

# NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

## CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

Mrs V Williams Town Clerk/RFO

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Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend a hybrid meeting of the Town Council to be held at **5:30pm on Tuesday 23rd 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 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.**

**To receive: Councillors Lisa Winnett and John P Morgan, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to give a presentation on upgrading Blaina Skate Park.**

1. Members are to receive the presentation.
2. Questions are to be invited at the end of the presentation.
3. Members are requested to ask only one question each – if time allows AND with permission of the Chair, a second question may be asked.
4. Members are 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.

### 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 June 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (pages 165 - 169):**

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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (pages 170 - 172):**

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 Planning & Highways Committee held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (pages 173 – 175):**

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 Finance & General Purposes Committee held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (pages 176 – 180)**

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 Annual Meeting of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council held 26<sup>th</sup> May (pages 1 - 6):**

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 Task & Finish Group held 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (pages 7 – 8):**

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. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (pages 9 - 11):**

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:

**11. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (pages 12 – 17)**

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:

**12. 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 Alanna Russell, Business Support Officer, Environment & Regeneration - (copy attached – for information):

Response from BGCBC regarding the email from Amanda Lewis regarding the Cwm Farm development.

**13. 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.

Joanne Edwards, Ffrindiuia'r Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg (application form attached)

**14. Members Updates:**

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

**15. Internal & External Audits for 2025/26**

a) Report of the Internal Auditor for 2025/25 (copy attached):

Members are invited to consider the report submitted by Mr John Henry of JDH Business Services Ltd, Internal Auditor to the Town Council following the internal audit of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council for the year end of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026.

b) Statutory Review of Internal Audit:

Members are invited to consider the report regarding the statutory review of the Internal Audit System of the Town Council. Members should also consider the overall performance of the Internal Auditor prior to 'signing off' the Annual Return (item 13c.v) below.

c) Audit Wales (External Auditors) Annual Return for 2025/26 (copies attached):

Members are supplied with copies of other financial reports which are required by the external auditors for the purpose of the Annual Return and External Audit, to consider and if appropriate, to approve each report:

- i. Cash Book Analysis.
- ii. Balance Sheet as at March 2026.
- iii. Bank Reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026
- iv. Actual Against Budget Expenditure 2025/26
- v. Annual Return 2025/26 – Members are required to consider the Annual Return, and if appropriate, complete parts 1& 2 and approve the signature of the Town Mayor (Chair of the Council) on page 3.

**16. Annual Review of Policies of the Council 2025/26:**

Members are invited to consider, and if agree, to approve the updated policies for 2025/26.

a) Standing Orders 2025/26 (copy attached):

b) Financial Regulations 2025/26 (copy attached):

c) Risk management Policy 2025/26 (copy attached):

d) Financial Grant Policy and application form 2025/26 please note, financial amounts to be decided at meeting (copy attached):

Item 4

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**Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Town Council held at 6:00pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.**

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

Present: Councillor K Jones JP, Deputy Town Mayor, presiding  
Councillors D Hillman; C Hillman; L Harris; D Wright; A Fryer; M Williams; L Emanuel; W Howls; E Singleton & 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.

### **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 Councillors G Morvan, D Finch and M Evans.

### **2. Town Mayor's Communications:**

Due to the Town Mayor being away no communications from the Town Mayor were given.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (pages 145 - 149):**

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.

**5. Minutes of the Events Committee held 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (pages 150 - 152):**

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.

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

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:

A few corrections were noted but had already been made to the document which will be sent out to members again to evolve the ideas mentioned. It was also queried if there was still a Scouts organisation nearby and it was confirmed by a few other members that there was.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

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

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.

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

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.

*Cllr M Williams left the meeting at this juncture after declaring an interest in Items 9a and 9b.*

**9. a) Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (page 165):**

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.

**b) Update regarding Personnel Committee meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (pages not included):**

The Deputy Leader of the Council and acting Chair informed members interviews had taken place on this date for the position of Town Clerk/RFO and both candidates had shown promise. All members of the Personnel Committee were in agreement that Mrs Victoria Williams should be offered the position subject to a six month probation period and their recommended starting date would be the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 or earlier if available to do so.

Members were also informed that Mrs Victoria Williams was the wife of Councillor Michael Williams and that it is legal for Cllr Williams to continue as Councillor, although some changes may need to be made with payment authorisation. The temporary RFO would stay on to help with the handover and the extra help with the Audit would be beneficial.

**Unanimously Ratified** that Mrs Victoria Williams be appointed as the Town Clerk/RFO of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

*Cllr M Williams was invited back into the chamber at this juncture.*

**10. 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) 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.

Members were very positive about there being plans to refurbish the skate park but were dismayed at the lack of information to the request. No plans, costings or details were provided. Members asked if it would be resurfaced, extended and as to what would be used in terms of materials as metal ramps were prone to rusting and becoming unsafe quickly.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to request they provide further information and submit a presentation.

