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Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend a hybrid meeting of the Town Council to be held at 6:00pm on **Tuesday 28th April 2026** at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk at the above e-mail by 3pm on 28th April 2026 for details of how to access the meeting.

Please note change of time.

Yours sincerely,



Town Clerk

AGENDA

A meeting to which members of the public are entitled to attend.

Declaration of Interest

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

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for February 2026.

3. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (please note this is limited to 10 minutes).

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held 24th March 2026 (pages 145 - 149):

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

5. Minutes of the Events Committee held 24th March 2026 (pages 150 - 152):

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

6. Minutes of the Task and Finish Group held 14th April 2026 (pages 153 – 154):

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

7. Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held 14th April (pages 155 - 157):

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

8. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 14th April 2026 (pages 158 – 164):

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

9. Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held 17th April 2026 (page 165):

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

10. Correspondence

Members are invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chair's permission, any urgent information that may be received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) Email from Lisa Winnett requesting for financial assistance to refurbish the skate park in Blaina - (copy attached – for information & consideration):

Request for financial assistance to help Blaenau Gwent Borough Council and Tai Calon to update the skate park in Blaina.

b) Email from Joanne White of Blaenau Gwent CBC planning update – (copy attached – for information):

Update regarding planning application P/2026/0047 and the decline of water pressure and sewage in the nearby area.

11. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are invited to consider the listed application(s). Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

Kids Cancer Charity (application form attached)

12. Recording of Meetings:

Members are invited to discuss the recording of meetings using the in-built feature on Microsoft Teams.

13. Members Updates:

Members are invited to inform and provide updates in respect of any recent activities and/or concerns.

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Town Council held at 5:30pm 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 G Morvan, Town Mayor, 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.

To receive: Peter Ivanyi, owner of Cwm Farm.

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

1. Members received the presentation.
2. Questions were invited at the end of the presentation.
3. Members were requested to ask only one question each – if time allows 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.

The Chair introduced Peter Ivanyi and welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr Ivanyi gave his presentation and talked about the different slides members were presented with prior to the meeting. His project involves his property at Cwm Farm in Tanglewood, Blaina, to create an Eco Friendly Farm. Mr Ivanyi understands that members do not make decisions regarding planning applications but he wanted to open up communication with local Town Councillors. Mr Ivanyi mentioned that an application had been made via One Planet. Mr Ivanyi also stated how important local wildlife was, so many trees and hedges would be planted.

Questions were invited at this juncture

Q. We are not decision makers, but we are consulted with by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council planning. In regard to the sunken green house this is located near where a coal level once was/is, has this been looked at because the ground may be spoiled?

A. A lot of research has been done, the coal tips are further up the mountain. The land where the green house will be located has 1 metre of soil then it is clay from there downwards.

Q. What is your main produce?

A. Meat is our main produce, but we will be growing vegetables for ourselves. Rying to produce enough vegetables to sell is hard in this location due to poor weather conditions.

Q. What is happening with the existing pond?

A. Drainage has been an issue especially with a nearby existing road, so another area is being selected so that water collection goes into where it is needed in the garden.

Q. Will you be using a wood burner, I also see there will be a turbine?

A. Yes with a wood burner. The Turbine helps to charge batteries, and is only around my height in terms of size (approx. 6ft), about 2000 k/w.

The Chair thanked Peter Ivanyi for attending the meeting and providing his presentation.

Peter Ivanyi left the meeting at this juncture.

Declaration of Interest

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1. Apologies:

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

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for March 2026.

The Town Mayor informed members that no events had been held that he was able to attend during February.

The Town Mayor told members he had been to visit an Animal Fun Day at St Peters Church, Blaina. It was well attended and all manner of animals were on show for residents to see and hold, from spiders, snakes, rodents and lizards. On the 21st they attended a celebration of the Bahá'í New Year. Lots of entertainment from crafting, line dancing, singers and instrumentals, a great turn out and a fun time. On the 24th Easter Eggs were delivered to Blaen Y Cwm Primary School, Coed Y Garn Primary School, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg and Ystruth Primary School. That afternoon they also attended 'Ystruth Got Talent' at Ystruth Primary school where around 20 children took part in telling jokes,

performing songs with instruments and singing, a highlight of which was a performance of Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (please note this is limited to 10 minutes).

