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Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend a hybrid meeting of the Town Council to be held at **6:00pm on Tuesday 25th November 2025** 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 25th November 2025 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Town Clerk

AGENDA

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

Declaration of Interest

Members are invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Please note that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided.

1. Apologies:

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

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for November 2025.

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 Full Council 28th October 2025 (pages 72 – 76)

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 28th October 2025 (pages 77 – 80)

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 Personnel Committee Meeting held 10th November 2025 (pages 81-83)

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 Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held 11th November 2025 (pages 84 -87)

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

- a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

8. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 11th November 2025 (pages 88 -91)

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. 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) Blaina Community Institute LTD – (for information/consideration – copy attached):

Letter requesting an update in relation to the Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council sign being relocated from the south wall of the building.

- b) Free Councillor Training – (for information & consideration – copy attached):

Members are invited to consider free training courses funded by the Welsh Government.

- c) One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting 21/01/2025 (for information & consideration – copy attached):

Members are invited to consider the following email from One Voice Wales and the Annual General Meeting to be held remotely on January 21st 2026.

- d) Notice of Vacancy update from A. Williams BGCBC (for information & consideration – copy attached)

Email concerning an update on the Notice of Vacancy in the Blaina Ward of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council from Audra Williams, Blaenau Gwent CBC.

- e) High Sheriff of Gwent (for information – copy attached):

Letter of thanks in respect of the recent Remembrance Day Parade.

10. 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.

None received to date.

11. Members Updates:

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

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Town Council held at 6:00 pm Tuesday 28th October 2025 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors L Higgins; K Jones JP; D Hillman; C Hillman; D Wright; A Fryer;
M Evans; W Lewis; D Finch; S Howlett, M Williams (remote), Elaine Singleton
& L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, 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 that apologies were received from Councillor L Harris. **Further Resolved** that the apologies be accepted.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for October 2025.

The Town Mayor informed Council that on 13th September he attended the 100th Anniversary of Blaina RFC. The day consisted of welcoming home cyclists from a charity bike ride to fundraise for the Hospice of the Valleys, entertainment and a match between Blaina RFC and Brynmawr RFC. A very well attended event and the cyclists have almost doubled their target of £15,000.

On 14th September the Town Mayor attended a service in Brynmawr to celebrate and welcome Darren Foote during the last steps of his charity walk. The walk consisted of 400 miles from Mametz Wood in France to Ebbw Vale Rugby Club to raise money for Blesma. Darren laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Brynmawr on the last stop before his destination. The Town Council agreed it was an amazing achievement and that a letter of congratulations be sent to him.

On 3rd October the Town Mayor attended a Police Surgery in Blaina Library.

On 9th October the In Bloom awards were held at Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council Chambers. The Town Mayor lamented that only one winner had shown up and a member but thanked the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Doctor Jack Hanbury Tenison for attending and that all awards had been sent to the winners.

On 22nd October the Town Mayor attended a Police Surgery in Asda Nantyglo.

On the 23rd October they attended the Memorial Brick event in honour of Blaina born David Watkins MBE. The event was very well attended, and a Mayoral Award was also given to representatives of the Charity Bike Ride team to congratulate their 300 mile ride to raise money for Hospice of the Valleys.

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 was limited to 10 minutes).

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

4. Minutes of the Full Council held 23rd September 2025 (pages 51 – 57)

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

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 54 Item 6 a) in response to a query Blaina Institute Trust Fund did not appear to be operating currently but more information will be sought.

Pg 54 Item 7 a) In response to a query regarding the new logo design, the Assistant Officer informed that this was ongoing.

Pg 56 Item 13. In response to a query about training for new members and induction, the Town Clerk informed that the training information was still being updated.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Events Committee held 23rd September 2025 (pages 58 – 62)

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:

Page 59 (item 4): In a response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that this project was ongoing.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Task & Finish Group Meeting (Events) held 2nd October 2025 (pages 63 – 64)

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

- a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held 14th October 2025 (pages 65 - 66)

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 14th October 2025 (pages 67 - 71)

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

- a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 68 item 3 e) Member thanked Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council for hosting the premeeting and Liaison meeting between the Town & Community Councils and Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Pg 68 item 3 f) in response to a query the Chair informed that the mount paid was 50% of the invoice total for the railings and gates around the War Memorial.

