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Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held Monday 13th January 2020 at the Town Council Chambers, Blaina Institute, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Chair
Councillors K Jenkins; D Hillman; C Hillman; L Harris; R Abbas; T James;
C Bridgeman; G Watkins & K Jones

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

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 must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2b. **Further Resolved** Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman to remain in the meeting for that item.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillors R Pagett & L Emanuel. **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

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) One Voice Wales – (for information):

OVW Innovative Practice and National Awards Conference 2020.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council – (for information):

Patients Voice News Bulletin.

Resolved to note the information received.

- b) Plan Application No. C/2019/0350 – Land adjoining The Clovers, Maeshafod, Blaina:

Pair of semi detached dwellings on ground adjacent The Clovers.

Resolved that representations be made in respect of apparent lack of neighbour notification in respect of the proposed application and access to the site particularly in respect of passing the house to the rear of the site.

Resolved to support the decisions taken under delegated powers.

4. **Planning Applications:**

- a) Plan Application No. C/2019/0261 – B & S, 5 Queen Street, Nantyglo:

Single storey extension and extension to existing platform.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

Additional Planning Applications received with the permission of the Chair:

- b) Plan Application No. C/2020/0004 – Unit 11, Rising Sun Industrial Estate, Blaina:

Proposed change of use from Class D2 (fitness centre) to classes B1(c), B2 & B8 (light industrial, business and storage and distribution) at Unit 11 Rising Sun Industrial Estate, Blaina.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

5. **Licence Applications:**

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

- a) None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.



c) Blaina Bowls Club & Nantyglo Football Club– (for information):

Receipt providing acknowledgment and thanks in respect of the recent financial donation received.

Members were also informed that Mr Wall requested that the thanks of both the Bowls Club and the Football Club be re-iterated to Members.

Resolved to note the information received.

d) Welsh Government– (for information):

Newsletters:

i. Connecting Communities in Wales:

Resolved to note the information received.

ii. Regional Engagement Team:

Resolved to note the information received.

e) Local Government Association – (for information):

Information in respect of unlawful spending.

Resolved to note the information received.

f) Swansea Building Society (for information):

Notification of changes to terms and conditions.

The Town Clerk informed that such changes would not affect the Town Council.

Resolved to note the information received.

g) SSE Business Energy:

Notification that the electricity contract with SSE in respect of Salem Chapel will expire on 29th February 2020.

Resolved that the Town Clerk investigate and negotiate the best possible value deal in respect of the electricity supply at Salem Chapel.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

h) British Gas:

E-mail informing that the energy plan in respect of Salem Chapel was due to end.

Resolved that the Town Clerk investigate and negotiate the best possible value deal in respect of the gas supply at Salem Chapel.

i) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

BGCBC consultation in respect of their draft Equality Plan approach and Equality Objectives 2020-24.

Members commented that very little notice was provided by Blaenau Gwent CBC to consider the consultation although this item was listed as an agenda item for consideration

at the Town Council's Quarterly Liaison meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC on 15th January 2020.

Resolved that Town Council representatives to consider and discuss this issue at the Quarterly Liaison Meeting on 15th January 2020 in the first instance.

j) Torfaen County Borough Council:

E-mail invitation for one representative to attend a free Biological Wildlife Recording Event to be held on 13th March 2020 at Pontypool.

Resolved that Members contact the Town Clerk if they were interested in attending the event.

k) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

Agenda notification of Consultation with Town/Community Councils in respect of the Revenue Budget 2020/21.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. **Application to the Community Grant Fund:**

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s), plus with the Chairman's permission any additional applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members were also reminded of that applications would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

4. **Salem Chapel:**

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- December 2019.

Members were informed that the three visits to Salem Chapel on 21st, 24th and 28th December 2019 was due to the alarm sounding although after inspecting the Chapel nothing was found to be amiss.

Resolved that the report be accepted. **Further Resolved** that the issue be reported to the alarm company, Dragon Fire and Security Ltd.

5. **Subscriptions:**

Members were invited to consider renewing the membership for 2020/21 in respect of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

In answer to a query, it was clarified that the full cost of membership to the Society and Local Council Clerks was £227.00 for a full year and that the membership was NOT for a trade union. SLCC was a professional association for Town Clerks and was membership had proved to be beneficial

Resolved that the subscription be renewed for 2020.

6. Confidential Information:

The following item(s) may contain information that was of a confidential or personal nature and was therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