No questions from the public were received.

Resolved accordingly

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held 24th February 2026 (pages 133 - 137):

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 137 Item 14 b) in regard to the relief RFO, a member enquired if there has there been another day planned for the Internal Auditor to visit but the Chair said there had not been.

Pg 137 Item 14 d) should read 'enquiry' not 'investigation.'

Resolved that the minutes be approved and **Further Resolved** to amend the changes.

5. Minutes of the Events Committee held 24th February 2026 (pages 138 - 139):

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Resolved that the minutes be approve

6. Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held 10th March (pages 140 - 141):

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 10th March 2026 (pages 142 – 144):

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 144 Item 7 - Member had stated that while asking about any issues with the password they had mentioned changing the passwords as well.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

9. **Correspondence**

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chair's permission, any urgent information that may be received prior to the date of the meeting.

Additional correspondence received with permission from the chair:

a) TRO Consultation Update re: Katherine Rees, Traffic Management and Road Safety (copy attached – for information)

Response following a request from Members to have Traffic Enforcement visit High Street to deal with or deter illegal parking.

Some members noted they had seen via Facebook that a visit had been undertaken and it seemed to be very effective.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Training Dates – March – June 2026 via Wendi Patience, One Voice Wales (copy attached – for information/consideration)

List of training courses and dates for Members to consider.

Members noted that they had some interest and would contact the AO with which courses they would like to attend.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair –

b) One Voice Wales Membership

Members are invited to discuss renewing membership with One Voice Wales for 2026/27

Members spoke about whether the membership was worth the cost, as training usually costs more on top of this annual fee. Members did note that with the appointment of a new Clerk/RFO membership would be beneficial at least for any advice they may need during that time as they undertake training themselves.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to renew membership with One Voice Wales for 2026/27

Councillor L Emanuel registered an interest in the following item, Members agreed that Cllr L Emanuel would stay in the chamber for this discussion.

10. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s). Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) Riverside Tenants Association (application attached)

It was previously mentioned that the group had been supported in the past by Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

Resolved to donate £100 to Riverside Tenants Association.

11. Members Updates:

Members are invited to inform and provide updates in respect of any recent activities and/or concerns.

Members mentioned that a meeting on the 23rd March with Nicole Osbourne was very productive and positive. To be added to the next Events Committee Agenda for further discussion. A Member suggested whether they could help with repainting railings in the local area.

Resolved to note the information received **Further Resolved** to Agenda at the next Events Committee meeting.

12. Confidential Information:

The following items contained 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). **Resolved** that the motion be supported.

a) Members are to discuss and ratify the hiring of a temporary RFO.

The RFO of Tredegar had been approached and agreed to the role in principal, starting as early as Friday the 27th March 2026. Members agreed to ratify the RFO of Tredegar to be the temporary RFO of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

Resolved to **Ratify** the decision to offer the role of Temporary RFO to the selected person.

Meeting declared closed at 18:28pm

Item 5

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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

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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

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Task & Finish Group held at 17:30pm on Tuesday 14th April at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

A meeting to which members of the public were NOT entitled to attend
(Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

Present: Councillor L Higgins, Leader, Chair of the Events Committee, presiding.
Councillors L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams (remote), W Howls, L Emanuel, L Higgins, M Evans, A Fryer, K Jones JP, D Hillman, D Finch.

In attendance: K Rowland, 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** to note that no declarations of interest were made.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. Apologies were received from Councillors S Howlett and E Singleton.

Resolved to accept those apologies.

2. The Proceeds of the Sale of Salem Chapel

Members were invited to consider what plans to take in concern of the proceeds from Salem Chapels sale.

It was stated that there is still a loan being paid off in regard to Salem Chapel when it was initially purchased, but members were uncertain how long was left on this loan. Paying the rest off or continuing as things are was considered. It was also mentioned that some of Salem's costs were unbudgeted for and so there may be a little more available than planned.

