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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 27th October 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 27th October 2026 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

V. Williams

Town Clerk

AGENDA

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

To receive: R. Wayne Evans of Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to give a presentation on the Food Bank's assistance to local residents.

1. Members were to receive the presentation.
2. Questions were to be 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.

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.

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 October 2026.

3. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (please note this is limited to10 minutes).

4. Members are Invited to review the following minutes and approve as an accurate record of proceedings.

Members are reminded of the Standing Orders 10 b) - No discussion of the draft minutes of a preceding meeting shall take place except in relation to their accuracy. If members require an update regarding an item on previous minutes, please request this to be included in an agenda for a future meeting..

a) Minutes of the Task and Finish Group held 22nd September 2026 *(pages 65 – 66)*
b) Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held 22nd September 2026 *(pages 67 - 71)*
c) Minutes of the Events Committee held 22nd September *(pages 72 - 74):*
d) Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held 13th October 2026 *(pages 75 - 79)*
e) Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held 13th October 2026 *(pages 80 -84)*

5. 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) Response from Steph Hopkins – Planning BGCBC- *(copy attached – for information/consideration):*

Responses to observations and comments made by Nantyglo and Blaina Town Councillors in regard to planning application P/2026/0191.

6. Members are invited to discuss the presentation given by R. Wayne Evans of Blaenau Gwent Foodbank and any actions they wish to take as a result.

7. Committees to submit request for Budget 2027/28 by December.

To assist with the correct budgets being set for 2027/2028 members are invited to discuss planning of possible expenditure.
Any committee desiring to incur expenditure shall give the proper officer a written estimate of expenditure recommended for the coming year no later than December.

Item 4a)

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Task & Finish Group held at 17:30pm on Tuesday 22nd September at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

(Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

Present: Councillor L Higgins, Chair, presiding.
Councillors G Morvan, D Hillman, L Harris, C Hilllman, M Williams, L Emanual, L Higgins, M Evans, A Fryer, K Jones JP, D Hillman, D Finch, and E Singleton.

In attendance: V Williams, Town Clerk/RFO
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 Cllr's S Howlett and D Wright.

Resolved to accept those apologies

2. Trick Or Treat Sweet Purchases for Outdoor Cinema Event:
Members were invited to discuss purchasing sweets for a Trick or Treat event on Halloween during the Cinema Outdoor Screening to be held at St Peters Church on the 31st October 2026.

The Chair outlined the plans for the Halloween event:

- St Peters Church – craft session for children followed by a costume contest. Possible pumpkin carving contest and using said pumpkins to help light the area outside of St Peters 2-4:15pm.

- Trick or Treating with involvement from Blaina Institute and Blaina Museum and potential local businesses to provide a safe environment for Trick or Treaters.
- Outdoor cinema to start at 6pm and end approximately 9:45pm showing two films (Coco and another picked by residents via Facebook).

Members were invited to email the Town Clerk to notify I they'd be available to volunteer at the event.

It was proposed and seconded to provide a budget of £300 towards the cost of purchasing sweets for the Trick or Treating.

Resolved to budget £300 towards the cost of sweets to use for Trick or Treating at the Halloween Event.

Meeting declared closed at 17:50pm.

Signed by Town Mayor _____ .

Item 4b)

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Town Council held at 5:55pm Tuesday 22th September 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, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; C Hillman; D Wright; A Fryer; M Williams(r); L Emanuel; L Higgins; M Evans, E Singleton, L Harris, & D Finch

In attendance: V Williams Town Clerk/RFO
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 Cllr's D Wright and S Howlett.

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

The Town Mayor gave an update regarding the months of August and September.

Town Mayor visited the Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council office to thank the departing temporary RFO for their assistance and wisdom with gratitude and a gift card.
The Town Mayor had also taken a walk in the grounds of St Peters and was surprised how large the ground was and they wished they could see the headstones amongst the foliage.

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 to10 minutes).

No questions from the public were received.