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.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

#### 11. **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) Kids Cancer Charity (application form attached)

**Resolved** to donate £100 to Kids Cancer Charity.

#### 12. **Recording of Meetings:**

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

The Assistant Officer updated members with some additional information. Digital storage for Town Council stood at 1 Terabyte, currently using 7.16 gigabyte. Recording for one hour takes up approximately 400-500mb of storage, giving ample room with which to record meetings.

It was also recommended by Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council that when minutes have been resolved as accurate the recordings are deleted. A standing order would need to be made in response of this.

Another member queried whether members of the public would be able to record a meeting and this is something that could happen that we have no power against, a policy could be created to try and protect against this.

No member had issues with meetings being recorded.

**Resolved** to conduct a test recording at the next Town Council meetings on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, being the Planning & Highways and Finance & General Purposes committee meetings.

**13. Members Updates:**

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

Member informed Town Council that Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations were currently being updated and to be agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting at the end of May.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 18:33pm

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**Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Events Committee held at 18:29pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.**

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

Present: Councillor M Williams, Chair presiding  
Councillors D Hillman; C Hillman; L Harris; D Wright; A Fryer; 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.

**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. 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 Councillor G Morvan, D Finch and M Evans

### **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) Daniel Wheelock re: Armed Forces Covenant Meeting (copy attached – for information)

Details regarding the next Armed Forces Covenant Meeting.

Member noted that Cllr G Morvan is likely to attend.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- b) Tredegar Town Council re: Armed Forces Day (copy attached – for information):

Details regarding Armed Forces Day to be held at Bedwelty park on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr K Jones JP to attend as they will be the Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council Mayor at that time, and also welcomed other members to attend the day too.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

#### **4. Youth Service Project with Nicole Osbourne.**

Members are invited to discuss ideas for collaborating with Blaenau Gwent Youth Services via Nicole Osbourne to involve younger members of the community with projects

Members were reminded that the idea was for members to mentor and teach younger people skills through activities and create a sense of community.

A few members volunteered to offer help with planters, showing the youths how to maintain and plant different plants.

Members also suggested that the railings along two roundabouts in Blaina needed to be tidied up and have offered to help with these.

Members also expressed that some businesses had shutters through Nantyglo an Blaina, perhaps a way to decorate these would be available.

Cleaning signs that are throughout the area.

Create a video focussed on Nantyglo and Blaina, looking at the local organisations, community groups etc and showing why we should be proud of our community.

Members also expressed it was important that if the youth's involved had ideas they should be able to approach Town Council about these ideas.

**Resolved** that the ideas be sent to Nicole Osbourne of Blaenau Gwent Youth Services and look to move forward.

**5. In Bloom Competition 2026:**

Members are invited to discuss details for this years In Bloom Competition for 2026. A six week period between 19<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June was held last year for submissions (although this was delayed due to judging issues) and so the Assistant Officer recommends a similar time frame this year. May 18<sup>th</sup> to June 22<sup>nd</sup> offering six weeks for people to enter and then to hold the judging during the first week of July, so that if schools wish to enter their spaces will be in great condition to do so.

The Assistant Officer previewed a poster to be used with members approval, the date needed to be amended otherwise members approved of the poster.

The date was deemed appropriate, members recommend trophies similar to those of last year which were organised and purchased from Bill's Trophies.

Prizes were also discussed, with £100 for first prize, £75 for second prize, and £50 for third place overall in the form of vouchers from Home Bargains agreed upon.

A member suggested an idea involving purchasing wheel barrows and giving them to schools to create a display on for the In Bloom competition, members agreed for future plans of the In Bloom competition this could be a great addition.

One member suggested that some Councillors get together and have a walk around to get people interested in entering.

**Resolved** to commence the In Bloom competition with the recommendations above when the poster has been amended with the proper date.

Meeting declared closed at 7:03pm

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at 18:00 pm  
on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 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 (remote), M Williams (remote), W Howls, L Emanuel, L  
Higgins, A Fryer, D Hillman, S Howlett, E Singleton and D Finch.

In attendance: Mrs V Williams, Town Clerk/RFO  
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

### A meeting to which members of the public were 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 Councillor G Morvan, M Evans and D Wright.

**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 two 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.

- a) Alysha Vacara of The Good Shepard Sanctuary (for information/consideration – copy attached)

Invitation to an event currently being planned for a Masquerade Fundraiser Night to be held during September and a request for any other support that may be offered. Ms Vacara also asks for a short letter of support for an upcoming meeting as they look to become a registered charity. Members will previously recall correspondence from Alysha Vacara looking for a plot of land to set up an animal sanctuary.

One member suggested sending a letter of support however it was stated that doing so would be a 'close mind' vote and to issue a response via email.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to respond to the contact with an explanation as to why Town Council will not issue a written recommendation.