Ideas were as followed:

- Carnival involving senior citizens and juniors during the Food Festival being organised by the Town Centre Manager.
- Hanging baskets located on High Street.
- While considering plans with the proceeds open a savings account.
- Update the grants system to donate more to worth organizations
- Organise a local craft and flower show for residents to take part in.
- More bins and potential composting plans?
- Update Council Chamber facilities with speakers
- Christmas dinner for pensioners served by the Councillors
- String lights along lamp posts during the Christmas period.
- Summer events such as the Cinema and Playscheme.
- Invest into the Youth Services scheme with Blaenau Gwent Youth Services.
- Produce a video showcasing Nantyglo and Blaina and the organisations and activities that are held here.
- Flag poles for Blaina square, potentially holding ceremonies there.
- Helping grass roots sports clubs, local scouts and cadet groups.
- Skate park refurbishment, assist Blaenau Gwent Borough Council to do more for local children and adults who frequent the skatepark
- Some form of congratulatory gift/certificate to Blaina RFC on winning the Division 1 cup.
- Park running event due to geographical gap in locations.
- Something could be done for Trevor Rowson Memorial Park in Nantyglo, more benches, play area etc.
- Leaflets to be designed and to attend events to better showcase what Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council do, 'Awareness Campaign'.

Meeting declared closed at 18:02pm

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at 18:02 pm on Tuesday 14th April 2026 the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Cllr K Jones JP, Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, presiding
Councillors L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams, W Howls, L Emanuel, M Evans, L Higgins, A Fryer, G Morvan, D Hillman and D Finch.

In attendance: Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

A meeting to which members of the public are entitled to attend.

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. Apologies received from Councillors S Howlett and E Singleton

Resolved to accept the apologies.

2. Questions from the public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda. There is a 10-minute allocation time for any questions from the public.

Resolved to note that no questions were received and **Further Resolved** that no members of the public or press were present at the meeting.

3. Correspondence:

Members are 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.

No correspondence was received prior to the start of the meeting.

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:

a) Plan Application No. P/2026/0047 – Development Site 2 3 4 8 9 10 11 11a And 12 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood, Blaina, Blaenau Gwent

Application for Non-material amendment of planning permission C/2023/0011 (Residential development of 8 dwellings with associated groundworks) for amendments to the size, design and materials of Plot 2 Beech Tree Crescent including provision of solar panels.

Members noted that plans were first submitted 4 years ago and a 5 year extension means more waiting and difficulties to the residents of Tanglewood. Member also stated that there had been an issue with water pressure to houses not just in Tanglewood but south lower down in the area as well as the sewers having had issues.

Resolved to note that no objections or representations were made and **Further Resolved** to contact Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to enquire about the issues regarding low water pressure and problems with the sewers in the area.

Additional planning applications added with permission of the Chair:

b) Plan Application No. P/2026/0069 – 15 Bryn View, Garn Road, Nantyglo, Blaenau Gwent

Application for Non-material amendment of planning permission P/2025/0034 (Two storey extensions to side and rear and re-roofing works) to amend condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for alternative material.

Member was unsure if the established vernacular was brick when the cladding appears to be stone.

Resolved to note no objections or representations were made.

- c) Plan Application No. P/2026/0065 – 4 Upper Coed Cae, Attlee Road, Nantyglo, Blaenau Gwent

Proposed front extension plus alterations to the existing front extension.

Resolved to note that no objections or representations were made.

5. Licence Applications:

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

None received to date

Resolved accordingly.

Meeting declared closed at 18:11 pm

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at pm on Tuesday 14th April 2026 the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Cllr D Hillman, Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee, presiding
Councillors L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams, W Howls, L Emanuel, L Higgins, M Evans, A Fryer, G Morvan, K Jones JP and D Finch.

In attendance: Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

A meeting to which members of the public are entitled to attend.

Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members are reminded that all declarations 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. Apologies received from Councillors S Howlett and E Singleton.

Resolved that the apologies be received.

2. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters itemised on the agenda (limited to 10 minutes total).

