

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Chair
Councillors G Morvan; K Jones; L Emanuel; C Hillman; D Hillman; T James;
L Harris and K Treharne

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair informed that there was no planned fire drill and explained the fire procedure in the event of an emergency.

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** to note that no such declarations were received.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillors R Abbas and C Bridgeman.

Further Resolved that the apologies be accepted.

2. Correspondence:

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

a) Keep Wales Tidy:

E-mail informing of Local Places for Nature Scheme.

Members considered the information received and discussed suitable locations and the issue of future maintenance.

Resolved that the scheme be applied for in the first instance.

The following items were also subject to the considerations of the recent Task and Finish Group:

3. Time and date of the Judging Panel in respect of the ARC Awards:

Members gave consideration a convenient date and time for the judging panel to meet (week commencing 9th March 2020) in order to consider the nominations received in respect of the ARC Awards.

Resolved that the judging panel meet on 11th March 2020 at 12 noon at the Council Chamber and **Further Resolved** that the judging panel comprise of Councillors K Jenkins; T James; G Morvan; L Harris and possibly K Treharne (subject to work commitments)

4. Visual Enhancements throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

Members were invited to consider the proposals in respect of:

a) Planters and other such displays throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

Members considered this item in detail and were informed that Councillors K Jenkins and T James had identified 16 suitable locations within Nantyglo and Blaina at which large planters could be placed. A number of safety issues including the need to ensure that any location signs etc remain unobscured were discussed. It was agreed that in the first instance two planters of approximate size 50cm² be placed at each town sign within Nantyglo and Blaina. Members were reminded that the resolved budget for this initiative (for 2020/21) was a maximum of £5,000.

Resolved that a maximum of 16 appropriate sized planters be purchased for display at each town sign within Nantyglo and Blaina.

b) Banners displayed throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

Members were informed that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Events Committee had contacted Mr R Dunham in respect of displaying banners throughout Nantyglo and Blaina to identify requirements such as size, brackets and suitability but were waiting for a convenient date to carry this out. The Chair and Vice Chair were also to identify possible suitable posts (with their identification numbers) from which the banners could be hung and permission could be sought from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Relocation of flag poles from outside of the previous district office in Blaina:

The Town Clerk informed that the appropriate Officer at Blaenau Gwent had been contacted in respect of this issue and was awaiting further details.

Resolved that an update be provided at the next meeting of the Events Committee.

5. Other Events:

Members were invited to consider the proposals in respect of:

a) 75th Anniversary of VE Day:

The Assistant Officer had produced and circulated posters to advertise the picture display

at the Council Chamber in respect of the 75th anniversary of VE Day (copies submitted for Members information) and that invitations to visit the exhibition had been sent to the local primary schools. Councillor Morvan informed that Blaina British Legion was initially proposing to hold a memorial service at Central Park on Sunday 10th May together with erecting bunting and appropriate flags throughout Blaina and that this could be a joint venture with the Town Council.

Members also considered the possibility of holding a short memorial service on the square located opposite Blaina Institute on Friday 8th May 2020 together with flying an appropriate flag from the Institute.

Resolved to purchase an appropriate VE Day flag and bunting. **Further Resolved** to investigate the possibility of arranging and participating in the events as stated above.

b) Nantyglo and Blaina in Bloom:

Members discussed and considered holding the 'In Bloom' event as in 2019 and at similar dates. Members also considered the possibility of acquiring judges from outside of the Blaenau Gwent area to ensure complete impartiality.

Resolved to discuss the event at the next Events Committee meeting (24th March 2020).

c) Armed Forces Day:

Councillor Morvan informed that Blaina British Legion would erect appropriate flags in Blaina to commemorate the event.

Resolved to discuss this item at the next Events Committee meeting (24th March 2020).

6. **Christmas Lights:**

Consideration of additional displays of Christmas Lights within Nantyglo and Blaina. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Events Committee would arrange a convenient date to meet with the contractor to discuss the Christmas Lights and any requirements for Nantyglo and Blaina for Christmas 2020/21.

Resolved to inform of discussion as appropriate.

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