

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

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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held via a remote meeting Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 1.35pm

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, presiding
Councillors D Hillman; C Hillman; R Pagett; K Jenkins, M Williams & L Harris.

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 Cllr D Hillman declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in point **2a** and Cllr G Morvan declared a personal interest in point **2e**

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 Jones and 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 may be received prior to the date of the meeting

a) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council (for information):

E-mail informing of Meeting of the Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council which took place at 10.30am on Monday 7th June 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

Councillors D & C Hillman confirmed that they were not attendance for this meeting.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Public Health Wales (for information):

E-mails and survey re: Learning lessons from the community-led response to Covid-19 in Wales.

Members were invited to attend the learning lessons and Cllr D Hillman shown an interest and would like his name to be put forward as a representative for Town Council.

Resolved to note Cllr D Hillmans interest and **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk to put name forward for representation for N&BTC.

c) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (for information):

Vaccination updates for w/c 24th May & 1st June 2021.

Clerk announced that both herself and AO have now both fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus.

Resolved to note the information received.

d) Councillor Katy Treharne (for information):

i E-mail re: resignation as a Member of the Town Council (Blaina Ward).

Chair confirmed that he was sorry to receive the resignation from Cllr K Treharne as she was a valuable asset to Town Council, but he understood how busy she was with work commitments.

Cllr Hillman asked if the option for her to take a sabbatical leave was given as many Councillors were unaware that a sabbatical was an option.

Clerk confirmed that she has always spoken with members as she receives the resignation letter and ask members if they would like to take a sabbatical leave, but the option was sometimes refused depending upon individual circumstances. Cllr K Treharne expressed that the offer would not be beneficial to her, but announced that she would be happy to support any local events the Town Council looked to provide.

Resolved to note the information received.

ii Copy of Declaration of Vacancy as a result of Cllr Treharne's resignation.

Resolved to note the information received.

e) Councillor Glyn Morvan:

E-mail request re: litter picking within the Nantyglo and Blaina area for Duke of Edinburgh award.

Chair declared his personal interest. **Proposed** and **Resolved** that Cllr D Hillman act as Chair for this item. Cllr G Morvan remained in the meeting.

Members were all supportive of venture and offered to provide help and assistance as required.

Cllr G Morvan thanked all members for their support and will provide an updates

Resolved to note the information received.

f) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (for information):

ABUHB had sent through a list of virtual wellbeing training courses that members could find useful.

Cllr D Hillman had received a list of acronyms from ABUHB and asked if he could share as they are useful, he also thanked AO for sharing with members.

Resolved that details of the training courses be sent to members.

3. **s.137 Payments to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank:**

As previously resolved, Members were invited to consider and if appropriate to resolve additional monthly payments (via section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972) to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank for provision to local residents of Nantyglo and Blaina in light of the continuing Covid 19 pandemic.

Members agreed to continue with the monthly donation of £200 for June and to bring back to meeting in July for another discussion.

Clerk explained that Blaenau Gwent Food Bank end of year accounts 2020/21 was with their accountant, however, once received that will send details over of all donations received for that year.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that a donation of £200 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank for June 2021.

4. **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 may be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members were also reminded of that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) **Tenovus Cancer Care:**

Members agreed that the charity was very active and supportive within our community and therefore suggested the full donation amount of £100 be donated.

Resolved that a financial donation of £100 be sent to Tenovus Cancer Care.

5. **Salem Chapel:**

a) Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

• **May 2021:**

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that the general condition of the Chapel was deteriorating.

Resolved that the report be approved.

b) Letter received re: Noise complaint – Salem Chapel:

Members were informed of a letter received from Blaenau Gwent CBC in respect of a noise complaint regarding the alarm at Salem Chapel. Members were informed that the alarm company has been made aware of the issue and had inspected the alarm system and replaced a faulty part. The alarm company had stated that this should resolve the issue. The Environmental Health Officer has been informed of this action.

Members discussed the possibility that the alarm could be triggered by the renovations that are being carried out to the next-door premises (The Bush Inn) as there is extensive work be carried out within the premises.

Clerk confirmed that a site visit was carried out today (8th June 2021) and no alarms had sounded nor had there been any fault on alarm panels. A video was taken as evidence of this.

Clerk will inform the Environmental Health Officer at BGCBC of the work that was being undertaken with the Bush Inn.

Resolved for Clerk to inform the Environmental Health Officer as to the renovation work ongoing at the Bush Inn (next door to Salem Chapel).

6. **Confidential Information:**

The following item(s) may contain information that was of a confidential or personal nature and was therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960). **Resolved** to agree the motion.