3. 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) Trial of Christmas Lights throughout Blaenau Gwent (for information – copy attached):

Letter forwarded by Deborah Jones (Democratic Support Officer BGCBC) from the Leader and Deputy Leader of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Steve Thomas and Tommy Smith regarding Christmas decorations in 2026.

Members welcomed the report as there had been difficulties in using the lamp posts but are glad Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council are taking on the responsibility. Members are very interested to make the most of this facility when it is available. Using string lights would put very little pressure on the lamp posts themselves and one member remarked seeing some in Llanhilleth and they looked very nice.

A member enquired as to when the lighting will be upgraded to LED as the posts are often shorter and may provide a sturdier base upon which to put lights, and perhaps this should be enquired.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to contact Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council regarding LED upgrades in the area.

b) Helen Targett of Blaen Y Cwm Primary School (for information – copy attached):

Letter of thanks for the delivery of Easter Eggs.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Town Centre Events Calendar (for information – copy attached):

Email from David Arnold with a poster showing dates for events coming to Town Centres in Blaenau Gwent for 2026

Resolved to note the information received.

d) One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys Area Committee Meeting (for information – copy attached):

To be held at Tredegar Council Offices on Tuesday, 21st April 2026

Councillors G Morvan and L Higgins to attend.

Resolved to note the information received.

e) Blaina Community Sports Club – Chris Adams update (for information – copy attached):

Email from Chris Adams of Blaina Community Sports Club providing an update in regard

to the May Fun Day event.

Members noted it was a shame that they would be unable to staff the event after it was brought to Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council's attention by Cllr Wright.

Resolved to note the information received.

- f) Becky Ward – next BG and Torfaen LNP meeting (for information – copy attached):

Email from Becky Ward informing of the next Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen Local Nature Partnership Meeting on 3rd June 2026.

Councillors A Fryer and L Higgins have interest in attending.

Resolved to note the information received.

- g) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2026 Fundraising (for information & consideration – copy attached):

Letter from Dave Danford, Artistic Director of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2026 asking for financial support.

Members were unsure as to any local schools or organisations that would take part in this event. If so they would be happy to offer a donation but if not, it is not in Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council's interest to do so.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to contact Ysgol Bro Helyg to see if they are attending the event.

- h) Response from Cllr Lisa Winnett in regard to resident worries of Blaina Skatepark (for information & consideration – copy attached)

Resident had concerns over kids using the Skate Park as some of the area is rusty and needs to be cleaned/replaced. Attached is an email from BGCBC Councillor Lisa Winnett regarding the matter.

Member believed the initial amount to build the skate park was £69,000, and was built approximately 20 years ago

The area of ground to the side was mentioned as some fly tipping had occurred there, perhaps something with this could be developed to add to the Skatepark, perhaps some benches for parents to use while children use the skatepark. Even if the land itself was just sorted so fly tipping was stopped would be to improve the area.

Another member suggested a shelter or seating so that kids wouldn't hang around other areas such as street corners, with the corner of Cwm Celyn Pond cited as an issue but there could be anti-social behaviour issues related to having a shelter.

Members mentioned that more information would be needed before any decision was to be made, but donating money to either help refurbish the skatepark or increase and develop the piece of land next to it was preferable.

Resolved to note the information received **Further Resolved** to request more information before any decision is made.

- i) Free Training Places for Councillors 2026/27 (for information/consideration – copy attached)

Free places for Councillors scheme run by the Welsh Government list, there are 2 places on each per Council.

Resolved to note the information received.

- j) Internet Upgrade re: Rebecca Morales- Reeves of Blaenau Gwent (copy attached – for information/consideration)

With issues persisting to the phonenumber into the Town Council office an enquiry was made about getting this fixed. After a conversation with Rebecca Morales-Reeves she suggested that upgrading to fibre would be imminent and hopefully fix the issue. It is believed the monthly cost is covered by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and that Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council would be required to pay the one-off cost.

Members questioned if there would be any other payments needed for new equipment and to confirm with the contact about the payments.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to contact enquiring if new equipment would also be needed and confirm the monthly payments are covered by BGCBC.