#### 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/2026/0068 –Cwm Farm, Oak Road, Tanglewood, Blaina NP13 3JX

Change of use of the site from agricultural to One Planet Development including erection of off-grid low-level impact dwelling, 2 no, walipini greenhouses, water tank shed, conversion of part of machinery barn, mini wind turbine, extensions of tracks and hardstanding (part retention) and drainage infrastructure and associated works. Members will remember a presentation and Q&A with Mr Peter Ivanyi at the meeting of the Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 for reference.

**Resolved** to note 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 18:13pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 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(remote), M Williams(remote), W Howls, L Emanuel, L Higgins, A Fryer, K Jones JP, S Howlett, E Singleton and D Finch.

In attendance: Mrs V Williams, Town Clerk/RFO  
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

A meeting to which members of the public were 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 G Morvan, D Wright and M Evans.

**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).

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

### 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) Update on Request of Financial Donation for Blaina Skate Park re: L Winnett (for information – copy attached):

Email with additional information regarding the upgrade of Blaina Skate Park.

The Assistant Officer provided an update that Blaenau Gwent CBC Councillors L Winnett and J Morgan were able to give a presentation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at a meeting of the Full Council.

**Resolved** to note information received.

- b) New Nature Prescription for Blaenau Gwent – Kathryn Day (for information/consideration – copy attached):

Invitation for anyone that would be able to help in the development/design of a new Nature Prescription booklet designed specifically for Blaenau Gwent.

Member stated this could be of interest to members of the public as well as members of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

**Resolved** to note information received.

- c) Abertillery Learning Community Reduction Update (for information):

Update regarding the reduction of capacity at Abertillery Learning Community with the closure of Roseheyworth Road Campus in Abertillery.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

*Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:*

- d) FWD (L Higgins) Electrics St Peters Church Blaina (for information/consideration):

Regarding electrical work currently being done at St Peters Church, Town Council Contractor R Dunham request an external fitting and meter for use with Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council Christmas lights. This would be done at cost to the Town Council

Members agree this would be helpful and that a quote should be obtained so that it can be resolved accordingly.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to obtain a quote so that it can be voted upon at the next Finance and General Purposes meeting.

- e) Invitation from St Illtyd Ministry to welcome Mother Rose Hill at St Peters Church, Blaenavon (for information/consideration):

This event will take place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am and all Town Council members are welcome to attend.

**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 May 2026.

A member proposed that instead of donating £200 to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank every month this should be split with Coed Cae House which is located directly in Nantyglo and also offer help to residents where a bag of groceries can be purchased for £1. Other members made note that while BGFB isn't located in Nantyglo and Blaina they do help many families in the area and gave a presentation that highlighted this when support was initially given. It was recommended that Coed Cae House apply for a grant initially, and the original proposal was withdrawn. Donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank were to continue at the previous amount of £200.

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

5. **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 that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

*No applications were received at this date.*

6. **Confidential Information:**

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

a) Expenditure Report for April 2026 (copy attached)

Members were invited to consider, and if appropriate approve the Expenditure Report for April 2026:

Member queried why the precept was the same figure and why there was no forecast. This would be queried with the Temporary RFO.

**Resolved** to note information received and **Further Resolved** to query the above with the Temporary RFO.

*Additional items received with permission of the Chair:*

**7. Chair of Finance and General Purposes Response to Electorate Review:**

The Chair shared their response that had been sent with approval of the Town Council Leader on behalf of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council as had been previously resolved. Members were all positive regarding the letter that was sent.

Also shared was a response from A Williams, Service Manager of Registration, Elections and Corporate Complaints. They state that the next stage of the review will be the publishing of draft proposals in May and that we can make further representations to these draft proposals.

The Chair proposed that when more is known from the draft proposals coming during May to have a collective meeting with Brynmawr Town Council (who will also lose several members) and to challenge the changes united, preferably involving all four Town and Community Councils in Blaenau Gwent.

**8. Members update:**

a) Councillor M Williams informed Town Council that the current Town Council Leader, G Morvan, had served for 50 years in the RAF with the 275 Squadron as well as 38 years with Gwent Police and 15 years as a volunteer. The Member suggested honouring Cllr Morvan with the Freedom of Nantyglo and Blaina as recognition. The member also stated that recent communication with a Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councillor they were also awarding the Town Leader the 'Chair Award' at an event in June and that this could be done at the same time.

The Chair stated that while a positive action they would need to formally nominate and then it be put on an Agenda for the Full Council to be agreed upon. Due to time this would then be organised at a separate event.

Councillor D Finch provided two updates:

a) Councillor Finch had spent the day with a journalist who wanted to produce a positive news piece on Blaenau Gwent. The Councillor showed them various areas of interest, projects that they had helped with in the area and was hoping to see the article either at the end of the week or the week after.

b) Councillor Finch also mentioned that Men's Den had been rebranded to 'The Shed' and that they had a number of leaflets to give to anyone interested.

Meeting declared closed at 18:55pm.

# NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

## CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

Mrs V Williams - Town Clerk/RFO

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**Minutes of the hybrid Annual Meeting of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 6.00pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

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

**Present:** Councillor K Jones JP, Town Mayor, presiding  
Councillors L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams, W Howls, L Emanuel, L Higgins, M Evans, A Fryer, G Morvan, D Hillman, D Wright, Sue Howlett, E Singleton, D Finch

**In attendance:** V Williams, Town Clerk / RFO  
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer  
Reverend R Watson, BEM, Town Mayor's Chaplain

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Mayor informed of the procedures to be taken in the event of a fire or emergency. **Resolved** to note the information received.

**1. Declarations of Interest:**

Members were reminded that all Declarations of Interest must be recorded in the book provided for this purpose.

**Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

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

**Resolved** to note that no apologies were received.

**3. Councillor G Morvan:**

CLlr Morvan welcomed Reverend Roy Watson BEM to the Annual Meeting, who had been a member Town Council Family for some time.

**Resolved** accordingly.

#### **4. Councillor G Morvan:**

Cllr G Morvan reviewed his Term of Office as Chairman of the Council.

It is hard to believe that 12 months has passed since I took over as Mayor from Michael. I remember it as if it was yesterday with Michael saying to me 'I've done my bit, its over to you now. Well shortly I'll be saying the same thing to the new Mayor.

Also just to show how quickly time does fly we are today celebrating Kevins first anniversary as a member of the Council. The annual meeting last year with the first meeting he attended. So, from us all 'Happy Anniversary Kevin' from us all.

My time as Mayor started with two big events. The first was celebrating the Armed Forces Day held in Bedwellty Park and the second was Aneurin Bevan day shortly afterwards which recognised the immense contribution he had on all our lives.

One of the most enjoyable days I had early into my term as Mayor was the visit I made to the Dementia Café which is held in the Cwtch here in Blaina. The welcome I received was fantastic and I was made to feel at home immediately. The café is open to residents of Nantyglo and Blaina as well as the surrounding area and allows for those suffering from this terrible condition and their carers to come together in a safe and carefree environment to enjoy life once more.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August the beach came to Blaina. The grounds of St Peters Church were transformed overnight with tons of sand and deckchairs to provide a beach day experience to both the young and not so young residents of our communities. There was music, games, ice-cream and even a bit of sun. The only thing I found strange was when the dinosaurs came out to play something I have not experienced in Barry. Needless to say, no one was eaten, and a great time was had by all.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of August a Charity concert was held at St Peters where Abertillery Male and Female choirs performed to raise funds for my Mayoral charity, The Community Hope Project. A great evening of song was had, and the choirs enjoyed themselves as they won most of the raffle prizes.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of September I attended the unveiling of a statue at Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre to a local athlete by the name of Steve Jones. Steve was being honoured in this way because of him holding the record for the fastest time recorded for winning the New York marathon some years ago. Steve now lives in Australia but returned home to accept this honour.

The following day was a big day for rugby in Blaina. Blaina Rugby Club was celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, by playing a local derby with their close rivals Nantyglo. The Central Park was packed with people as you would expect. Just before the match started a group of cyclists who had cycled from Blaina to Gloucester Rugby Club on a charity ride to raise funds for the Hospice of the Valleys arrived with the match ball donated by Gloucester. A hard-fought match ensued with Blaina finally taking the glory of winning the match.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of September I was privileged to meet Darren Foote who was returning the Blaenau Gwent after undertaking a 400 mile walk from Memetz Woods, France to Ebbw Vale. Darren had been laying poppy wreaths at War Memorials enroute and on his return home placed a wreath at Brynmawr and then finally at Ebbw Vale. The purpose of the walk was to raise funds for Blesma the charity for limbless ex-service personnel.

1<sup>st</sup> of October saw the Party in the Park event held at Central Park Blaina where residents were able to come together for a day of entertainment.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October a local rugby hero David Watkins was honoured when a commemorative brick was unveiled at the Sports Club, Central Park, Blaina, in his name. Family and friends came to honour his memory and his outstanding contribution to rugby during a glittering career.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of November saw the annual Remembrance Parade take place. The parade started at Nantyglo with light rain but as the service progressed at the Central Park the heavens opened, and torrential rain began to fall. In true tradition organisation laid their poppy wreaths to the fallen to honour their ultimate sacrifice.

Christmas started a little early in Blaina as Santa's Grotto arrived at St Peters Church on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. That however did not stop the enthusiasm of the local children who braved the cold weather to meet the man himself. The Christmas cheer continued with the Schools Carol Concert at Ystruth School, and the Santa's Sleigh run through Nantyglo and Blaina where again children lined the streets to once again catch sight of Santa himself.

At the start of the New Year the weather again played its part in causing disruption to events for a long period of time.

However, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March St Peters came to the rescue again in hosting an Animal Interaction Day where the young and also the not so young had the opportunity to interact with animals both domestic and otherwise.

The animals on show at the event included a snake, spiders, lizards, meerkats, owl's as well as the good old favourites like rabbits and hamsters. Again, a good time was had by all.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March I was again able to take part in New Year celebrations when Raffie invited me to attend the Bahia New Year which was being held in the Cwtch in Blaina.

