

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

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## **Minutes of the Highways and Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Chairman, Presiding  
Councillors C Bridgeman; G Watkins; R Abbas; L Harris; C Hillman; K Jenkins; T McKnight; K Jones

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk/RFO  
Miss H Roberts, Assistant Officer

#### **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. **Resolved** that none were received.

At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Hillman explained the fire procedures and regulations in place should an emergency occur.

#### **1. Apologies for absence:**

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

**Resolved** that apologies were received from Councillors G Morvan, R Pagett, E Morgan, K Treharne.

**Further Resolved** to accept apologies.

#### **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.

##### **a) Gwent Archives**

i Event – Discover the History of Your House.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

ii Event – Past & Present Wales 2019.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

*Additional correspondence received with the permission of the Chairman:*

b) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

- i. Change of location for meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- ii. Meeting cancelled 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- iii. Meeting withdrawn 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

**3. Planning Applications:**

Members were invited to consider any further applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting.

- a) None received to date.

**Resolved** accordingly.

**4. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales:**

Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Blaenau Gwent (Nantyglo and Blaina).

Members were pleased that Blaenau Gwent had supported Option A and that the Town Council's comments relating to this item had been considered. Members noted that a Borough member would be lost for each ward respectively. The Clerk informed members that the report was available in the Chamber.

A member queried why the population was estimated and it was explained that this is due to movement of population and young people coming of age and officially becoming an elector.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

**4. Licence Applications:**

Members are invited to consider the application(s):

- a) Applicant: Mr Christopher Baugh  
Details: Application for a new premises licence (Licensing Act 2003)  
Premises name and address: 60 Alexandra Street, Blaina  
**Resolved** that no representations or objections be made.

*Additional item received with the permission of the Chairman:*

**5. Summer events:**

Members were informed that a Task and Finish group took place on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.  
Members were informed that several event ideas had been discussed.

*Councillor R Abbas left the Chamber at this juncture.*

Nantyglo and Blaina In Bloom: It was agreed that this would be advertised through leaflets and through the local radio station, BGfm. Members discussed the possibility of obtaining banners at cost price, however there were concerns that there would be declarations of interest from members. Members discussed the feasibility of providing soil and seeds for local schools in the wards of Nantyglo and Blaina to take part in a sunflower competition. Members were advised by the Clerk that this would incur a cost to the Council should they agree to provide the soil and seeds.

*Councillor R Abbas joined the meeting at this juncture.*

**Resolved** that the schools be contacted to seek interest in a sunflower competition.

**Further Resolved** that Council purchase soil and seeds for the schools once confirmed.

Members discussed the possibility of holding a fete style event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Blaina Community Centre which would comprise of craft stalls, cake competitions, vegetable and arts competition. Members were advised by the Clerk that the use of the Community Centre would incur a cost to the Council.

**Resolved** that the Council grant permission for a payment to use Blaina Community Centre.

Members were informed that if they wish to hold an event to on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and would like to announce the recipients of the In Bloom awards that judging would need to take place approximately between 1-5 July 2019 and that the results be ratified by 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Ideally the closing date for the In Bloom competition would be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019. Members thought that this timescale would be suitable. Members were once again advised that there may be possible costs and expenses for the judging panel.

**Resolved** that the closing date for the In Bloom competition be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019, judging to take place 1-5 July 2019. **Further Resolved** that the judging panel be paid expenses if requested. **Additionally Resolved** that an event be arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**Resolved** that this item and suggestions are presented and formally ratified at an Events Committee meeting.