- k) Re: John Raines: Formal Withdrawal of the emerging Blaenau Gwent Replacement Local Development Plan (copy attached – for information)

Email from John Raine, Team Manager Development Plans.

Members stated that it seemed like this had been a waste of effort and that some of the meetings had been 'massive'.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. S.137 donations (Local Government Act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

As previously resolved, Members are invited to consider making further financial donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist residents of Nantyglo and Blaina for the month of April 2026.

Resolved that a financial donation of £200.00 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist Nantyglo & Blaina residents for the month of April 2026.

5. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are 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 are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) Lys-Y-Capel Social Club (application form attached)

Resolved to donate a grant of £100 to Lys Y Capel Social Club

Additional items received with permission of the Chair:

6. Ratification of Payments for January, February and March 2026:

Members were invited to review payments made in the absence of the Town Clerk from January to March that were necessary operational transactions and to approve them if appropriate.

a) January 2026

Resolved that the report be approved.

b) February 2026

Resolved that the report be approved.

c) March 2026

Resolved that the report be approved.

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Personnel Committee held at 10.00am on Friday 17th April at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

A meeting to which members of the public were NOT entitled to attend

(Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Leader, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presiding.
Councillors A Fryer, S Howlett, K Jones JP and D Hillman.

In attendance: K Rowland, 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** to note that no declarations of interest were made.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note apologies were accepted from Cllr M Williams due to a declaration of interest.

2. Review of Applications for the Post of Town Clerk/RFO:

Members were invited to consider the applications received in respect of the post of Town Clerk/RFO.

Members agreed to interview both applicants and decided upon a set of questions that were appropriate to ask at the interviews which are to take place on Friday 24th during the afternoon. One at 2:30pm, the second at 3:45pm.

Meeting declared closed at 11:00am.

Request for funding

From Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>
Date Thu 16/04/2026 13:42
To Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>
Cc Morgan, John P - Councillor <John.Morgan2@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; johanna.reames <johanna.reames@taicalon.org>

To the members of N&BTC,

Councillor John Morgan and Cllr Lisa Winnett would like to ask the Town Council if they would contribute financially to a project they are undertaking with Blaina Skate Park which is classed as part of Blaina Town. Jo Reames from Tai Calon is also part of the partnership with this project and are working closely with the ward Borough Councillors on this project (Tai Calon cc'd in).

As you are aware, there is not much play facilities for the early teenager in our community, and we are looking to try and improve this for our youths and this should also help to reduce ASB. Our current Skate Park last had an upgrade 9/10years ago when the x2 Borough Councillors (Winnett & Pagett) funded an upgrade out of their 1/2 penny rate, and currently the Skate Park is in a very tired and unattractive way, and not up to specification to hold events for youths there, for example the Hold Up Event that other Towns have had, Blaina hasn't, and this is due to the condition of the Skate Park.

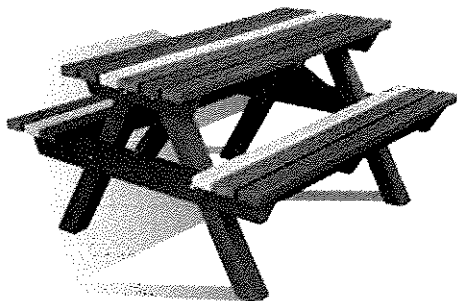
Just before Easter, our local CSO's and Tai Calon held an Easter Bunny event in the skate park giving out Easter Eggs to children. In this event Cllr Winnett and Jo Reames were speaking about the condition of the Park, and Cllr Winnett informed Jo that her and Cllr Morgan had applied to BGCBC for a £20k Community Grant that is available for their ward to upgrade the Skate Park. Jo then offered to become part of this project and help to try and look at ways to secure more funding, as realistically, this is going to take a lot more that £20k to refurbish it and possibly extend it. Parents also approached Cllr Winnett and Jo Reames at this event about having picnic benches on the grass area in the Skate Park so that they can sit and watch their children and also have picnics there with their children as well in the nice weather. Cllr Winnett & Cllr Morgan then approached the council about funding a bench for the Skate Park, and below is a copy of the bench they are purchasing for the Skate Park, and Tai Calon has also agreed to match this funding and purchase another bench for the Skate Park.