The room was packed with excited party goers and the afternoon was filled with singing, dancing, crafting, networking and of course a very substantial buffet. All in all, it was a very interesting experience.

Unfortunately, at the beginning of the year the sad news came that my Mayoral charity the Community Hope Project was closing as several of the trustees were unable to continue in post. The charity had been working within our communities since Covid and during this time had helped both individuals and organisations in need of help and support.

Fortunately, prior to its closure I was able to donate £1,000. from my appeal which helped them to continue their good work right to the end. As an organisation it will be solely missed in our communities.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to be the Mayor of Nantyglo and Blaina during the past 12 months. It has been an honour and a privilege and I would like to pass on my best wishes to our new Mayor and hope that he too enjoys his year as much as I have.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

**5. Councillor G Morvan:**

To invite nominations for the Office of Town Mayor 2026/27.

It was **Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that Councillor K Jones JP be appointed as Town Mayor for 2026/27.

**6. Councillor G Morvan:**

Councillor G Morvan invited the incoming Town Mayor, Councillor K Jones JP and their consort to join him on the Dias. Councillor Morvan placed the Official Chain of Office around the shoulders of the Town Mayor for 2025/26, Councillor K Jones JP.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

**7. Declaration of Acceptance of Office:**

Councillor K Jones signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Town Mayor which was witnessed by the Town Clerk / Proper Officer of the Town Council and was thereupon appointed as the Town Mayor of Nantyglo & Blaina for the civic year 2026/27.

**Resolved** to note the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

*Councillor G Morvan took his seat with Members of the Council.*

***At this juncture proceedings paused for photographs to be taken.***

**8. The Town Mayor:**

The new Town Mayor addressed the Town Council.

The Town Mayor stated they had been the Mayor twice before, due to Covid and the restrictions but to be Town Mayor once again was still an honour and they vowed to represent the Chair and Chain with the honour it deserves. They thanked their 'good lady' consort and also gave thanks to Rev Roy Watson BEM for once again being the Town Mayors Chaplain.

Member also addressed that Town Councillors who joined in the last 12 months should be given a Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council tie or scarf, to make them feel part of 'the club'. A new emblem can also be hopefully worked on.

**Resolved** accordingly.

**9. Vote of Thanks to Councillor G Morvan:**

The Town Mayor thank Councillor G Morvan for his time as Town Mayor, stating they had represented Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council at many events during his time with great honour.

A member also stated how well Councillor Morvan had 'steadied the ship' and is sure the new Mayor will continue to do the same.

**Resolved** accordingly.

**10. The Town Mayor:**

The Town Mayor invited the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Roy Watson to lead Council in Prayer. Reverend Roy Watson congratulated the Town Mayor on his appointment and informed that he had acted as Mayor's Chaplain to many of the previous Town Mayors. Reverend Roy Watson led the Council in Prayer.

**Resolved** accordingly.

**11. Deputy Town Mayor:**

The Town Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Town Mayor for 2026-2027.

**Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that Councillor D Hillman be appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2026/27.

The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr D Hillman stated that it would be an honour and privilege to work alongside the Town Mayor.

**12. Leader of the Council:**

The Town Mayor invited nominations for the position of Leader of the Council 2026-2027.

**Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that Councillor Glyn Morvan be appointed to the Office of Leader of the Council for 2026/27.

Cllr G Morvan thanked his fellow Councillors for the nomination and stated that he was happy to accept the position of Leader of the Town Council.

**13. Deputy Leader of the Council:**

The Town Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Leader of the Council 2026-2027.

**Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that Councillor Des Hillman be appointed to the Office of Leader of the Council for 2026/27.

**Appointment of Town Council Committees and Delegates to Other Organisations:**

**13. To invite Members to consider the appointment of Chairman and Members of Committees and of Delegates to other Organisations:**

(Members may wish to approve itemised list).

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**Minutes of the hybrid Annual Meeting of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 12.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

Present: Councillor L Higgins Chair, presiding  
Councillors L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams, W Howls, L Emanuel, K Jones JP, M Evans, A Fryer, G Morvan, D Hillman, D Wright, Sue Howlett, E Singleton, D Finch

In attendance: V Williams, Town Clerk / RFO  
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

### **Declaration of Interest**

Members are 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.

**Resolved** to note apologies were received from Councillors M Williams, M Evans and D Finch.

**Further Resolved** to accept the apologies.

### **2. Collaboration with Blaenau Gwent Youth Services and Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council:**

Members were invited to discuss the following items to arrange collaborating with Nicole Osbourne of BG Youth Services:

a) Arrange dates for Town Council members to meet with BG Youth Service to maintain planters situated around Nantyglo and Blaina. June was highlighted due to good weather and would it be for more than one session.

The 8<sup>th</sup> of June was proposed as a day to commence meeting up with BGYS to start work on the planters throughout Nantyglo and Blaina and it was proposed and seconded for Councillor D Hillman to get supplies and plants for the task then be later reimbursed by Town Council.