Pg 69 item 5. In response to a query Town Clerk mentioned the Grants Policy would be updated as usual in February 2026

Pg 70 item 6. In response to a members query it was stated that one member abstained from voting.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

9. Correspondence

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

- a) Brynmawr Rotary – (for information/consideration):

Email requesting support for financial and volunteering for the Christmas Hampers 2025. Members may wish to consider any possible donation to be made via s. 137 of the Local Government act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. For information, the Town Council made a donation of £500.00 to this request in November 2024.

Members considered and discussed about the good work the Rotary Club did with the local

community, and it was **Proposed** and **Seconded** that the same amount of £500 be given as it was in 2024.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to note that a £500 financial donation be given towards the Christmas Hamper scheme 2025 via the S.137 donations (Local Government Act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015).

b) CLlr L Winnett, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – (for information & consideration):

Members were invited to consider the attached email in respect of the area of land around the memorial garden adjacent to High Street in Blaina (between the Red Lion Inn and shops).

Chair informed members of issues and history of the piece of land. It was agreed that it could become a good project and that Men's Den had been approached about potential help with maintenance, citing a collaboration between Men's Shed and Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council. A number of issues were brought up:

- BGCBC to take on initial work
- Transfer of ownership, insurance and liabilities
- Consistent group of volunteers would be needed
- Checks as to the ownership of the land
- Concern as to liability regarding any accidents on the land and steps.

Resolved to support the idea in principle subject to further information, enquiries and costs.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

c) J Hallett – Dale View, Nantyglo (for information & consideration):

Email complaint regarding the recycling collection in Dale View, Nantyglo. The Town Clerk informed that the complainant had been responded to and provided with information and that the complaint had been forwarded to the Blaenau Gwent Ward Councillors for Nantyglo and to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

Members received the information and also spoke about the difficulties in communication with the Recycling team through the Blaenau Gwent CBC website.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to send a letter to the Executive Member in BGCBC in respect of the query and issue.

10. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

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

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

11. Declaration of Vacancy – Blaina Ward (*for information only*):

Members were informed that there was now one vacancy for the Blaina Ward. The Declaration of Vacancy had been provided to the Monitoring Officer at Blaenau Gwent CBC and a co-option notice would be issued if and when the Monitoring Officer advises that no demand for election had been received.

Resolved to note the information received.

12. Confidential Information:

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

Salem Chapel:

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update in respect of Salem Chapel.

The Town Clerk informed that Mr R Dunham was still trying to contact Risca Chartists regarding the re-housing of the printing press that was still housed within Salem Chapel. There were a number of upcoming auctions (with Auction House Wales) between now and December (with more dates in 2026).

Members debated whether it was wise to sell Salem Chapel in an auction where two other chapels are also being sold although Members agreed that selling it as soon as possible was the best possible action.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to sell Salem Chapel at auction on 10/12/2025.

Meeting declared closed at 6:50pm

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Events Committee held at 18:54pm on Tuesday
28th October 2025 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 the Events Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan ;K Jones JP; D Hillman; C Hillman; D Wright; A Fryer;
M Evans; W Lewis; D Finch; S Howlett, M Williams (remote), E Singleton &
L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mr 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. Please note that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that Cllr D Wright declared an interest in item 3a.

1. Apologies:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillor L Harris
Further Resolved that the apologies be accepted.

2. Questions from the public:

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

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

Cllr D Wright declared an interest in the following item 3a. **Resolved** that Cllr D Wright remain in the meeting for the item but not take part in any decision.

a) Email from Councillor David John Wright (for information and consideration):

The Chair informed of the email which detailed ways and amounts of possible financial contributions that Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council could provide in order to help support Blaina Community Sports Club's Party in the Park event in 2026.

It was highlighted that no member or group of members could enter discussions on behalf of the Town Council without the prior approval of the Town Council taken as a resolution and that this discussion would need to take place between the Town Council and Blaina Community sports Club.

It was **Proposed and Seconded** to invite representatives of Blaina Community Sports Club to a meeting of the Town Council to discuss next year's Party in the Park.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to invite representatives of Blaina Community Sports Club to give further information of the Party in the Park event at a future council meeting.

b) Play in the Park event (for information)

Event being held in Central Park, Cwmcelyn, with the Blaenau Gwent Play Team.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Email from Karen Williams re: Mural costs (for information and consideration):

Email contains an update on the costing of the Mural from Walls By Paul.

The Town Clerk/RFO provided an update in regard to a mural collaboration with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's Town Centre Manager. Costs were for a mural in Blaina and would be funded by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council may wish to consider having a mural commissioned for Nantyglo as BG CBC are unable to fund one in that location (due to funding being restricted to 'town centres').