We are writing to ask if you would match fund the £20k that Cllr Winnett and Cllr Morgan are securing for this play area which is in Blaina Town. We understand that you have considerable reserves, and also recently received monies from the sale of Salem Chapel, so this would be putting the monies back into Blaina High Street following the sale of Salem and the loss of the facility from the Town Center (Chartist Museum) which was a popular attraction for school children when it was open.

Due to the location of the Skate Park being in the Northern part of the High Street, children from Nantyglo also attend and play in this skate park, as the next nearest skate park is currently being constructed in Ebbw Vale, with then only Tredegar having a skate park (1 per valley). This Skate Park if not just for the children of Blaina, but also the children on Nantyglo.

If members feel that they are unable to match fund, we would still like to ask if you would donate a considerable amount towards this much needed project for our youths.

We look forward to hearing from you on this request.



Heavy Duty Picnic Bench



Product	Heavy Duty Picnic Bench	▼
Colour	Rainbow	▼
Gameboard Top	Excluding Gameboard Top	▼
Game Tops	Clear	

£449.00 (Excluding VAT)

• 1 +

Add to basket

Keep Safe

Lisa Winnett & John P Morgan

County Borough Councillors Blaina Ward

RE: Planning Weekly List

From White, Joanne <joanne.white@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>
Date Thu 16/04/2026 08:45
To Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>
Cc BGCBC - Planning <Planning.bgcbc@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

You don't often get email from joanne.white@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi Kevin

Thanks for your email. In terms of application P/2026/0047 this is for a non-material amendment to an approved dwelling for minor changes to the materials, size etc. This has already been approved and the changes would have no impact upon sewerage or water pressure of the area.

Any concerns regarding sewerage and/or water pressure would have be reported to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to investigate.

Kind Regards

Jo

Name: Joanne White

Job Title: Arweinydd Tim Gwasanaethau Datblygu - Team Leader Development Management

Phone/Ffon: 01495 369663 / 01495 364847

Email: Joanne.White@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, The General Offices, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale NP23 6DN

Website: <https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/home/>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/blaenaugwentcbc>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/blaenaugwentcbc>

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg a byddwn yn cyfathrebu gyda chi yn eich dewis iaith, dim ond i chi rhoi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn creu unrhyw oedi.

The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh and English and we will communicate with you in the language of your choice, as long as you let us know which you prefer. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to any delay.

Blaenau Gwent – lle sy'n deg, agored a chroesawgar i bawb drwy weitho gyda a thros ein cymunedau

Blaenau Gwent – a place that is fair, open and welcoming to all by working with and for our communities

From: BGCBC - Planning <Planning.bgcbc@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 April 2026 07:37

To: White, Joanne <joanne.white@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Clare, Joanne <Joanne.Clare@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Engel, Thomas <Thomas.Engel@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Planning Weekly List

From: Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>

Sent: 15 April 2026 13:06

To: BGCBC - Planning <Planning.bgcbc@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Planning Weekly List

External: This email originated from outside Blaenau Gwent Borough Council. Please take care when clicking links.
Allanol: Daeth yr e-bost hwn o'r tu allan Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent. Cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ddoieni.

Good afternoon, Alanna,

In regards to the following planning applications:

P/2026/0047

P/2026/0069

P/2026/0065

No objections or representations were made. Members were worried however regarding Tanglewood, P/2026/0047 in that residents there and lower down the mountain have complained of sewage issues and low water pressure and were wondering if these issues were related to the delays in work in Tanglewood. Is this something yourselves could investigate?

Kind regards,

Kevin Rowland

Assistant Officer

Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council

01495292817

From: BGCBC - Planning <Planning.bgcbc@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Sent: 13 April 2026 08:58

To: BGCBC - Planning <Planning.bgcbc@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Weekly List

Good morning,

Please click on the following link to view this week's list of validated planning applications. You will need to enter the start date of the week you wish to view:
<https://developmentsservices.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/planning/index.html>

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Community Grant Application Form 2025

Please contact the Town Clerk if you require any information or assistance in completing the application form.

