

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

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## Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held via a remote meeting at 1.10pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Chair of Events Committee, presiding  
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman, C Hillman, K Jones & 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** 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. Please note that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided.

**Resolved** to note that Cllr's K Jenkins and L Harris declared a personal interest in point 4a and it was agreed for both to leave the meeting when item is 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, L Emanuel and L Harris.

**Further Resolved** to note information 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: Assistant Officer confirmed that no correspondence had been received.

### a) Western Power Distribution – (for information):

Temporary Unmetered Connections for Festive Lighting Christmas 2021/2022. The Assistant Officer informed that this information was for the Christmas Light Contractor to complete.

**Resolved** to note information received and **Further Resolved** for the Christmas Light Contractor to complete.

### b) The Seafarers Charity – (Email for information).

Email thanking for helping public awareness and a certificate of participation. Members suggested that it would be nice to get the certificate put in a frame.

Assistant Officer confirmed that certificate was displayed on Town Council's website.

**Resolved** to note information received.

## 3. **Banners:** Permission had been sent to BGCBC for the allocation of banners on lampposts for around Nantyglo and Blaina.

A discussion ensued regarding how much permission that Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council requires, where other councils seem to just get things done. The Assistant Officer confirmed that no reply as yet from BGCBC and another email would be sent as a matter of emergency.

**Resolved** to note information received and **Further Resolved** for the Assistant Officer to send another email to prompt BGCBC for the permission to place banners on lamp posts.

*Councillor K Jenkins declared a personal interest in this item and left the meeting*

## 4. **In Bloom:**

The winning entries were discussed at previous meeting; however, meeting was not quorate to ratify the winning entries. Members were requested to ratify the results so participants could be notified of outcome.

### a) Gavin Trinder, Abergavenny Garden Centre:

List of the winning entries was received from the judge, Mr Gavin Trinder.

Assistant Officer confirmed that she had received an email from Cllr Williams giving his comments on the judging, which supports Gavin Trinder's recommendations.

All present agreed that the following winners recommended by Gavin Trinder, Abergavenny Garden Centre were as follows:

- Margaret Dutson - Individual House and overall winner
- Ruby Mae Bunning – Junior Gardener
- 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

Members agreed that as the entries were all exceptional this year that all participants were to receive a highly recommended certificate and plaque.

*Cllr K Jenkins and Cllr L Harris re- joined the meeting at this juncture.*

A discussion ensued regarding how best to give the awards out and it was suggested that as it is not a meeting, a presentation event could take place in the chamber. Clerk and Assistant Officer to risk assess the room to see if restrictions permit and would advise Council with the outcome.

**Resolved** to note information received and **further Resolved** for Clerk and Assistant Officer to risk assess the chamber. **Additionally Resolved** that the list of In Bloom winners and ‘Highly Commended’ entrants be ratified as above.

**a) Christmas Tree:**

Local installer- Russel Dunham was approached with regards to placing a temporary Xmas tree in the centre of Blaina square and he confirmed that the area was not suitable and that he would not carry out the work as the paving slabs are too unsafe to secure guide ropes. Additionally, he advised that the area would then need to be fenced off, and this could result in the risk and possibility of the young people climbing up fences. His recommendations were to purchase a real Christmas and plant it to the North side of Blaina Institute on the grassed area, from that area he would also be able to connect lights from the Institute.

A discussion ensued regarding the position of the Christmas Tree at the North side of the premises. Members believed that the viewing of the tree would be somewhat restricted as it would only be seen from the bottom of High Street at the mini round about. Suggestion put forward that as Christmas was approaching quickly, that for this year maybe Council could just consider putting solar power lights on the trees that are already there. A further suggestion was also for a Christmas tree to be planted at the rear grounds of St Peters Church facing High Street.

**Resolved** to note information received and **Further Resolved** for the Assistant Officer to speak with the Christmas Lights contactor regarding placing solar lights for existing trees on Blaina Square and to purchase solar lights if so. **Additionally Resolved** for the Assistant Officer to enquire if permission would be granted to plant a tree in the grounds of St Peters Church, Blaina.

**b) Christmas events:**

Members requested for item to be re-agenda at previous meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the four local Primary Schools taking part in the annual Christmas Carol Concerts. As it was still half term, there was not a response from the schools to date however, it would seem to be very unlikely due to the increase in Covid cases in the area.

Members also suggested that if schools could be contacted to see if Town Council could donate selection packs for each child within the four local Primary Schools and to establish a good time for delivery.

A discussion ensued regarding a Santa Sleigh, and it was confirmed that was not an option this year due to having no support from Gwent Police regarding road closures and an escort.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** for the Assistant Office to contact local school to ascertain if selections packs could be received and to source a suitable date for delivery.

**c) Planters:**

Chair would like members to discuss the possibly of purchasing larger planters

a) Quotes for larger planters provided by Chair

Firstly, Chair announced that all 8 conifers have now been stolen from the planters in the area and asked if Cllr Williams could put an article in the press and if a mention of the theft be put on BGFm radio station.

Chair explained that he had received a company name that Brynmawr Partnership had used to purchase their large planters, but he had not successful in finding the company on the internet. Cllr Hillman offered to speak with Cllr Hodgins (of Brynmawr Town Partnership) to find out the details.

Chair also confirmed that he had been speaking to a local carpenter, David Seal who has offered to make planters for Town Council. Cllr Harris explained that Mr Seal only uses up cycled materials that were going to landfill, Mr Seal would vanish or paint planters, fix planters by screwing them to either floor or next to the item to the side.

Chair and Cllr Hillman would go and look at items that has already been made and placed by Mr Seal and would report back at next meeting.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further resolved** for Cllr Hillman to speak with Cllr Hodgins to ascertain the company name of planters. **Additionally Resolved** that Chair & Cllr Hillman would visit areas to view planters made by Mr Seal.

**Meeting declared closed at 14:10**