wish to plant tree on the grounds of OAP Hall Nantyglo, south of Limestone Road, on the left-hand side of the pathway, and if members agree, would the Town Council put lights on it.

Clerk to seek permission from BGCBC for approval and of permission granted members will accept the offer of tree and a letter of thanks to be sent to Mr L Moore. A discussion ensued regarding the height of tree and felt that lights would not be suitable on a 4ft tree, however, when the tree is well established lights can be used for it.

Resolved to make enquiries to BGCBC for permission to plant tree.

- b) **Permission for Dog Show:** BGCBC replied with the following: The deeds show that the ground is a disused burial ground. We have also had discussions with our Environment and Regeneration team who confirmed that there has been no recollection of a dog show taking place within the grounds.

Unfortunately, on this occasion the Estates department would not be able to grant permission for a dog show.

A discussion ensued regarding members are aware of the burial ground, however the graves were only placed around the perimeter wall. Permission was granted in previous years which was held by Communities First and Helen at Blaina Pet Shop. Members asked if Clerk could speak with Helen to find out the year and if clerk to give information to BGCBC on the size of area required and stipulate that the perimeter wall area will be corned off and that the area will be cleansed after the event and health & Safety conditions will be adhered to.

Resolved for Clerk to speak with Helen at Blaina Pet Shop to obtain year and email BGCBC with details of area and ensure that a through cleanse of area will be carried out.

- c) Quote received from Prices of Beaufort for existing planters:
- 39 x 9 Petunia @ £3.40 = £132.60
 - 13 x 9 Begonia @ £3.40 = £40.80
 - Total £173.40

Cllr G Watkins emailed that it was thought the cost of the plants was expensive although she agreed that Councillor Jenkins had done an excellent job of making up the planters and that she accepted his better judgement regarding this issue.

Chair expressed his disappointment to the Clerk has to why she had gone out to get 3 quotes when he had already provided her the following quote: 60 Garden Ready plants £25.98
400 Plants in total = £172.00 or could purchase 48 mega plants at 91p. Chair also expressed that he could purchase plants from B & M 12 plants at 25 p each tray £3.00 but B & M can't provide a quote.

Clerk explained that the quotes had been obtained due to a resolution made at a previous meeting..

Cllr Hillman suggested that has Chair had done such a great job on purchasing and planting plants before that he should have the autonomy of plant purchases.

Resolved that the Chair purchase the required plants on behalf of the Town Council providing that the Council's financial regulations were adhered to i.e. that three quotes be obtained.

3. Banners:

Cllr Hillman thanked clerk for coordinating list for banners as it was a difficult task.

The following items were put forward for suggested amendments:

Banner 5 – Should read Welcome to Blaina

Banner 6 - Thanks for visiting Blaina come back soon

Banner 7 - Welcome to Nantyglo

Banner 8 - Thanks for visiting Nantyglo come back soon

Banner 19 – Information on the Chartist Group

Banner 20 – Alexander Cordell Pathway

Quote received from Steve Davies detailed 10 banners doubled sided 440 gsm PVC for £268 plus VAT.

Resolved to include the details/suggestions for the banners as stated and **Further Resolved** to accept the quotation from Stephen Davies to produce the banners, subject to compliance with the Town Council's financial regulations.

4. In bloom:

Chair confirmed Manager at Abergavenny Garden Centre was happy to judge the "In bloom" competition with another member of staff. A discussion ensued regarding the prizes and it was agreed that, as in previous years, a small plaque to be given to winners of the categories and a certificate for all entries. AO to display poster on Towns Council's website, BGFM Radio and social media sites.

Resolved for clerk to display poster on Town Council Web Site, Social Media platforms and BGFM Radio. **Further Resolved** to purchase an appropriate award as in previous years, for winners of each category.

5. Updates:

- a) Sunflower competition – All items had been delivered. Clerk to email schools for a suitable date to deliver goods.

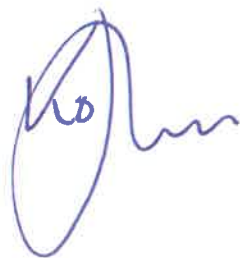
Resolved for clerk to email schools to arrange delivery of items.

- b) Craft fair – It was suggested that this item be put on next agenda.

Resolved for Clerk to put on next agenda.

Meeting declared closed at 14:02

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