Section 1: Contact Information

Applicant Name/Group Name:	Kids Cancer Charity
Contact Name:	Jane Phipps
Contact Address:	Wauarwydd Road Swansea SA2 0GB
Contact Email Address:	jane.phipps@kidscancercharity.org
Daytime Telephone Number:	01792 480500
Your position in the group:	Finance Officer

Section 2: Tell us about your group

What category does your project fall into (please tick all relevant boxes):

Children/Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arts & Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health & Wellbeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Active Lifestyles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Please provide a brief description of the activities you/your group undertake:

We provide tailored support through our specialist Play Therapists, offering sessions in convenient locations such as, at the child's home, at school or whilst they are in hospital, working within a humanistic framework.

We provide specially co-ordinated 'stress-free' respite breaks in the UK that ensure that children with cancer and their families who need a break do not have to worry about anything... except enjoying themselves. We own four luxury static caravans in Wales, and a lodge in Somerset, all on specially chosen Haven sites.

We also provide once in a lifetime experiences to Disneyland Paris and we offer an American Dream Experience, alongside relaxing stays at our charity villa located in Kissimmee, just 20 minutes' drive from Disneyworld. Much more than a holiday, our programmes offer a magical experience filled with fun, adventure and play.

In what year was the group founded? 1989

Are you a registered charity?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide the registered number:

1113821

If your application relates to sport

Is the team a member of /or affiliated to a recognised sporting body?

Yes

No

If yes, which one?

If your application relates to a children's group

Have all the relevant DBS checks been completed?

Yes

No

Please provide details of your organisations bank / building society account (if your application is successful, the grant will be paid directly to this account):

Name of bank/building society account:

Barclays Bank

Name of bank or building society the account is held with:

Kids Cancer Charity

Sort code:

20-84-41

Account number:

03497704

Section 3: Tell us about the community activity you wish to support

Are you applying for, or receiving funding from another source? Yes No

If so, where from and how much? We are currently applying to community councils in Wales, trusts and foundations throughout the UK and would be grateful for any donation.

Please explain what the community grant support will be used for?

Our Play Therapists can help children become more confident with their body image (e.g. lack of hair or increased weight due to steroids) and learn how to cope with their feelings. They support children as they face bereavement and provide someone safe to talk to about their fears and worries. The majority of our Play Therapy work takes place in South Wales.

Time away from hospitals, appointments and rigorous treatment plans, the physical demands of unrelenting clinical routine and the emotional toll, our UK Breaks are a form of therapy and give the precious gift of time together. Providing an opportunity to recharge and create valuable lasting memories they open a world of possibility when all around can seem hopeless.

Donations would be restricted to support families within the Nantyglo and Blaina Community Council area through Play Therapy, UK Breaks and our Disneyland programmes.

How will your project benefit Nantyglo and Blaina?

Feedback from children and their families shows that the children have grown in confidence, feel less isolated, regain a sense of self through being able to be a child again. Health professionals inform us that the children are more receptive to treatment after breaks, and that our support has brought a sense of normality, smiles, laughter and healing.

We are currently supporting three families within the Nantyglo and Blaina Community Council area.

We send 225+ families on UK Breaks per season (March to October). Each family costs the Charity little over £500 per UK break and £600 per annum for play therapy. Donations would be restricted to support families within your area.

Section 4: Independent Reference Details

Please give the name of someone who can provide an independent reference on behalf of you/your group:

Tony Williams

Job title/occupation of referee: Management

Referee contact address: Midgard
Rainbow Business Centre
Phoenix Way
Swansea
SA7 9FP

Email address: tony@midgard.co.uk

Daytime phone number: 07834088300

Relationship to the group (if any): IT Support

Section 5: To be completed for all applications

Please tick here to confirm that you have read and accepted the grant selection criteria:

Signed on behalf of (if you are applying on behalf of a group)

Signature:

J. Phyllis

Date:

21/04/2026