**Resolved** to propose the 8<sup>th</sup> of June to Nicole Osbourne of Blaenau Gwent Youth Services and **Further Resolved** that Councillor D Hillman to get supplies and plants and be reimbursed by Town Council

b) Councillors to assist BGYS in the maintaining and repainting of railings situated on two roundabouts either side of Blaina Town Centre and the health and safety concerns regarding this.

A response is being waiting upon before decision can be made due to health and safety concerns being so close to the road.

**Resolved** to await a response from BGCBC Highways before proceeding any further.

c) The painting of shutters in the local area to brighten up Nantyglo and Blaina, identifying businesses, putting forward a date and funding the project.

Members stated that permission would need to be obtained from shops, and it was queried how many shops in Blaina and Nantyglo use shutters. It was mentioned that a recent event in Abertillery transformed a street from having the shutters painted and really helped to brighten up the town. It was mentioned that contacting Karen Williams, Town Centre Manager for more information would be best and then proceed from there.

**Resolved** to contact Karen Williams, Town Centre Manager for Blaenau Gwent to seek information regarding painting shutters on shops in Nantyglo and Blaina.

d) Cleaning signs throughout the area and dates with when to do so.

Members mentioned similar issues to those with painting the railings and to await a response from Blaenau Gwent CBC Highways and follow up with info about the signs. Members also mentioned seeing which local signs needed to be updated, removed or added could be queried also.

**Resolved** to await the response from BGCBC Highways regarding the railings and to follow up with sign issues before proceeding.

e) Create a video promoting Nantyglo and Blaina, the people and organisations. Nicole Osbourne has contacts if we were to have funding available.

Several areas throughout Nantyglo and Blaina were highlighted and that to ask Nicole Osbourne for more information from her contacts. Blaenau Gwent Film Academy was also mentioned as a possible place to investigate getting a video made.

**Resolved** to obtain more information from Nicole Osbourne of BGYS from her contacts for making a film.

Meeting declared closed at 13:04pm

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 18:00pm (start time)  
At 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 (remote), W Howls, L Emanuel, L Higgins  
(remote), M Evans, A Fryer, G Morvan, D Hillman, S Howlett, and D Finch.

In attendance: Mrs V Williams, Town Clerk/RFO  
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

**A meeting to which members of the public were 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.

*No apologies were received.*

**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 members of the public were in attendance.

### 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.

- a) via email Amanda Lewis re: BGCBC Planning Application P/2026/0068 Cwm Farm (copy attached – for information consideration):

Email concerned with the planning application from Mr P Ivanyi at Cwm Farm.

Member would like it clarified with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council if these queries had been answered. Members noted that the person behind the planning application had come to Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council and gave a good presentation answering some of the questions that were in this correspondence.

A member was concerned that one Borough Councillor had made comments on social media and with them being Chair of Planning Committee, that they would likely have to declare an interest in the item for having done so and be unable to consider the planning application when BGCBC does so.

It was also questioned whether P Ivanyi would attend a meeting with concerned residents however a member stated it could become volatile. They would however be able to put their case forward before the planning application is considered for up to 10 minutes when it is considered by BGCBC.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to contact BGCBC and if they have already responded to this email.

### 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/2026/0098 Club Row, Blaina, Abertillery (copy attached – for information/consideration):

Proposed change of use of land to the front of the property to residential curtilage, and erection of an outbuilding to be used in conjunction with an approved child-minding business.

**Resolved** to note no objections or representations were made.

**b) Plan Application No. P/2025/0350 Land opposite 29 Surgery Road, Blaina (copy attached – for information/consideration):**

Proposed pair of semi-detached houses with associated works.

**Resolved** to note no objections or representations were made.

*Additional Planning Application received with permission of the Chair*

**c) Plan Application No. P/2025/0227 Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Blaina NP13 3BN**

Change of use to ground floor public house to retail use, external alterations at ground floor, convert first floor existing residential into 2 no. residential flats.

Members noted that this application had come in previously however due to a survey needed for bat protection.

**Resolved** to note 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 18:14pm

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 18:15pm at 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 (remote), W Howls, L Emanuel, L Higgins (remote), M Evans, A Fryer, G Morvan, K Jones JP, D Hillman, S Howlett and D Finch.

**In attendance:** Mrs V Williams, Town Clerk/RFO  
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

### **A meeting to which members of the public were 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. No apologies were received before the start of the meeting.

**Resolved** accordingly.

#### **2. Questions from the Public:**

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

**Resolved** to note that no members of the public were in attendance.

### 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) Email from Maria Mulcahy One Voice Wales re: Area Committee Attendance (for information – copy attached):

Email with concerns of Council Members attendance for Area Committee meetings.

One Voice Wales representative for Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council commented that at the last meeting only 3 representatives were present with Torfaen Leader and two of the three were Councillors from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council. This felt embarrassing and so an email was put forth to remind other Town/Community Council representatives that they should be attending meetings. Members were thankful to our representatives for their fantastic attendance.

