

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 22nd July 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; K Jones, D Hillman, C Hillman & L Harris

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

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 Cllr K Jenkins and Cllr L Harris declared an interest in item 5 and **Further Resolved** that Councillors K Jenkins and L Harris leave the meeting when item was being discussed.

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 M Williams.

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) Email – Fly The Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day Friday 3rd September 2021, For members to consider the email to commemorate the Fly The Red Ensign. Chair enquired if memorial service needs to be arranged? Cllr G Morvan confirmed that Town Council had previously commemorated the event with just a flag to remark our respects.

Resolved that the Red Ensign flag be erected to commemorate the Merchant Navy Day on Friday 3rd September 2021. **Further Resolved** to enquire if Mr R Dunham could put up flag.

3. **Banners:**

Cllr M Williams was to provide an update on the previous amendments of the following banners: 5, 6, 7 & 8 and if there had been any progress on those banners that had not yet been designed:

Banner 4 – Blaina Museum

Banner 9 – Ric Hool Poem

Banner 10 – Ann Drivesdale Poem –

Banner 12 – Rainbow Hands

Banner 14 – Blaina Hospital

Banner 16 - Thank you for supporting our local businesses

Banner 17 - Cwmcelyn Pond & Red Ash – Photograph

Banner 18 - Trevor Rawson Park

Banner 19 – Chartist Group

Banner 20 – Alexander Cordell Pathway

Amendment to Banner 10, should read Drysdale.

Due to Cllr M Williams not in attendance, Members agreed to hold a discussion meeting comprising of Senior Members to discuss the banner locations, amendments and progress on the banners that has not yet been designed.

Resolved that a remote meeting of Senior Members be arranged to discuss progress of banners and situ.

4. **Grant Funding/ Mutual Gain Fund:**

At previous meeting it was suggested for Town Council to apply for Mutual Gain funding in respect of a Craft Fair or if Members could consider the possibility of applying for concrete planters with Nantyglo and Blaina

Cllr Hillman clarified that Town Councils were able to apply for Mutual Gain grant funding, which would need to comply with grant funding policies. It was suggested that Town Council apply for planters and flowers as this will enhance our resident's well-being, involve community and will also improve people's lives.

If application meets the criteria, the Town Council would be invited to submit a 3-minute film that would be shown at the voting event on Sunday 26th September 1 – 1pm.

Clerk to arrange a meeting with Chair of events, Cllr Des Hillman and Clerk at the earliest convenient time.

Resolved that a meeting be arranged to discuss the funding application form.

Resolved to note that Councillors K Jenkins & L Harris declared a personal interest in item 5 below and left the meeting at this juncture.

5. **In Bloom:**

14 properties were visited by Gavin Trinder (Manager at Abergavenny Garden Centre), Town Clerk and Assistant Officer. Members were invited to consider the results of the In Bloom competition.

Due to only having 4 members present, there were no decisions to be made. A discussion ensued regarding the high standard of all the entries' and that their hard work was a credit to all who participated in the competition. The judge from outside our area was very

supportive and knowledgeable and had shown a great interest in our competition. Clerk informed Members that she was waiting upon the final judging marks from our independent judge.

Cllr K Jenkins and L Harris reconvened at this juncture.

Resolved to re agenda item when clarification regarding the for results had been received from the judge.

6. **Christmas Tree:** Clerk confirmed that she had received an email from BGCBC that they ownership of land needed clarification and at present all documentation had been archived due to Civic Centre being closed.

Resolved to note information received and **resolved** to re agenda.

7. **Member 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' additional lights were £1831.80. Members may wish to resolve a maximum amount of £2000 in the first instance (subject to compliance with Town Councils Regulations).

Members supported the action and amount and agreed that the contractor place new lights equally between both Nantyglo and Blaina. A discussion ensued on how difficult it was to place lights in Nantyglo due to the old wooden lampposts and that our contractor worked hard every year to ensure that this was done as far as practicable. Members also discussed the energy efficiency cost to comparison of the old Christmas Lights compared to the new LED lights.

Resolved that additional Christmas Lights be purchased to a maximum of £2000 in the first instance.

8. **Planters:**

Cllr Keith Jenkins provided an update.

Cllr Jenkins explained that two flower tubs had gone missing from the area at the stone wall displaying Blaina and Nantyglo. A request not to replace, but hopefully purchase much larger planters as per earlier agenda item, Mutual Gain Funding.

Cllr Morvan confirmed that he had spoken with Cllr L Winnet regarding the Crime Prevention Panel, whereby Cllr Winnett confirmed that she would advertise this incident on their social media sites. Chair asked if the crime could be publicized on BGfm radio and emphasise that the planters were there to show gratitude and thanks to our NHS and Keyworks for their hard work throughout the pandemic.

Resolved to note information received and **Resolved** for information to be discussed on BGfm radio.

9. **Flagpoles:**

Town Clerk provided a verbal update that contractors G Adams and A Robinson had been sent details although no information received as yet from them.

A discussion ensued regarding planning permission of flagpoles and as long as flagpoles are vertical, no planning permission required, only consent from landowner is required.

Resolved to note information received. **Further Resolved** to agenda for the next Events Committee Meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 14:55

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