Members considered engagement with local residents would be great for potential ideas and locations.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that this be considered further.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

d) Invoice regarding David Watkins MBE Brick Memorial from Blaina Community Sports Club – (for information & consideration):

Members were informed of the costs of the event regarding the unveiling of a Memorial Brick for David Watkins MBE.

The price of the invoice was more as the cost of the room hire had not been given to Town Council when resolving the cost of the event. Members noted that it was

disappointing that the cost had been given so close to the event with the members being unable to resolve this costing. With Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council already supporting with paying for the Memorial Brick so perhaps to negotiate the price with Blaina Community Sports Club.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to contact Blaina Community Sports Club to negotiate a price for room hire at 50% the price.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

- e) Email regarding funding from the Welsh Government concerning potential funding to aid events to promote Welshness on St Davids Day through events – (for information and consideration)

Members were informed about a scheme the Welsh Government have recently started to help fund events that would help to promote Welsh culture for St Davids Day 2026. Members considered the very short time scale in which detailed applications and costing would need to be submitted, it was agreed that such an application was unachievable and that more notice should have been given.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to send a letter to the Welsh Government querying the timescales and potential for funding in the future when more planning time given.

4. Selection Packs - (information & consideration):

Update regarding costing of Selection Packs for children of Nantyglo and Blaina for Christmas.

Members discussed the lack of options and increase in pricing for selection boxes compared to recent years. Community Champion at Asda has said a donation may be possible however still awaiting a response. The smaller selection packs were more affordable but deemed insubstantial for a gift to children so the larger 125g selection box would be more suitable despite the higher price point. Recent investigation showed the prices of selections are approximately £2 - £2.50. The Town Clerk also highlighted the difficulty in making a payment for such a large amount, as most shops no longer accepted cheques nor a payment online.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to arrange purchasing the 125g Cadbury selection box at the best available price and availability and **Additionally Resolved** to check and arrange an appropriate method of payment.

5. Remembrance Day Parade – (for information)

Members were advised that the arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Parade to take place on Sunday, 9th November were:

2:15pm – Parade to meet at Garn Cross, Nantyglo

2:20pm – Parade to depart Garn Cross, Nantyglo

2:35pm – Arrive at War Memorial, Central Park, Surgery Road. Blaina

2:40pm – Service of Remembrance to commence

3:10pm – Parade to continue through High Street, Blaina

3:30pm – Refreshments available at the Constitutional Club, High Street, Blaina

Please note that all timings were approximate.

Resolved to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 19:35pm

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Personnel Committee held at 10.30am on Monday 10th November 2025 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

(Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) Resolved that the motion be supported.

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Leader, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presiding.
Councillors K Jones JP & D Hillman

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. **Resolved** to note that Mrs T Hughes (Town Clerk / RFO) declared a professional interest in item 4.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that no apologies were received.

2. Post of Assistant Officer – Review of Six Monthly Probation Period:

Members were invited to review the six monthly probationary period in respect of Mr Kevin Rowland, Assistant Officer and to consider if he was to be made permanent in this position.

The Town Clerk provided a detailed overview of Kevin's performance to date, which indicated that, whilst he was still learning the role without any prior experience, he was actively learning, understanding and performing the role of Assistant Officer. The Town Clerk informed that ongoing training was required (and planned) so that Kevin could perform the role further and that this would be ongoing. In response to queries, the Town Clerk informed that Kevin was certainly an asset to both her and the Town Council. At the present, as training had focused on meetings, minutes, agendas and other local government procedures, training had not started in respect of the council's financial systems and legislation although this was planned to start early in 2026.

Unanimously Resolved to recommend that Mr Kevin Rowland position as Assistant Officer be made permanent and **Further Resolved to recommend** that Kevin Rowland, as Assistant Officer be able to process payments on behalf of the Town Council in the event of an emergency.

3. Potential Code of Conduct Issues / Members Acting as Representatives of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council:

The Personnel Committee considered the ongoing issue of members representing and entering into discussions with other organisations on behalf of the Town Council.

The Committee understood that almost every town & community council experienced issues with members representing town/ community councils with other organisations and that, to some extent it was considered part of a local councillor's remit within the community.

The Committee, as part of ongoing training expectations, considered that sometimes there appeared to be a number of grey areas for members (particularly for newly appointed or inexperienced members) in undertaking their role as a local councillor and that at times, it could be easy to unwittingly act in contravention of the Code of Conduct and even, in some cases, unlawfully, in trying to do 'the right thing'. Careful and considered liaison (with Council's permission) with other individuals and /or organisations was essential to avoid any possible misrepresentations and misunderstandings.