**Resolved** to note information received.

b) Hospice of the Valleys Three Peaks Challenge (for information/consideration – copy attached):

Reminder for those interested in participating in the HOTV Three Peaks Challenge in July.

**Resolved** to note information received.

*Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:*

c) Electorate Review update from A Williams:

An update received from Audra Williams regarding the Electorate Review

Members are concerned that Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council may be forced to merge with Brynmawr Town Council and agree that this should be fought as well as the deductions in Councillors in each area. Members agreed that all local Town and Community Councils should meet to discuss how to take action going forward.

**Resolved** to note information received and **Further Resolved** to arrange a meeting with Tredegar Town Council, Brynmawr Town Council and Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council.

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

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

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

**5. 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 that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

*No applications were received at this date.*

**6. Internet Upgrade via Rebecca Morales-Reeves (copy attached – for information/consideration):**

Members were invited to consider the costs of the internet upgrade for the Council Office of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council. An update may be provided at the meeting concerning monthly costs.

The Assistant Officer updated members that Rebecca Morales-Reeves had confirmed there seemed to be a condition to our move from the ICC to Blaina Institute but they were awaiting confirmation from the Estates Department at BGCBC.

**Resolved** that the information received.

**7. Recording of Meetings:**

After recording the meeting of the Planning & Highways and Finance & General Purposes meetings in May, members are invited to record all meetings moving forward for minute accuracy and safety.

**Resolved** that all future meetings be recorded for accuracy and safety of the minutes.

**8. Cinema Screenings for Summer 2026:**

Members were invited to once again offer tickets to residents of Nantyglo and Blaina to use throughout the summer to see screenings at Market Hall Cinema, Brynmawr. No funding has been

found to cover the costs this year.

Members agree that the scheme was a success last year and that Market Hall Cinema have added so much flexibility with the tickets.

**Resolved** that Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council proceed with paying £2400 for cinema tickets for residents of Nantyglo and Blaina.

**9. The Town Clerk/RFO to sign up to the SLCC:**

Members were invited to consider the Town Clerk/RFO signing up to the SLCC to become a member and to pay the £253 yearly subscription fee. The Town Clerk/RFO can then begin training.

**Resolved** that the subscription fee be paid for the Town Clerk to join the SLCC.

**10. Purchasing the Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration book:**

The current office copy is dated back to 2009 and is the 8<sup>th</sup> edition and there was a 14<sup>th</sup> edition book released last year. The current price is £169.83 however SLCC members can purchase the book for £144.

**Resolved** that the book be purchased from the SLCC for the lower price as an SLCC member.

**11. Confidential Information:**

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

a) Expenditure Report for May 2026 (copy attached)

Members were invited to consider, and if appropriate approve the Expenditure Report for May 2026:

The loan repayments was queried as a member was unsure if it had been resolved to pay off the remaining amount. Other members thought there would be an exit fee so this needs to be re-checked.

**Resolved** that the expenditure report for May 2026 be approved and **Further Resolved** to investigate the paying of the loan repayments.

b) Review of Accounting Firm:

Upon recommendation from the temporary RFO the Town Clerk would like to review accountancy provision to explore alternative providers that would offer better service and increase better safeguarding.

The Town Clerk informed members that she would like to investigate other accountancy firms as currently the service is provided at a low level. The Temporary RFO also recommended a new firm would help better safeguard payments going forward. Other accountants will organise all payments and remove any issues from staff of the Town Council.

The Town Clerk also mentioned that the accountants ran payroll in May even though figures had not been sent which lead to mistakes with payments. The Town Clerk also highlighted the risks of paying herself and her husband who is a member of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

**Resolved** that the Town Clerk make appropriate investigations with accountancy firms.

c) Scheduling of Member Payments:

The Town Clerk to provide an update upon available payments to members and scheduling of those payments.

The Town Clerk stated that historically payments had been made three times a year, which was across 2 financial years when they should be within 1 financial year. The Town Clerk would like to change this to pay members every 3 months, so 4 times a year so that they are all made within one financial year. A letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 had been sent detailing payments every three months but no changes were ever enacted.

The Town Clerk also stated that every year Members need to opt out of receiving payments but only 3 acknowledgements had been found and asked present members to fill in a new form so that better record could be kept as to whether members would opt in or opt out of receiving payments. The Town Clerk distributed forms with details of all payments to present members.

**Resolved** that Members of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council to sign new forms to opt in or opt out of Member's Payments.

**12. Members Updates:**

- a) Town Council Leader G Morvan and Deputy Leader D Hillman informed Town Council that the policies have been updated and will be ready to be ratified in the next Full Council Meeting.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- b) The Chair gave an update on the Youth Services collaboration and planters. Plans had been made for the day previously however due to weather conditions Nicole Osbourne had contacted to cancel and to organise a new day.

