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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at 5:30pm on Tuesday 11th November 2025 the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

Present: Cllr K Jones JP, Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, L Higgins (Remote), C Hillman (Remote), L Harris,
D Hillman, D Wright, A Fryer, W Lewis, S Howlett, D Finch, M Evans &
L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mr Kevin Rowland, Assistant Officer
Mr C Adams & Mr A Pugh, Blaina Community Sports Club

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair informed of the procedures to be taken in the event of an emergency. **Resolved** to note the information received.

Resolved to note a nonpecuniary interest from both Cllr D Finch and Cllr D Wright for the item below.

To receive: Mr C Adams & Mr A Pugh, Blaina Community Sports Club.

To provide an update of information regarding the proposed Party in the Park 2026

Members were reminded to note the Standing Orders relating to guest speakers:

1. Members were to receive the presentation.
2. Questions were to be invited at the end of the presentation.
3. Members were requested to ask only one question each – if time allowed AND with permission of the Chair, a second question may be asked.
4. Members were reminded that there was to be no discussion or exchange of points of view between Members and that all dialogue was to be directed through the Chair.

C Adams and A Pugh informed the Town Council about Blaina Community Sports Club which looks to support the Rugby and Cricket teams that use Central Park, Cwmcelyn to play home games. The park was taken over on a ground asset transfer from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and Blaina Community Sports Club is a community-based organisation. In regard to the Party in the Park, they expect to have rides for children, stalls including local organisations and traders and a stage for performers. The event usually takes place on the Saturday closest to Whitsun, 12 midday until around 6-7pm and they had never thought to approach Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council before to seek assistance.

Questions were invited at this juncture.

Q. There were rumours that the event was to not take place next year, now confirmed it was to go ahead. Where do the profits from events such as Party in the Park go?

A. Blaina Community Sports Club was a Limited Company by Guarantee, everything was invested back into the sports club. The sports club had outgrown the building and was looking to extend due to current attendance levels. The success of the teams that play at Central Park help attendance levels stay high.

Q. response – Caution needed by Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council as it was public money.

Q. In regard to profits, is any or all of this donated to the rugby and cricket teams?

A. Still a new business so profits are minimal, but we do cover our costs.

Q. How were the fairground rides funded and their costs?

A. Previously in two different ways but last year let down by supplier. Have paid a flat fee for the rides and then charged visitors for a wristband with which to use the rides. Due to last year the supplier ran the costs themselves, which came with less risk if low visitor count, bad weather etc.

Q. How was this paid?

A. In previous years the fairground rides were £400 approximately per ride and they had health and safety, stewarding etc.

Q. response – Limits and conditions on Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council as to how grants can be given.

Q. Could the attraction providers pay you e.g. £200 to host the rides and then charge appropriately?

A. Company was unwilling to take that financial risk.

Q. Was there a record of footfall during the event?

A. As we did not ticket the event, we do not. We estimated approximately 1000 people. Charging on the gate may deter families in the local area from coming.

Q. Had you had any contact with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and/or the Town Centre Manager?

A. Yes, have collaborated during previous Xmas events but no funding to do so this year. No funding provided by BGCBC or TCM on fundays or previous Party in the Park events.

Q. How did you publicise and advertise the event?

A. Mainly online through social media and word of mouth.

Q. How was ground maintenance achieved?

A. Blaenau Gwent CBC could no longer support the grounds so when we had the 25 year lease, we now pay Blaenau Gwent CBC to maintain the grounds as they have specialist equipment.

Q. Was continuation funding available for Blaina Community Sports Club?

A. Not that we are aware of but will definitely check.

Q. Do you consist of two clubs?

A. One club - the rugby club and the cricket club were one entity. Rugby club may be limited by share. The cricket club was governed by a sporting body. Both clubs get some sporting grants, some occasions whereby BCSC apply for funding but sometimes for rugby or cricket depending on criteria.

Q. Do either sports sides have youth teams?

A. The rugby team had previously but not recently. The cricket team currently had 3 sides during the summer as well as 2 youth teams.

Q. If there was an opportunity for help from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council, what would you be looking for?

A. Any help towards costs would be a huge help, stage for live music etc the event takes a lot of time and hard work to get in place. Money was made on the day, but it required a lot of effort.

Q. Did the club have any links with other organisations such as Aneurin Leisure Trust?

A. No, but will contact as it could help with other issues such as fencing around grounds.

The Chair summarised the information received - Blaina Community Sports Club were looking for financial and practical assistance from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council to help facilitate an event for the local community during the summer of 2026. The Chair emphasised that, due to the financial legislation the Town Council was required to comply with, the Town Council could not help fund the club itself.

The Chair thanked Mr Chris Adams and Mr Andrew Pugh for attending the meeting.

Chris Adams and Andrew Pugh left the meeting at this juncture.

Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members were reminded that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept.

Resolved to note no apologies were received.

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 no members of the public or press were present and **Further**

Resolved to note that no questions were received.

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.

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

4. Planning Applications:

Members were invited to consider the applications listed below and, with the permission of the Chair, any further applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting:

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

Of note, change of planning details regarding site in Nantyglo involving Burger King had not been received by Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

Resolved to check for a response.

5. **Blaina Town Centre – Tidy Towns Funding:**

Members were informedadvised that Karen Williams (Town Centre Manager, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council) had informed that Blaina Town Centre has undergone a clean-up which has been funded by Tidy Towns Funding. Members were advised that the funding criteria meant that only the designated town centres within Blaenau Gwent were eligible.

Members were requested should any part of Blaina Town Centre require such help, to inform the Town Centre Manager. A number of Members provided the following information:

- hedges and trees near a pathway had been cut back considerably.
- It was queried if this included the area by The Cwtch Community Centre, which it was.
- Blaenau Gwent CBC would not clear up the area around Roundhouse Close in Nantyglo as the locations were owned/run by Tai Calon.
- Barriers circling the roundabout in Blaina required repainting, but it was noted that this work was in progress.

Resolved to note the information received.

6. **Area of Land around the Memorial Garden adjacent to High Street, Blaina:**

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update.

Town Clerk informed members that a recent phone call with Alun Williams of Blaenau Gwent CBC informed that the steps in the area would remain the liability of Blaenau Gwent CBC and that Blaenau Gwent CBC would provide initial maintenance to the area before transferring the land to Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council (if this was to be agreed).

Members noted that a written response was needed.

Resolved to note the information received, **Further Resolved** to request a written response and **Further Resolved** to re-agenda the item at a future meeting.

7. **Licence Applications:**

Members were invited to note the application(s) **for information only:**

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

Meeting declared closed at 6:14pm