The Committee agreed that all members would benefit from additional information in respect of this and that, as a minimum, all members be advised to seek advice from the Town Clerk in the first instance before engaging in any discussions etc... Taking into account the difficulty of this issue, it was agreed that any such incidents be addressed by the Leader of the Town Council and the Town Clerk as advice in the first instance.

Unanimously Resolved to recommend that the Leader of the Council and Town Clerk address and advise on any such concerns in the first instance.

The Town Clerk declared a professional interest in item 4 and left the chamber at this juncture.

4. Officer Working Practices and associated Health & Safety Issues:

The Committee discussed the agenda item.

The Town Clerk returned to the Chamber at this juncture.

At the Committee's request, the Town Clerk provided a copy of the Town Council's current Lone Working Policy.

The Leader of the Council updated the Town Clerk with a summary of the Committee's discussion which comprised of three main items:

- **Working from home:**

The Committee considered that it was beneficial to both Officers and the Town Council that Officers have the opportunity to work from one day a week, subject to an accepted working from home policy. The Town Clerk informed that the provision of being able to work from home one day per week would provide an advantage when undertaking

certain pieces of work e.g. minutes, accounts and production of reports. The practicalities of working from home was also considered.

Unanimously Resolved to recommend that the Town Clerk / RFO and Assistant Officer have the opportunity to work from home one agreed day per week subject to the provision and approval of an appropriate Working From Home Policy.

- **Lone working:**

The Committee discussed in detail the issues of lone working in the Council Offices by the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer. The Town Clerk informed that there had been a number of security / safety issues in the past, and a number of practical solutions were considered. A physical 'barrier' such as a walled partition with a 'hatch' at the entrance to the office was considered to be the most effective solution along with other practical and common sense precautions.

Unanimously Resolved to recommend that an updated Lone Working Policy be provided for consideration and **Further Resolved to recommend** that a physical barrier be investigated to provide security and safety for the Town Council offices.

- **Health and Safety Issues:**

The Committee informed that they had discussed the issues of Health and Safety relating to the Town Council and requested that an updated Health and Safety Policy be provided to the Council for consideration. The Town Clerk informed that a Risk Management Policy was updated and agreed by Council annually in February. This policy contains some health and safety information.

Unanimously Resolved to recommend that a Health and Safety Policy be provided to the Council for consideration.

- **Other Items – Town Clerk Appraisal:**

The Committee informed that they would make a recommendation that the Leader of the Council undertakes an annual appraisal of the Town Clerk.

Unanimously Resolved to recommend that the Town Clerk's/RFO annual appraisal be undertaken by the Leader of the Council.

Meeting declared closed at 12.10pm

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at 5:30pm on Tuesday 11th November 2025 the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

Present: Cllr K Jones JP, Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, L Higgins (Remote), C Hillman (Remote), L Harris,
D Hillman, D Wright, A Fryer, W Lewis, S Howlett, D Finch, M Evans &
L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mr Kevin Rowland, Assistant Officer
Mr C Adams & Mr A Pugh, Blaina Community Sports Club

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.

Resolved to note a nonpecuniary interest from both Cllr D Finch and Cllr D Wright for the item below.

To receive: Mr C Adams & Mr A Pugh, Blaina Community Sports Club.

To provide an update of information regarding the proposed Party in the Park 2026

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

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 allowed AND with permission of the Chair, a second question may be asked.
4. Members were reminded that there was to be no discussion or exchange of points of view between Members and that all dialogue was to be directed through the Chair.

C Adams and A Pugh informed the Town Council about Blaina Community Sports Club which looks to support the Rugby and Cricket teams that use Central Park, Cwmcelyn to play home games. The park was taken over on a ground asset transfer from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and Blaina Community Sports Club is a community-based organisation. In regard to the Party in the Park, they expect to have rides for children, stalls including local organisations and traders and a stage for performers. The event usually takes place on the Saturday closest to Whitsun, 12 midday until around 6-7pm and they had never thought to approach Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council before to seek assistance.

Questions were invited at this juncture.

Q. There were rumours that the event was to not take place next year, now confirmed it was to go ahead. Where do the profits from events such as Party in the Park go?

A. Blaina Community Sports Club was a Limited Company by Guarantee, everything was invested back into the sports club. The sports club had outgrown the building and was looking to extend due to current attendance levels. The success of the teams that play at Central Park help attendance levels stay high.

