

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

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Events Committee held at 18:54pm on Tuesday  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.**

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

Present: Councillor L Higgins, Chair of the Events Committee, presiding  
Councillors G Morvan ;K Jones JP; D Hillman; C Hillman; D Wright; A Fryer;  
M Evans; W Lewis; D Finch; S Howlett, M Williams (remote), E Singleton &  
L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO  
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

## **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 D Wright declared an interest in item 3a.

### **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 L Harris

**Further Resolved** that the apologies be accepted.

### **2. Questions from the public:**

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda. There was a 10 minute allocation time for any questions from the public.

**Resolved** to note that no such questions were received and **Further Resolved** that no members of the public or press were in attendance.

### **3. Correspondence:**

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chair's permission, any urgent information that may well be received prior to the date of the meeting.

Cllr D Wright declared an interest in the following item 3a. **Resolved** that Cllr D Wright remain in the meeting for the item but not take part in any decision.

a) Email from Councillor David John Wright (for information and consideration):

The Chair informed of the email which detailed ways and amounts of possible financial contributions that Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council could provide in order to help support Blaina Community Sports Club's Party in the Park event in 2026.

It was highlighted that no member or group of members could enter discussions on behalf of the Town Council without the prior approval of the Town Council taken as a resolution and that this discussion would need to take place between the Town Council and Blaina Community sports Club.

It was **Proposed and Seconded** to invite representatives of Blaina Community Sports Club to a meeting of the Town Council to discuss next year's Party in the Park.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to invite representatives of Blaina Community Sports Club to give further information of the Party in the Park event at a future council meeting.

b) Play in the Park event (for information)

Event being held in Central Park, Cwmcelyn, with the Blaenau Gwent Play Team.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

c) Email from Karen Williams re: Mural costs (for information and consideration):

Email contains an update on the costing of the Mural from Walls By Paul.

The Town Clerk/RFO provided an update in regard to a mural collaboration with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's Town Centre Manager. Costs were for a mural in Blaina and would be funded by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council may wish to consider having a mural commissioned for Nantyglo as BG CBC are unable to fund one in that location (due to funding being restricted to 'town centres').

Members considered engagement with local residents would be great for potential ideas and locations.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that this be considered further.

*Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:*

d) Invoice regarding David Watkins MBE Brick Memorial from Blaina Community Sports Club – (for information & consideration):

Members were informed of the costs of the event regarding the unveiling of a Memorial Brick for David Watkins MBE.

The price of the invoice was more as the cost of the room hire had not been given to Town Council when resolving the cost of the event. Members noted that it was

disappointing that the cost had been given so close to the event with the members being unable to resolve this costing. With Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council already supporting with paying for the Memorial Brick so perhaps to negotiate the price with Blaina Community Sports Club.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to contact Blaina Community Sports Club to negotiate a price for room hire at 50% the price.

*Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:*

- e) Email regarding funding from the Welsh Government concerning potential funding to aid events to promote Welshness on St Davids Day through events – (for information and consideration)

Members were informed about a scheme the Welsh Government have recently started to help fund events that would help to promote Welsh culture for St Davids Day 2026. Members considered the very short time scale in which detailed applications and costing would need to be submitted, it was agreed that such an application was unachievable and that more notice should have been given.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to send a letter to the Welsh Government querying the timescales and potential for funding in the future when more planning time given.

#### **4. Selection Packs - (information & consideration):**

Update regarding costing of Selection Packs for children of Nantyglo and Blaina for Christmas.

Members discussed the lack of options and increase in pricing for selection boxes compared to recent years. Community Champion at Asda has said a donation may be possible however still awaiting a response. The smaller selection packs were more affordable but deemed insubstantial for a gift to children so the larger 125g selection box would be more suitable despite the higher price point. Recent investigation showed the prices of selections are approximately £2 - £2.50. The Town Clerk also highlighted the difficulty in making a payment for such a large amount, as most shops no longer accepted cheques nor a payment online.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to arrange purchasing the 125g Cadbury selection box at the best available price and availability and **Additionally Resolved** to check and arrange an appropriate method of payment.

#### **5. Remembrance Day Parade – (for information)**

Members were advised that the arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Parade to take place on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November were:

2:15pm – Parade to meet at Garn Cross, Nantyglo

2:20pm – Parade to depart Garn Cross, Nantyglo

2:35pm – Arrive at War Memorial, Central Park, Surgery Road. Blaina

2:40pm – Service of Remembrance to commence

3:10pm – Parade to continue through High Street, Blaina

3:30pm – Refreshments available at the Constitutional Club, High Street, Blaina

Please note that all timings were approximate.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 19:35pm