Resolved accordingly

4. Minutes of the Task and Finish Group held 24th July 2026 *(pages 36 – 38)*:

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:

Pg 37 correction 3rd Paragraph – Should read £1900 levy.
Pg 38 queried the method of minuting and not displaying names for discussion. Town Clerk stated that names were not required unless a name is needed for the detail of the minutes as stated in recent training undertaken by the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer. The Assistant Officer also explained that the only legal requirement in the minutes is to record the resolution of each item as needed. The Town Clerk would provide documentation into minuting meetings.

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held 28th July 2026 *(pages 39 - 45)*:

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

b) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 39 - Remove Cllr S Howlett from attending Councillors, as apologies were given.

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

6. Minutes of the Events Committee held 28th July 2026 *(pages 46 - 48)*:

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:

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

7. Minutes of the Task and Finish Group held 10th August 2026 (*pages 49 - 53*):
Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

b) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

8. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held 8th September 2026 *(pages 54 - 56):*

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:

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

9. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held 8th September 2026 *(pages 57 - 62)*

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:

Pg 60 Resolution that K Jones to contact OVW not correct and to remove.

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

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) Emails of thanks from Grant Applications - *(copy attached – for information/consideration):*

Email's received from N Horner at the Cwtch and J Williams from Hospice of the Valleys.

Resolved to accept the information

b) Email from BGCBC Councillor L Winnett - *(copy attached – for information/consideration):*

Letter of thanks for support towards the upgrade of Blaina Skatepark.

Resolved to accept the information

c) Email from David Arnold – Residents Survey by Blaenau Gwent CBC *copy attached – for information):*

Resolved to accept the information

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.

a) Alison Lewis of Hermon Cemetery Trust *(copy attached)*:

Resolved to give a grant of £200 to Herman Cemetery Trust.

b) Gareth Brooks of Nantyglo Mini and Juniors *(copy attached)*:

Resolved to give a grant of £200 to Nantyglo Mini and Juniors.

12. Proposal from Councillor D Hillman to recognise Stephen Bower with an award *(copy attached – for consideration):*

Resolved to award Steve Bower a Mayoral Award and to also issue a Mayoral Award Certificate to BGFM and all of its employees and volunteers.

13. Members Updates:

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

The Assistant Officer gave an update regarding a meeting with Darren Joslin from Flotek who met with some Councillors to talk about the audio set up for the Chamber. Members were impressed with his knowledge. Councillor D Finch also had a contact that would visit to also provide an offer.

Councillor D Hillman update Town Council about the Electoral Review meeting. Members had been emailed a synopsis of the meeting from the Town Clerk.

The Assistant Officer provided a logo design showing six variations of the same design to show how it an be utilized. Members agreed a few more versions needed to be shown before it could be decided.

Councillor E Singleton notified that there was an issue with a water grid near the Blaina Mural and cited it as dangerous. The Town Clerk/RFO and Assistant Officer would contact Blaenau Gwent CBC to find a resolution.

Resolved to accept the information

Meeting declared closed at 19:39pm

Signed by Town Mayor _____ .

Item 4c)

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Events Committee held at pm Tuesday 22nd September 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 of Events presiding
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; C Hillman; E Singleton; A Fryer; M Williams(r); K Jones JP; M Evans; D Finch, L Emanual; & L Harris

In attendance: V Williams , Town Clerk/RFO 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.

It was moved and seconded to suspend Standing Orders to hold the meeting past 8pm if needed.

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 Cllr's S Howlett and D Wright.

Resolved that the apologies be accepted.

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.

No questions were received.

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) A Pryce of Blaenau Gwent Play Team – Summer Playscheme Attendance *(copies attached - for information):*

Members were invited to discuss the statistics supplied and to inform Blaenau Gwent Play Team where N&BTC would like their sponsored Play session to be located.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to hold the N&BTC funded session in Banna Park, Nantyglo.

b) A Jones of Blaenau Gwent CBC with information regarding Blaina Skatepark via the Welfare Park, Brynmawr Survey *(copy attached – for information/consideration:*

Resolved to note the information received.

4. **Results of the Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council Survey *(copy attached)*:**
Members were invited to discuss the results of the survey with results taken from Blaina Food Festival, Blaina Institute, ICC and Blaina Library.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to defer the survey until more results have been collated.