Q. response – Caution needed by Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council as it was public money.

Q. In regard to profits, is any or all of this donated to the rugby and cricket teams?

A. Still a new business so profits are minimal, but we do cover our costs.

Q. How were the fairground rides funded and their costs?

A. Previously in two different ways but last year let down by supplier. Have paid a flat fee for the rides and then charged visitors for a wristband with which to use the rides. Due to last year the supplier ran the costs themselves, which came with less risk if low visitor count, bad weather etc.

Q. How was this paid?

A. In previous years the fairground rides were £400 approximately per ride and they had health and safety, stewarding etc.

Q. response – Limits and conditions on Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council as to how grants can be given.

Q. Could the attraction providers pay you e.g. £200 to host the rides and then charge appropriately?

A. Company was unwilling to take that financial risk.

Q. Was there a record of footfall during the event?

A. As we did not ticket the event, we do not. We estimated approximately 1000 people. Charging on the gate may deter families in the local area from coming.

Q. Had you had any contact with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and/or the Town Centre Manager?

A. Yes, have collaborated during previous Xmas events but no funding to do so this year. No funding provided by BGCBC or TCM on fundays or previous Party in the Park events.

Q. How did you publicise and advertise the event?

A. Mainly online through social media and word of mouth.

Q. How was ground maintenance achieved?

A. Blaenau Gwent CBC could no longer support the grounds so when we had the 25 year lease, we now pay Blaenau Gwent CBC to maintain the grounds as they have specialist equipment.

Q. Was continuation funding available for Blaina Community Sports Club?

A. Not that we are aware of but will definitely check.

Q. Do you consist of two clubs?

A. One club - the rugby club and the cricket club were one entity. Rugby club may be limited by share. The cricket club was governed by a sporting body. Both clubs get some sporting grants, some occasions whereby BCSC apply for funding but sometimes for rugby or cricket depending on criteria.

Q. Do either sports sides have youth teams?

A. The rugby team had previously but not recently. The cricket team currently had 3 sides during the summer as well as 2 youth teams.

Q. If there was an opportunity for help from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council, what would you be looking for?

A. Any help towards costs would be a huge help, stage for live music etc the event takes a lot of time and hard work to get in place. Money was made on the day, but it required a lot of effort.

Q. Did the club have any links with other organisations such as Aneurin Leisure Trust?

A. No, but will contact as it could help with other issues such as fencing around grounds.

The Chair summarised the information received - Blaina Community Sports Club were looking for financial and practical assistance from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council to help facilitate an event for the local community during the summer of 2026. The Chair emphasised that, due to the financial legislation the Town Council was required to comply with, the Town Council could not help fund the club itself.

The Chair thanked Mr Chris Adams and Mr Andrew Pugh for attending the meeting.

Chris Adams and Andrew Pugh left the meeting at this juncture.

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.

Resolved to note no apologies were received.

2. Questions from the public:

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

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

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.

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

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:

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

Of note, change of planning details regarding site in Nantyglo involving Burger King had not been received by Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

Resolved to check for a response.

5. Blaina Town Centre – Tidy Towns Funding:

Members were advised that Karen Williams (Town Centre Manager, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council) had informed that Blaina Town Centre has undergone a clean-up which has been funded by Tidy Towns Funding. Members were advised that the funding criteria meant that only the designated town centres within Blaenau Gwent were eligible.

Members were requested should any part of Blaina Town Centre require such help, to inform the Town Centre Manager. A number of Members provided the following information:

- hedges and trees near a pathway had been cut back considerably.
- It was queried if this included the area by The Cwtch Community Centre, which it was.
- Blaenau Gwent CBC would not clear up the area around Roundhouse Close in Nantyglo as the locations were owned/run by Tai Calon.
- Barriers circling the roundabout in Blaina required repainting, but it was noted that this work was in progress.

Resolved to note the information received.

6. Area of Land around the Memorial Garden adjacent to High Street, Blaina:

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update.

Town Clerk informed members that a recent phone call with Alun Williams of Blaenau Gwent CBC informed that the steps in the area would remain the liability of Blaenau Gwent CBC and that Blaenau Gwent CBC would provide initial maintenance to the area before transferring the land to Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council (if this was to be agreed).

Members noted that a written response was needed.

Resolved to note the information received, **Further Resolved** to request a written response and **Further Resolved** to re-agenda the item at a future meeting.

7. Licence Applications:

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

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

Meeting declared closed at 6:14pm

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

Mrs T Hughes - Town Clerk/RFO

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at 6:15pm on Tuesday 11th November 2025 the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

Present: Cllr D Hillman, Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, L Higgins (Remote), C Hillman (remote), L Harris,
K Jones JP, D Wright, A Fryer, W Lewis, S Howlett, D Finch, M Evans & L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mr Kevin 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 must be recorded in the book provided.

