

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

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at 3.30pm on Monday 24th May 2021 at Blaina Community Centre, High Street, Blaina, Gwent, NP13 3AN.

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

Present: Councillor K. Jones JP, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G. Morvan, K Jenkins, D. Hillman, C Hillman,
L. Harris, L Emanuel and M Williams

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

The Town Mayor gave announcements in respect of the housekeeping and safety for all to comply with relating to Covid-19 regulations. The Town Mayor also welcomed Cllr M Williams to his first meeting in person. The Town Mayor informed that this was the first meeting of the Council to be held 'in person' in over one year due to Covid 19. The Town Mayor additionally informed that the Council's regular cycle of meetings had continued to take place during the past year via remote meetings.

Cllr D Hillman thanked the Clerk and Assistant Officer for organising meeting.

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 G Watkins and R Pagett.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for May:

Town Mayor gave an overview of events attended, even though it has been quiet due to Covid-19 restrictions:

- Easter eggs had been delivered to the 4 local schools for every pupil to receive an Easter egg.
- The Town Mayor along with a number of other Town Councillors, laid a wreath in respect of The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip.
- Sunflower paraphernalia delivered to the 4 local schools for pupils to plant the seeds to participate in the tallest sunflower competition.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 27th April 2021 (pages 162 - 165)

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 164 Item 2c: Amendment, should read “plants” for the existing planters and “Plants” not “planters” in reverse.

Pg 165: Cllr D Hillman expressed that the craft fair was a good opportunity for local people to both show and sell the products as a result of the many businesses which had started through the lockdown restrictions of Covid-19.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

4. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 27th April 2021 (pages 166 - 171)

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 169 Item 9: To Include the total donation made to Blaenau Gwent food bank by the Town Council was £2379.92 for the period ending March 2021.

Pg 171 item 14 a): Amendment, should read “The consultation needed to be available on Social Media”.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 11th May 2021 (pages 172 - 174)

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 172 item 1: Clerk explained the legislation Re: Non-attendance of members at meetings during the pandemic of Covid -19 was not applicable, but since May 2021 the legislation had reverted back so that Members who had not attended a meeting (or official duty) of the Council (without a resolved leave of absence from the Council) for a six month period would automatically be disqualified as a Member of the Council.

Pg 173 item 2a): Cllr D Hillman thanked Clerk for the very large document and confirmed that a hard copy was available should members want to read through it. He also announced that there was an area on top of the mountain in Nantyglo and Blaina and asked if Clerk could download of a copy of the map.

The Town Mayor confirmed that he had managed to download a copy and explained the document was highly informative it included information as to what wildlife was in the area.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 11th May 2021 (pages 175 - 180):

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 177 item 2g): Cllr D Hillman confirmed that he had attended a virtual meeting and would provide an update at the next appropriate meeting.

Pg 178 item 3: Cllr D Hillman attended a virtual meeting and would provide an update at next appropriate meeting.

Pg 179 item 4: To Include the total donation made to Blaenau Gwent food bank by the Town Council was £2379.92 for the period ending March 2021.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Asset Register:

Members were invited to consider and if appropriate, resolve the report in respect of the Council's Asset Register as of 31st March 2021.

Cllr D Hillman confirmed that it was good to see the value of Asset Register increase.

No other questions or comments were received.

Resolved that the report be approved.

Meeting declared closed at 15: 55pm

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