

# NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held via a remote meeting at 2.10pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Town Mayor, presiding  
Councillors G Morvan; C Hillman; K Jenkins; L Harris & K Jones JP

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public nor press were in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

#### Declaration of Interest

Members are 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 L Emanuel & M Williams (who might join the meeting later due to work commitments). **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

#### 2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for October 2021.

The Town Mayor informed that both he and the Mayoress, Councillor Carole Hillman had recently attended Brynmawr outdoor market to raise funds for the Mayor's Appeal but that it had been a quiet day due to the cold weather. The Town Mayor also informed that his Civic Sunday service took place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at St Peter's Church, Blaina which was attended by Members, family friends, the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent and the High Sherriff of Gwent and his wife. The Town Mayor added that the event was thoroughly enjoyable and a great success and he thanked all Members for attending and helping with the event.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (pages 56 – 62)**  
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:
- p.58 should read 'to' not 'top'.
- p.60 should read 'would not be comparable'.
- p.60 (9b) Councillor D Hillman informed that he would continue to query points with the IRPW on behalf of Nantyglo and Blaina.
- Resolved** that the minutes be approved.
4. **Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (pages 63 - 66)**  
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:
- p.65 (4) Councillor D Hillman informed that the video application submitted by the Town Council was not shown in full due to a 'glitch'.
- Resolved** that the minutes be approved.
5. **Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (pages 67 - 69)**  
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:
- p.68 (3) should read 'adverse possession'.
- p.68 (4) The Town Clerk informed that the resolution should read 'no objections be made but a representation be made in respect of the applicant being a Member of Parliament for Blaenau Gwent'.
- Resolved** that the minutes be approved.
6. **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (pages 70 – 75)**  
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:
- p. 71 – Minutes were numbered incorrectly – p.71 should read p.70 etc – minute book to be amended.
- p.71 – should read 'Assistant Officer'.
- p.72 (2a)ii) – clarification re: resolution – Councillor D Hillman was not a member of OVW.

p.72 (2dii) – it was confirmed that there had not been any response from other Town Councils for meeting. Councillor D Hillman informed that old paperwork evidenced Blaina as a town centre within Blaenau Gwent and that he would make this point at the forthcoming liaison meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC.

p.73 (3) – there was a need to query if there was a policy regarding attendance allowance for Town Councillors with OVW.

p.74 (6 & 7) – resolution should read ‘that reports be approved’.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved and **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk query policies regarding Attendance Allowance with Once Voice Wales.

## 7. 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) Older People’s Commissioner for Wales (for information)  
Taking Action Against Ageism Training for Stake Holders.

It was noted that the information was in Welsh only.

**Resolved** that the English version of the e-mail be sent to all Members.

- b) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council – (For information):  
Patients Voice News Bulletin.

Councillor Morvan stated that the bulletin item regarding staff at the Grange contradicted well documented concerns regarding safety and staff shortages. Councillors D & C Hillman stated that they too had made similar comments at a meeting of the Community Health Council.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- c) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – (for information)  
Spotlight On – Children’s Healthcare Services.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- i) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board - Blaenau Gwent - Integrated Wellbeing Network (for information):

Minutes of the IWN Collaboration Meeting.

It was commented that there didn’t appear to be any hub set up for the Nantyglo and Blaina are and that it would also be beneficial for the Town Council to be involved.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to request that Councillor D Hillman be invited to the next IWN meeting in December.

- ii) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board- Email (for information)  
Virtual Coffee Morning and resources on health/wellbeing.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- iii) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board- Email (for information)  
Vaccination Updates – Weekly Progress 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- d) One Voice Wales – (for information)  
Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils.

Councillor Morvan stated that the amended policy was very similar to the protocol already adopted by the Council.

**Resolved** that the amended Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community & Town Councils be adopted by the Council.

- i) One Voice Wales – (for information)  
Remote Training sessions taking place in October 2021.

**Resolved** to distribute the training dates for November 2021.

- e) Melo – (for information)  
October Newsletter.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

*Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:*

- f) Gavo (for information):

E-mail re: Thriving & surviving – Dealing with life after cancer.

**Resolved** to note the information received **Further Resolved** to send the information to all Members.

## 8. **Town Council Vacancies:**

Members were invited to consider the attached application received in respect of a previously advertised vacancy in the Blaina Ward for co-option to the Town Council:

Members were reminded of the Council's Standing orders in respect of co-option.

- Kevin Rowland.

The Town Clerk informed that of the 8 ballot papers sent to Members a total of 7 had been received.

**Resolved unanimously** that Kevin Rowland be co-opted as a Member of the Town Council for the Blaina Ward.

## 9. **Application to the Community Grant Fund:**

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s). Members were also reminded that applications would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

None received to date.

**Resolved** accordingly.

**10. Licensing Applications:**

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s).

- a) Applicant: Alun Lewis 12 Clos Gwaith Der, Ebbw Vale, Gwent  
Details of application: Application for temporary events notice for sale of alcohol for 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (Licencing Act 2003)  
Premises: Blaina Cricket Club, The Pavilion, Central Park, Blaina.

**Resolved** that no comments or objections be made.

**11. Members Updates:**

Members were invited to inform and provide updates of any recent activities and / or concerns:

None received.

Meeting declared closed at 2.55pm

Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.