Resolved to note Cllr D Finch declared an interest in item 3 a) and **Further Resolved** that Cllr D Finch remain in the meeting for the item.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that no apologies were 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 no members of the public or press were in attendance. **Further Resolved** to note that no questions had been received.

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) Men's Den (for information):

Poster informing of event in respect of International Men's Day on 19th November 2025.

Members were informed that the information had been shared on Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council's Facebook page and website. There was a query from a member

regarding funding for Men's Den to plant flowers around the park. Cllr D Finch was unable to answer but would look into it. All were welcome to attend the event.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) One Voice Wales (for information & consideration):

Welsh Government: Consultation on the changes to local government elections rules in Wales.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Andrew Parker, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for information):

Email informing of new arrangement for Town & Community Council's with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council from 3rd November 2025.

Members asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to Andrew Parker. Town Clerk informed members this had already been completed. Members noted that David Leech should be invited to Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council to introduce himself and address the Town Council.

Resolved to note the information received and Further Resolved to invite David Leech to a future meeting of Nantyglo and Blaina Town 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 months of November 2025.

Resolved that a financial donation of £200.00 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist Nantyglo & Blaina residents for the month of November 2025.

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

a) *None received to date.*

Resolved accordingly.

6. **Salem Chapel:**

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection reports:

- October 2025.
Comments and queries were invited.

Town Clerk informed members that there was a change to the floor inside the rear entrance to the building. The rot had increased, spread and the floor was now dangerous to walk on in places. Members were informed that, due to Health and Safety requirements, authorised personnel would only enter the building if Russel Dunham (contractor) was present.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that the report be approved.

7. Confidential Information:

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

a) Precept, Income and Expenditure Report:

Members were invited to consider, and if appropriate approve the Precept, Income and Expenditure Report for:

- October 2025 – comments and/or queries were invited:
- It was noted that the expenditure was currently as forecast.

Resolved that the report be approved.

b) Transfer between Town Council bank accounts:

The Town Clerk/RFO informed that as a result of the Town Council's internal checks and controls, an amount of £10,000 was transferred from the 'deposit account' to the 'current account' to ensure that there was an appropriate balance of funds to ensure that the account did not fall into a negative balance. Members were additionally informed that the monthly standing order of £5,000 from the 'deposit account' to the 'current account' needs to be increased to £10,000 per month due to expenditure. Whilst Lloyds Bank has been contacted to arrange this, this can now only be altered online, and the online functions have not allowed this. The RFO informed that Lloyds Bank were trying to amend the functions so this can be altered.

Members were politely requested to ratify the transfer of £10,000 from the 'deposit account' to the 'current account' and to resolve that the monthly standing order transfer between the two same accounts be increased to £10,000.

Resolved that the information be received and **Further Resolved** to ratify the transfer of £10,000 from the 'deposit account' to the 'current account' and **Further Resolved** that the standing order be increased from £5,000 to £10,000 a month.

c) Salem Chapel:

Email re: auction fees & the Town Clerk provided a verbal update.

The Town Clerk / RFO informed that whilst the legal costs would be covered by the buyer as previously agreed, there were a few smaller scale costs that were payable by the Town Council (as detailed on the email). Auction House Wales had been instructed for Salem Chapel to go for auction on the 10th December 2025. The Auctioneer had been to the Chapel and taken photographs, informing that the December auctions were usually quite effective for selling buildings of this type due to purchasers having budget to spend before the end of the financial year and targets to meet. Members had shown support of these actions through email.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to support actions taken.

Meeting declared closed at 6:30pm

BLAINA COMMUNITY INSTITUTE LTD
High Street, Blaina NP13 3BN
Tel. No. 07494733523
Email: blainacommunity@outlook.com

12th November 2025

Dear Madam

AFFIXING OF SIGN – SOUTH WALL OF THE INSTITUTE BUILDING

Further to my letter dated 19th June 2025 regarding the sign which has been affixed to the south wall of the building.

I would be grateful if you could now provide an update in relation to the removal and re-siting of the sign. As stated previously please could you liaise with B.C.I.L. when the sign is re-sited.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter

Yours faithfully

J E Jefferies

J E Jefferies – Admin

On behalf of Blaina Community Institute Ltd.

