

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held at 2pm on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 via a remote meeting.

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

Present: Councillor, Des Hillman Town Mayor presiding
Councillors G Morvan, K Jones, 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 of Events Committee Cllr' Keith Jenkins gave his apologies for meeting due to an unforeseen doctor's appointment. It was Proposed and **Resolved** that Cllr' Des Hillman, Town Mayor would chair the meeting in the absence.

The Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press 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 Keith Jenkins; Gill Watkins, Michael Williams, and Lesley Emanuel. Cllr L Harris explained that she would also need to give her apologies as she has Doctor's appointment and therefore will need to leave at 2.15 pm.

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) Email – Banner from Cllr M Williams of Banner 1, Blaina Remembers.

Members were happy with banner, however, the question was asked if permission had been approved to use the photograph of the serviceman in photograph.

Cllr G Morvan expressed that has the service is held for Blaina and Nantyglo that the banner should also be used for Nantyglo. In Banner 2 all members in were in agreeance.

Resolved to note member agreed Banner 1 for approval

3. **Banners:** Following previous meeting it was suggested for amendments to the following banners:

- Banner 5 – Blaina Remembers, 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

Resolved for the amendments to be made to each banner and **Further Resolved** for Cllr M Williams to make the amendments.

A discussion ensued reading the designs of those that have not yet been submitted and a priority of areas of banner 5 welcome to Blaina and banner 7 welcome to Nantyglo.

Cllr' Ken Jones queried what the banner was relating to for Blaina Hospital. Cllr' Des Hillman explained that there was a lovely old photograph of the old building.

4. **Craft Fair:** At the request of members from previous meeting it was asked for the Craft Fair to be added to agenda for discussion.

Cllr Hillman informed that he was sitting on a panel of Mutual Gain for the Participatory Budget. Cllr' Hillman explained that it was a grant given to the ABUHB to distribute into communities for people regain their confidence by getting them involved in projects again from the pandemic also to get local good causes help the local community within Blaenau Gwent to give them the feeling of 'Well Being'. The grant fund totalled £265,000 and would be distributed by a panel of local volunteer members over the next few weeks. To apply a 3-minute video of project was required and the volunteers on panel would decide if the project would be funded.

Cllr' Hillman suggested that the funding may help towards the craft fair.

Resolved that this item be included for the next Events Committee agenda.
Further Resolved to note the information received.

5 **In Bloom:** The promotion of event has been advertised on social media and poster put around area. Letters and applications had also been sent out to previous participants.

Clerk confirmed that 8 applications been received to date, but no confirmation had been received from letter asking if Abergavenny Garden Centre will judge the 'In Bloom' competition week commencing 5th to 9th July 2021. Clerk to speak with Cllr' Keith Jenkins as he may have received confirmation.

Cllr' Lillian Harris left at this juncture.

4. Christmas Tree: Many arborists tree specialist had been contacted, but unfortunately only one company was able to help with our request (Steve Ambler). A meeting had taken place and he advised against the recommendation of a Cedar Tree. An email sent to BGCBC giving the information from Steve and put forward the suggestion for permission to plant a Norman Fir (Christmas tree). However, an email returned from BGCBC explaining that they would not permit either species of trees.
It was suggested that Clerk send another email asking would permission be granted if Town Council use temporary tree in pot.

Resolved to enquire with Blaenau Gwent CBC for the possibility of Town Council placing a temporary tree at the square opposite Blaina Institute.

7. Members to consider and if appropriate resolve the purchase of additional Christmas lights for Christmas 2021: The cost of Christmas lights was unknown at present, however, the cost of last years' lights was £1831.80. Members may wish to resolve a maximum amount of £2000 in the first instance (subject to compliance with Town Councils Regulations).

A discussion ensued regarding the need the out up additional Christmas lights in other locations. Members were informed that the estimate would also include replacement lights (for damaged lights) and to purchase new lights and transformers for the new Xmas tree that is planned (subject to permission from Blaenau Gwent CBC).

Resolved to note information received and for item to be added to next agenda

8. Additional Information – National NHS Day:

Clerk announced that Mr R Dunham (contractor) had been given the three NHS flags for him to install in readiness for National NHS Day on Monday 5th July. Letters would be sent to the following providing an itinerary of the day:

- Lord Lieutenant
- High Sheriff of Gwent
- Roy Watson
- 4 local Primary Schools
- 2 Local NHS Surgeries
- All Town Council Members

Members asked if there had been any updates on the flagpole situation. Clerk explained that Andrew Parker (Town Council Liaison Officer for Town /Community Councils, Blaenau Gwent CBC) was aware of the issues with Technical Services and the issue has been taken to the Management Team with Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Resolved to note information received

Further Resolved for item to be added to next agenda.

Meeting declared closed at 14:30