Members also remarked on the deeds of local children who had replanted one of N&BTC's planters on the square in Blaina. It was agreed that they should be contacted and invited to come to an appropriate meeting and congratulated on their endeavour. The next appropriate meeting would be Planning & Highways and Finance & General Purposes meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2026.

**Resolved** to organise a new date with Blaenau Gwent Youth Services and **Further Resolved** to invite the boys who worked on the planter in Blaina Square to a meeting to be commended.

Meeting declared closed at 18:55pm

Item 12a)

Outlook

RE: Planning Re-consultation P/2025/0227 Red Lion Hotel High Street, Blaina, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 3BN

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

Date Wed 10/06/2026 13:45

To Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>

Good afternoon,

An email has been received and acknowledged.

Thanks

**Alanna Russell**

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*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.*

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

Sent: 10 June 2026 09:52

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

Subject: Re: Planning Re-consultation P/2025/0227 Red Lion Hotel High Street, Blaina, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 3BN

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Allanol: Daeth yr e-bost hwn o'r tu allan Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent. Cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ddoieni.

Good morning Aianah,

No objections or representations were made to any of the following planning applications.

Plan Application No. P/2026/0098 Club Row, Blaina, Abertillery

Plan Application No. P/2025/0350 Land opposite 29 Surgery Road, Blaina

Plan Application No. P/2025/0227 Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Blaina

Councillors did however have a query regarding an email that was sent by a Ms Amanda Lewis regarding a Formal Objection to Planning Application P/2026/0068 at Cwm Farm, Blaina. Has the resident submitted this email to yourselves, and if so, has a response been issued?

Kind regards,

Kevin Rowland

Assistant Officer

Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council

01495292817

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

Sent: 04 June 2026 12:08

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

Subject: Planning Re-consultation P/2025/0227 Red Lion Hotel High Street, Blaina, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 3BN

Good afternoon,

Please find attached Re-consultation Letter for application P/2025/0227.

Thanks

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

Council Offices, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina. NP13 3BN

TEL: 01495 292817 e-mail: [clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk)

Mrs V Williams - Town Clerk/RFO      Mr K Rowland – Assistant Officer

**Community Grant Application Form 2026**

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:

Ffrindiau'r Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg

Contact Name:

Joanne Edwards

Contact Address:

Ysgol Bro Helyg, Rising Sun Industrial Estate,  
Blaina  
NP13 3DQ

Contact Email Address:

Welshbird22@hotmail.co.uk

Daytime Telephone Number:

07807454942

Your position in the group:

Chair

**Section 2: Tell us about your group**

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

Children/Education

Arts & Culture

Health & Wellbeing

Elderly

Environment

Active Lifestyles

Other

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

**Ysgol Bro Helyg is a Welsh Language school that provides education to 300+ pupils aged 3 – 11. Pupils live within the communities of Blaenau Gwent. The school population includes disabled children.**

**The friends of Ysgol Bro Helyg (PTA) are a group of volunteers who are supported by school staff, to raise funds and enhance the opportunities and resources that are available to the pupils of the school and their families. Throughout the year, the PTA group organise and fund activities and events that aim to encourage learning, promote inclusion, and offer fun and excitement.**

In what year was the group founded?

2013

Are you a registered charity?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide the registered number:

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:

Ffrindiau'r Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg

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

Lloyds

Sort code:

309297

Account number:

02766032

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

Are you applying for, or receiving funding from another source? Yes

If so, where from and how much?

£3500 – donations from local businesses.

£4500 – Fundraising activities at school.

We have a short fall of £2000

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

Until recently, pupils had access to outside play equipment (climbing frames etc.) The equipment was enjoyed for many years but due to natural wear and tear, the equipment was removed due to safety concerns. The PTA have listened to the pupils, who are really missing the play equipment, and are supporting with fundraising to replace the play equipment.

We aim to provide safe and inclusive play equipment for pupils to enjoy, providing opportunities for self-regulation, social skills and improved well-being. Pupils will have daily access to the equipment during the school day. Play is crucial for children's holistic growth, boosting cognitive skills like problem-solving and creativity, enhancing social-emotional development through empathy and self-regulation, improving physical health via motor skills and fitness, and supporting language acquisition, ultimately building confidence, resilience, and essential life skills for navigating the world.

Many children who attend Ysgol Bro Helyg do not have access to appropriate play experiences outside of the school environment due to their personal circumstances.

How will your project benefit Nantyglo and Blaina?

The school is located in Blaina. Many of the pupils who attend the school, live in Blaina and Nantyglo.

## Section 4: Independent Reference Details

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

**Gareth Donovan**

Job title/occupation of referee:

**Head of assets and sustainability**

Referee contact address:

**Tai Calon Community Housing,  
Rising Sun Industrial Estate, Blaina,  
NP13 3JW**

Email address:

**Gareth.Donovan@taicalon.org**

Daytime phone number:

**07504680201**

Relationship to the group

(if any):

## 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)

**Joanne Edwards**

Signature:

**J J Edwards**

Date:

**17/06/2026**