Mrs. Tracey Hughes

Clerk,

Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council

High Street

BLAINA. NP13 3BN

NANTYGLO - BLAINA

TOWN COUNCIL

FREE COUNCILLOR TRAINING

From Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

Date Thu 13-Nov-25 10:45 AM

To Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

Cc Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

 1 attachment (22 KB)

Additonal Free Places Form 2025-2026.docx;

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the Welsh Government has agreed that they will provide additional funded free places on our six core modules as well as two free places on a selected number of additional modules. The attached application form for free places provides an explanation as to what is now on offer.

We would encourage you to take advantage of this offer of funded places that is available up to 31 March 2026 and we look forward to training many more councillors over the remaining months of the financial year."

Regards,

Wendi Patience

Swyddog Gweinyddol / Administration Officer

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Mae'r e-bost hwn at ddefnydd y sawl y'i bwriedid ar ei gyfer yn unig ac mae'n cynnwys gwybodaeth all fod yn freintiedig a/neu'n gyfrinachol. Os na fwriedid ichi dderbyn yr e-bost, dylech roi gwybod i'r sawl a'i danfonodd trwy ddanfôn e-bost yn ôl a dileu'r e-bost hwn ac unrhyw atodiadau.

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ONE VOICE WALES

APPLICATION FOR FREE WEBINAR TRAINING PLACES

Name of Council.....

E-Mail address of the Clerk: _____

My Council would like to apply to have free training places as are now permitted on each of the courses listed below:

Training Webinar	Number of Places (Up to a maximum of <u>4</u> places on each of the six core modules listed below)
Council as an Employer - Module 3	
Understanding Local Government Finance (Basic) – Module 6	
Understanding Local Government Finance (Advanced) – Module 21	
Understanding the Law – Module 4	
Code of Conduct – Module 9	
Finance and Governance Toolkit – Module 24	
Additional Training Webinars	Number of Places (Up to a maximum of <u>2</u> places on each of the following modules)
Health & Safety – Module 7	
Chairing Skills – Module 10	
Biodiversity Part 1 – Module 25	
Biodiversity Part 2 – Module 26	

Please state the name and e-mail address of the Councillor(s).

Name	Position on Council	E-Mail Address
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Please return the completed form to Wendi Patience when you book your Councillors on the free webinars that you are eligible for.



One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting - 21/01/26

From Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

Date Mon 17-Nov-25 12:45 PM

To Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

📎 3 attachments (235 KB)

Agenda AGM 2026-01-21.docx; Constitution 2025.docx; Final Motions 2025 AGM.docx;

Dear Clerk,

Please find attached the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales that will be held remotely on Wednesday 21 January 2025 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. The timing of the meeting has been set to ensure that any councillors who have daytime work commitments or responsibility for collecting children from school have the opportunity of representing their council.

The attached notice of the meeting including the agenda explains what will be considered at the meeting and asks Clerks to arrange for one councillor to represent their council at the meeting as well as requesting details of a substitute councillor who may only attend if the nominated councillor is unable to attend.

You should note that only one councillor from each member council may attend.

Also attached to this email are the schedule of motions to be considered and voted upon at the meeting.

As Clerk to the Council, you are asked to undertake the following important actions:

- a. Please bring this matter to the attention of your council at the earliest opportunity.
- b. Invite the council to nominate a councillor to attend the Annual General Meeting as well as a substitute member who may only attend if the nominated representative is unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.
- c. Ask your council to consider the motions for debate and provide the nominated councillor with a mandate for them to vote on the motions.
- d. Please make sure that you email Tracy Gilmartin by the stated deadline of the names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of both the council's representative as well as the substitute representative.
- e. If you do not have a council meeting when these matters can be considered, please liaise with the Chair/Mayor to determine who will represent the council.

Closer to the date your nominated rep will be sent the link to the virtual meeting, a copy of the Agenda and also any relevant papers for the meeting. We have however attached at this early stage the Agenda, proposed revised constitution as well as the list of motions to be voted on.

Regards/Cofion
Lyn Cadwallader
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To all member Councils

One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting

I write to confirm that the next Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales will be held as follows:

Wednesday 21 January 2026

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. To be held on a remote basis using Zoom Software.

Dear Chair/Clerk

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on a remote basis on 21 January 2026.

All member Councils are invited to nominate one Councillor (plus a substitute) to attend to engage in debating and deciding upon a range of important matters which will include proposed changes to the constitution of the organisation.

The constitution was originally approved in 2008 and over time it is clear that the governing document would benefit from important changes that would enhance the current overarching governance structure. It is essential that we have a high attendance at the meeting as the current constitution states that:

In the event of a decision having been taken by the Annual General Meeting to change the legal status of the organisation it shall only be undertaken by a majority decision of a meeting attended by a minimum of 20% of the membership.