5. **2026 Joint Schools Christmas Carol Concert.**

Members were invited to discuss holding the Joint Schools Christmas Carol for 2026 in response to an email from H Targett of Blaen Y Cwm School *(copy attached):*

Resolved to support the Joint Schools Christmas Concert for 2026.

6. **In Bloom Awards Ceremony 2026.**

Members were invited to discuss a date and location to hold the In Bloom Awards for 2026 and provide a list of people to invite for the event.

- Town Clerk to arrange time and date when timeline for awards to be ordered is known.

- Host the awards in the Council Chamber
- Steve Bower and BGfm also to be awarded
- Not on a Thursday
- Invite High Sheriff and Lord Lieutenant of Gwent Susan Gwyer-Roberts
- Blaina Stute Café quoted at £8.95 per head for a buffet.
- Another contact for catering to be approached.
- 20 approximate guests.
- Town Mayor to provide availability via email.

Resolved to organise the In Bloom Awards in the guidelines above.

Meeting declared closed at 8:08pm

Signed by the Town Mayor _____

Item 4d)

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 17:30pm (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 G Morven, L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams (remote), L Emanual, A Fryer, D Hillman, S Howlett, E Singleton, D Finch, L Higgins.

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.

To receive: Councillors Sonia Behr and Peter Baldwin, Blaenau Gwent CBC, gave a presentation on upgrading Coed Cae House and a request for financial support towards the project.

1. Members were to receive the presentation.
2. Questions were to be 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.

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.

Councillors Sonia Behr and Peter Baldwin also introduced Jo Reames of Tai Calon, and Billy and Ellie Eversfield who were volunteers at Coed Cae House.

The guests gave a history of the building of Coed Cae Community Centre, details of the annex refurbishment and how the main hall was being taken over by the Education department to help children who struggled school. They spoke of their current situation based in a house where they are only able to help so many people at one time and often turn several away due to a lack of room. Taking over the annex of the Coed Cae Community Centre would allow the volunteers to help so many more people can benefit from the food pantry. Refurbishment of the kitchen was also

many more people can benefit from the food pantry. Refurbishment of the kitchen was also important as volunteers can help teach residents to cook and put on classes, allowing residents to develop their skills and learn to cook fresh ingredients as a garden would also be worked on at the Community Centre.

Q. Where in the 25 year lease would you be?
A. We are about to sign the lease, so at the start. Current house would revert back to Tai Calon. Utilities free currently at the house but if not needed will be available for a family to move in.

Q. Each member for each ward has £28,000 to give for funding. BGCBC members all gave £8000 towards road maintenance, why not give more? Also there is £1900 for them to give also?
A. The £1900 is now only £1000. The other £10,000 is available for other organisations or groups to apply for, hence why we are looking for match funding.

Q. Would residents in other areas benefit?
A. Absolutely, those in Blaina would be welcome, with the sports hall being available from 3pm activities can be held especially indoor sports.

Q. Name of organization?
A. Coed Cae Community House was Friends of Coed Cae House, BGCBC own the building.
Q-response. Refurbing a Council owned building.

Q. Would there be a chance for savings in the quotes?
A. Quotes come from trusted Tai Calon contractors. Previous work speaks for itself and are known to be of good quality, however there could be some room potentially for savings.

Q. Would children pay a subscription to help with the every week costs of running the building?
A. We'd like to hold a youth club, but ideally we would prefer it if children did not pay. For hall costs there will be a fee, but keeping costs low for users is key.

Q. Would there be a position on the board for a Town Councillor to be part of?
A. Absolutely yes.

Q. Similar set up to the Cwtch in Blaina, but you have a kitchen which is very appealing.
A. J Reames – Was on the board with the Cwtch and know of their set up. This will not encroach on them and offer many different things so we are very keen not to take away from The Cwtch.

Q. How many volunteers do you currently have?
A. 8 Volunteers, but always looking for more.

Q. There is a flat on part of the building, any plans to use this?
A. Its located at the other end of the building to the annex, our main focus is the annex and the

community garden. Perhaps in the future it could be utilized to help young adults and children learn life skills, but a distant project.

