

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held directly meeting on Tuesday 28th September 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.

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 declarations were recorded.

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 Councillor M Williams

2. Correspondence:

Members are 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) Councillor L Winnett – Blaenau Gwent CBC (for information – copy attached):
E-mail request re: Baby Awareness Week October 2021.

Clerk suggested that Town Council could support the day by displaying pink and blue bows in the windows of Town Council Office and Chamber.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for Clerk to display pink and blue bows in the windows of office and chamber during the week commencing 11th October.

3. Banners: The attached banners designs have been issued by Cllr M Williams for members to approve:

- a) Banner 2 – Nantyglo remembers
- b) Banner 17 – Cwmcelyn Pond
- c) Banner 18 – Trevor Rawson Park
- d) Banner 12 Rainbow of Hands or Banner 14 Thank you NHS & Key Workers.

Thank You banner unsure if it is Banner 12, Rainbow of Hands or Banner 14 Thank you NHS & Key Workers Clerk to clarify with Cllr Williams. Suggestion put forward to have the name of the school put on the Welsh banner to indicate where it has been designed from. Members all agreed to the design of banners and were also approved for them to be sent to printers.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** for the approved banners to send to printers and amendment to be made to the following banners Welsh School.

4. Grant Funding/ Mutual Gain Fund:

The project was successful in the first round of applications; a video has been submitted for the final round which will be available to vote for on Sunday 26th Sept. Please see the attached e-mail for details.

Chair gave his apologies for not being able to attend the funding event. Cllr Jones explained that he had tried to register to attend event, but it would not permit him as stated that event was closed, however, the closing date time on web was 4pm Saturday?

Cllr Hillman gave an update of both funding events for 19th and 26th September, he read out the list of successful recipients and a total of £250k was distributed the successful projects. Nantyglo and Blaina Town were not successful on this occasion.

A discussion ensued regarding the video that was submitted to Mutual Gai was not shown in full and Cllr Hillman will follow up as to why it was not shown in full and he also thanked Clerk and Cllr Williams for hard work in putting the video together.

Chair thanked Cllr Hillman for all his hard work.

Resolved to note information.

Resolved to move.

5. In Bloom:

Members are requested to consider the attached report and resolve if appropriate (*copy attached*)

Clerk explained due to the Chair and Cllr Harris participating in the "In Bloom" competition that it would be good practise for them to leave meeting and return after discussion. Chair and Cllr Harris agreed and left the meeting at this juncture.

Clerk explained that with the 2 members now leaving the meeting that the meeting is no longer quorate, therefore meeting is only for discussion.

Winners that were recommended by Gavin Trinder from Abergavenny Garden Centre.

- Margaret Dutson – Individual House
- Junior Gardener – Ruby – Mae Bunning
- Michael Knapp – Open Space
- Julia Croc – Individual Allotment
- Blaen y Cwm School – School
- Holy Trinity St Anne's Church – Place of Worship
- Marilyn Lukings – Hanging Baskets / Window Boxes
- Janet Healy - Street

A discussion ensued regarding the winners and those who participated, and members all agreed that those who applied for the individual houses with high scores to be highly recommended.

Resolved to note information received and **further resolved** for the recommendations to be ratified at the next meeting.

Chair and Cllr Harris re-joined the meeting at this juncture.

6. Christmas Tree:

Members are informed of a response from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council in respect of land outlined for a proposed Christmas Tree, in that Blaenau Gwent CBC do NOT own the land (square opposite Blaina Institute) and that it is proving very difficult to confirm ownership of this land.

Clerk explained that she had received the following email from BGCBC explaining “The land was registered to Webb’s brewery who owned the Red Lion Pub, but as Webb’s is no longer exist the successors in title to Webb’s could find no record of the area in 2006 when Blaina Communities First wanted to do a project on site with the Regeneration section”. The land is not registered therefore the Land Registry Office would not have any information as to the owner.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the ownership and a practical arrangement as to the siting of a Christmas tree this year.

Resolved to note information received and further **resolved** to discuss possible solutions with the contractor.

7. Flagpoles:

Town Clerk gave the following update. BGCBC confirmed that the flagpoles at Coop were not good enough to be relocated and therefore suggested to purchase new flagpoles to be sited at locations at Nantyglo and Blaina.

A discussion ensued regarding the state of flagpoles and a member had confirmed that he had inspected them, and his thoughts were that the flagpoles were all in tack.

Clerk to investigate costs and feasibility for new flagpoles

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for Clerk to investigate costs and feasibility of new flagpoles.

8. Christmas events:

Members are politely requested to consider appropriate events for Christmas that will take into account any future possible restrictions and resources.

Local school have been asked if they would like to participate in the Christmas Concerts this year and at present no school can commit to any event until after the half term, however, they have also stipulated that they think that it is very unlikely for any event to take place as the covid number are continuing to rise within schools.

A discussion ensued regarding Santa Sleigh, as Gwent Police are no longer supporting any steward roles, the Santa Sleigh will not be able to go ahead as previous years. The requirements are that if no support from police, stewards are to be positioned at every junction of the route under section 8. Training is required and that would involve a 4 day training course, but there is no training provider in Wales.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for item to be re-agenda for next meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 15:23