

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 18:29pm Tuesday 24th March 2026 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 presiding
Councillors D Hillman; C Hillman; L Harris; D Wright; A Fryer; D Finch; M Williams; K Jones JP; L Emanuel; W Howls; L Higgins & S Howlett

In attendance: Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

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.

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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.

1. Apologies:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note apologies received from M Evans and E Singleton.

2. Questions from the public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda. Please note that this is limited to 10 minutes.

Resolved accordingly.

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.

- a) Email from Karen Williams re: Mural on Blaina High Street (copy attached – for information/consideration)

Response from Karen Williams Town Centre Manager for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council in regard to a letter sent by Town Mayor Councillor G Morvan thanking her for the mural on High Street Blaina and informing us that a Food Festival is coming to Blaina on the 15th August 2026 and hopes we can be involved.

Members agreed that a food festival was a welcome event to the area and to start small and build up. With the mural complete members also stated that a mural for Nantyglo should be discussed and to start a Task and Finish group in regard to the mural as well as the money raised from selling Salem Chapel.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to set up a Task & Finish group to discuss the proceeds of the sale of Salem Chapel.

- b) Sharon Cargill – funding for Cinema and Playscheme summer events (copy attached – for information/consideration)

Response from Sharon Cargill after an enquiry the Assistant Officer made regarding funding for this year's Cinema Screenings and Summer Playscheme events.

The Assistant Officer gave an update regarding costs of both services.

Andrea Durban from Market Hall Cinema said ticket prices for children were £4.00 each, for 150 tickets over 4 showings it would be £2400. They also stated that they would only restrict the film being a family friendly film and not limit families to a time.

Fund a Day for Children's Play has four open access play sessions available for £500, which saves £100 from booking 4 separately.

Members were disappointed there was no funding, but these subjects should also be discussed at a Task and Finish group as mentioned in the previous item.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to add Cinema Screenings and Summer Playscheme to the Task & Finish Group for proceeds of Salem Chapel.

4. Blaina Community Sports Club Fun Day in May

Members are invited to consider funding attractions for Blaina Community Sports Club Fun Day event to be held in May. Paying for the attractions would make them free for residents to use meaning more people can enjoy while Blaina Community Sports Club concentrates on offering food and facilities. A recent email from Paul Egan confirmed Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council are legally able to fund attractions in such a way.

It has been requested that the following vote in which to either support or not support the Blaina Community Sports Club Fun Day is a Recorded Vote.

Member asked that a vote on whether Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council should support this event to be recorded.

It was stated that not enough information has been given to Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council and that Blaina Community Sports Club should make a proposal or application for N&BTC to support this event with details regarding the attractions needed and their costings and also if N&BTC would be able to have a stall so that members can consult the public and potentially survey residents who attend the event.

As no vote was taken, the recorded vote was not needed.

Resolved that Blaina Community Sports Club to be contacted requesting an application for Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council to support their event.

Meeting declared closed at 18:54 pm