Q. Do you have officers in place?
A. Yes.

Q. What about ongoing costs and repairs?
A. We have a fund of £9000 for such expenditure, as well as public liability.

Q. Would a drip fed method of being given money be better?
A. Construction company is very reputable, all done up to Local Authority specifications. Many of the Flying Start hubs have been shut down due to lack of ventilation but we are taking that into account so Flying Start can be a funding stream to use our facilities. A positive comment about the community, when we first went in we expected a lot of damage and vandalism however it was in reasonably good condition considering the amount of time it was left. No damp and very little vandalism.

The Chair K Jones JP thanked the guests for their presentation and Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council would decide on the next course of action.

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 Cllr M Evans.

   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 members of the public were in attendance.

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) Hospice of the Valleys 'An Evening With' Event: Invitation to Nantyglo & Blaina Town Councillors *(copy attached – for information/consideration):*

Resolved to note the information received.

a) **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/2026/0189 Blaina Community Sports Club Ltd, CENTRAL PARK CRICKET PAVILION Surgery Road, Blaina, Blaenau Gwent

Proposed retention of storage containers, patio extension including protective fence and retention of container at rear of stand used as physiotherapy room

Resolved to note no objections or representations were made.

b) Plan Application No. P/2026/0191 Land At Glyn Milwr Stones Houses, Blaina, Blaenau Gwent

Retrospective application to accommodate 5 pitches for family members, communal utility room with access & ecological enhancements

Members made the following observations

- No neighbour or community consultation.
- 5 pitches and a utility room.
- Previous application was refused due to highway access.
- No waste/sewage mentioned.
- Not sole owners of the land, wouldn't they need permission.
- Retrospective for what exists, is there 5 pitches already.
- Permission for named people to continue.
- Have been refused elsewhere, BGCBC cannot afford to remove them.

Resolved to make these observations and support Blaenau Gwent CBC on their decision.

5. Licence Applications:

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

None received.

Item 4e)

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 18:35pm 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 G Morven, L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams (remote), L Emanual, A Fryer, K Jones JP, S Howlett, E Singleton, D Finch, L Higgins.

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
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Declaration of Interest from Councillor L Higgins on Agenda Item 4a) and non-pecuniary Declaration of Interest from Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman on Agenda Item 4a).

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. Apologies received from Cllr M Evans.

Resolved to note apologies accepted.

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) Carl Todd – Nature Recovery Officer BGCBC *(for information – copy attached):*

Volunteering dates for Community Nature Guardians including two dates at Trevor Rowson Wildlife and Heritage Park.

Resolved to note information received.

b) Nicola Horner from The Cwtch, Blaina Community Centre *(copy attached – for information):*

Letter of thanks from The Cwtch for the recent Grant Donation from N&BTC.

Resolved to note information received.

c) Darren Joslin – Flotek UK *(copy attached – for information):*

A list of equipment advised by Mr D Joslin of Flotek UK after his recent visit for upgrading the audio in the Town Council Chamber.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to seek more quotes for a sound system to get better value for money.

4. 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 have been 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.

a) Rev Rosemary Hill, St Peter's Church *(application form attached)*

Resolved to award St Peters Church £200.

b) Michelle Hurter of Brynmawr Rotary *(application form attached)*

Resolved to award Brynmawr Rotary £200.

5. Expenditure Report for September 2026, Half Year Report for 2026/27 and Bank Reconciliation (for both current account and savings account) - *(copies attached for information):*

Members were invited to consider, and if appropriate approve the following reports:

a) Expenditure Report for September 2026, monthly expenditure to be ratified for September and upcoming payments for approval for October.

Resolved to approve the Expenditure Report for September 2026.

b) Budget against actual expenditure half year report: please note the recommendations for approval.

The Town Clerk offered two recommendations for consideration:

- A virement from the RFO contingency reserves into the Wages Expenditure Line.
- A virement from the Salem Chapel reserves to the PWLB expenditure line, the overspend was due to paying off the Salem Chapel loan.

Resolved to approve the Budget Against Actual Expenditure Report for April – September 2026 and **Further Resolved** to action the virements as recommended.

c) Bank Reconciliation for current account and savings accounts.