It therefore requires a minimum of around 140 councils represented at the AGM for the constitution to be amended by a majority vote. We are of course hopeful that we will have many more councils represented at the AGM.

Attendance

Please notify us of the name of the Councillor who will be representing your Council as well as any substitute Councillor, their email addresses and telephone numbers. Please send these details to Tracy Gilmartin tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales as soon as the Council has decided on nominations preferably by 18 December 2025 but no later than 9 January 2026. This will allow time to send papers to those representatives well in advance of the AGM. Please note that only one Councillor may attend the AGM as there is one vote available for each Council.

There is no fee to attend the AGM.

Recording

Please use your full name with the name of your Council when joining the remote meeting as this will lead to a more accurate record of attendance. The meeting will also be recorded.

Voting

Voting on all matters will be managed through the online poll system available on the Zoom platform and detailed instructions as to how this can be used by Councillors in attendance will be provided direct to your Council's nominated representative.

I trust that you will appreciate the importance of having a high level of attendance at the AGM and we look forward to welcoming your representative.

Agenda

1. To elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of One Voice Wales.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Declarations of personal interests.
4. To consider the following Motion from **One Voice Wales National Executive Committee**

To consider the attached constitution for One Voice Wales.

- i. The key impact of the new arrangements is to agree that a quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 10% of the representatives of member Councils eligible to attend. In the case of a motion to dissolve the organisation placed before the Annual General Meeting the quorum shall be 15% of the representatives of the member Councils eligible to attend. Any changes to the Constitution would need to be approved at an Annual/Special General Meeting by a majority of member Councils present. Other minor changes will improve the governance arrangements of One Voice Wales.
- ii. Other improvements to the governance framework will be introduced once the new arrangements are in place.

To take any questions on the new constitution

To vote on the proposed new constitution.

5. To receive the Chair's oral report for 2024/25.
6. To receive the Chief Executive's report for 2024/25
7. To receive the audited accounts for 2024/25.
8. To confirm the appointment of Bevan Buckland as Auditors.
9. To consider the attached additional motions received for consideration.

Lyn Cadwallader
Chief Executive

One Voice Wales AGM Motions 2025

1. Penarth Town Council

"This AGM instructs OVW/NEC to engage with Welsh Government to make Community and Town Councils statutory consultees in collaborative arrangements for considering future bus provision in their area."

2. Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council

"This conference instructs One Voice Wales to investigate the provision of professional legal advice on Welsh law to Councils and report back to the membership."

3. Gelligaer Community Council

"This AGM calls upon One Voice Wales to formally encourage local councils to advocate for the Welsh Government to seek full devolvement of the Crown Estate to Wales."

4. Arfon Dwyfor Area Committee

"The AGM calls upon One Voice Wales to investigate how specific assets transfer officer can be funded for the sector."

5. Chepstow Town Council

"Chepstow Town Council calls upon One Voice Wales to lobby the Welsh Government to consider increasing and extending the financial threshold for free school meals in Wales to secondary school children in line with other devolved governments in the United Kingdom."

6. One Voice Wales National Executive Committee

To confirm an increase in membership fees for 2026/27 by up to 4%.

24m no. 9d

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Our Ref./Ein Cyf.

AJW

Your Ref./Eich Cyf.



Contact:/Cysylltwch â: Audra Williams

13 November 2025

Dear Tracy

Notice of Vacancy – Blaina Ward
Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council

I have not received a request for an election for the vacancy in the Blaina Ward of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council notice published 22 October 2025 and therefore the vacancy can be filled by co-option in accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 2006

Yours sincerely

NANTYGLO & BLAINA
TOWN COUNCIL

For Andrea Jones
Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance and
Returning Officer

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OWN COUNCIL



High Sheriff of Gwent 2025-2026

11 November 25

Dear Glyn,

A short note to Thank you
and all those involved in Sunday's
Service. I felt very privileged to
march at the head of the Cadets

A unique experience for me. The
Cadets were in fine form, ignoring the
Weather and Marched! Than I
expected!

If they continue in this vein they
will make fine citizens. The young folk
receiving the lessons did so well, a
real credit to their teachers and
parents!

Please pass on my thanks for
a most-memorable day, and also
please pass on additional thanks to
the "Taxi" service - outstanding! -
and Tracy for organizing me - Perfect!
All best wishes

Ralph

Ralph Griffin