Resolved to approve the Bank Reconciliations for the Current Account and Savings Account.

6. Update From the Town Clerk – (copy attached - for information):

Members were invited to review the following update from the Town Clerk/RFO regarding the following matters:

a) Brief summary and update regarding a Data Breach, Agendas, Minutes and Grant Forms. Also attached is advice from the SLCC in regard to recording the minutes for a meeting.

Members commended the Town Clerk/RFO and Assistant Officer for the speed and efficiency in which they dealt with the Data Breach.

Resolved to accept the information.

b) Updated Grant form.

Resolved to accept the information and **Further Resolved** to arrange a Task and Finish Group to review the Awarding of Grants and the Grant Application process.

c) Photo Consent Forms.

Resolved to accept the information.

7. Request for Financial Support for Coed Cae House made by Blaenau Gwent CBC Councillors Sonia Behr and Peter Baldwin:

Members are invited to discuss the presentation received before the meetings of the Planning & Highways and Finance & General Purposes and what actions they wish to take.

Resolved to ask for further information via an application form when the new Grant form has been approved.

8. Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council Logo.

Members are invited to discuss the design of the new logo made by the Assistant Officer K Rowland and Cllr M Williams. If the logo is agreed upon then Town Councillor ID cards can be made and distributed ready for the event. If you are happy for a previous photo to be used or would like a new photo to be taken this can be arranged, please let the Town Clerk know what is preferable.

Resolved to approve the logo to represent Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

9. Halloween Event Sweet Purchases.

Members agreed that a £300 budget at a Task and Finish group meeting on the 22nd September to include Halloween sweets and items required for the Trick or Treat Trail. However this was not ratified at the Full Council Meeting that followed the Task and Finish group on 22nd September. Members are invited to ratify this expenditure at this time.

Also discussed was the First Aid to cover the day with a quote of £240 to cover 4 hours.

Resolved to **Ratify** this expenditure and **Further Resolved** to approve payment to get First Aid cover for the Halloween event for the duration of the Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council portion of the

event (5 hours) and accept the cost would be higher than the quote given. This is to be ratified at the meeting of the Full Council.

Chair informed members that after speaking to the Town Clerk, volunteers for the Halloween event need to be registered to the Town Clerk so roles could be delegated and high vis worn.

It was also stated that if the outdoor cinema event is threatened with intolerable weather it could be moved inside St Peters Church.

When it is closer to the event and weather is more known, Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk to notify residents on Social Media.

Meeting declared closed at 19:36pm

Signed by Town Mayor _____ .

Item 5 a)

Email response from Steph Hopkins, Team Manager Development Officer, Development Management and Economy and Place for Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Steph is currently the case officer for planning application P/2026/0191 and sent the following responses to comments and observations made by Town Councillors regarding this planning application. Also note the following comment - **'Based on the additional information provided, are you able to provide an update response to include in my report please?**

Comment - No neighbour or community consultation.
Response - Approximately 40 neighbour notification letters have been sent out, site notice posted and the application has appeared on the Weekly List.

Comment - 5 pitches and a utility room.
Response – Yes, this is part of the proposal.

Comment – Planning is Retrospective for what exists, there is 5 pitches already.
Response - The pitches on the part of the site that this application refers to are currently unauthorised and therefore the application is retrospective.

Comment - Each plot had named applications for them, was this unusual?
Response - In certain circumstances planning permissions can be issued to a person rather than with the land. If this is something that the applicant is proposing, this will need careful consideration by the Local Planning Authority.

Comment - Previous application was refused due to highway access, has there been an update?
Response - This application has been submitted to try and overcome the reason for refusal on highway grounds

Comment - No waste/sewage mentioned.
Response - Waste will be via a septic tank, this is set out in the application

Comment - Not sole owners of the land, wouldn't they need permission?
Response - The access to the site is not within the applicants ownership, notice has been served on the relevant land owners.

Comment – Have been refused previously, Blaenau Gwent CBC cannot afford to move them.
Response - BGCBC currently has no available pitches to relocate the occupiers, this is a material planning consideration when considering the application.