

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

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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 24th June 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 24th June 2025 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Town Clerk

Please note the change of time

AGENDA

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

To receive: PC G Davies– Brynmawr Neighbourhood Policing Team.

To provide a local update.

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

1. Members to receive the presentation.
2. Questions 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 is to be no discussion or exchange of points of view between Members and that all dialogue is 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 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 Meeting of the Town Council held 29th April 2025 (pages 164 – 170)

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 Meeting held 29th April 2025 (pages 171 - 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 Meeting held 13th May 2025 (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 Meeting held 13th May 2025 (pages 176 - 179)

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 the Council held 27th May 2025 (pages 1 - 5)

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 Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held 10th June 2025 (pages 6 - 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 Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held 10th June 2025 (pages 9 - 13)

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. 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) One Voice Wales – (for information/consideration – copy attached):

Remote training dates available between June – September 2025.

- b) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – (for information/consideration – copies attached):

Lack of a cash point in Blaina due to Co-op closing for 5-6 weeks and Post Office closing for a short time and the subsequent response from Blaenau Gwent Councillor Lisa Winnett.

- c) Cllr L Winnett – (for information – copies attached):

Email querying rumour regarding the 'knocking down' of Salem Chapel and the Town Clerk's response.

12. Town Councils Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

Members are informed that the forthcoming Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC will take place on Tuesday 15th July 2025, 2.00pm to 3.30pm. A pre-meeting has been arranged for 1.30pm to 2pm just prior to the Liaison Meeting. The meeting will take place via MS Teams (agenda to follow).

12. Councillor Photos:

Members are invited to consider photographs of the councillors being uploaded to the website in line with many other Town Council websites.

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.

None received to date.

14. Members Updates:

Members are invited to provide any relevant updates and / or information:

Item 4

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Town Council held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 29th April 2025 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, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, D Hillman, C Hillman (remote), K Jones JP, L Harris, L Higgins, L Emanuel & D Wright

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillor D Wright to his first meeting and congratulated him on his successful co-option. The Town Mayor presented Councillor D Wright with the Town Council tie. **Resolved** accordingly.

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 no such declarations were received.

1. Apologies:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that whilst no apologies were received, Cllr D Hillman informed that Cllr C Hillman would attend the meeting remotely.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for April 2025.

The Town Mayor informed that the Hospice of the Valleys Charity shop had been burgled, and raffle prizes stolen. As the Town Mayor's appeal was in aid of Hospice of the Valley's, he had replaced the raffle prizes utilising the Mayoral expenditure budget. The Town Mayor also thanked the Post Office for displaying the replaced raffle prizes safely behind the glass screen.

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 such questions were received.

Cllr C Hillman joined the meeting remotely at this juncture.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 25th March 2025 (pages 147 – 150)

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 148 (4a) – In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that erection the Town Council sign had been requested and promised. It was noted that Mr R Dunham (contractor) was currently erecting the Town Council's bunting and flags in respect of VE Day.

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

5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 25th March 2025 (pages 151 - 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:

Page 152 (4) – it was noted that whilst the open/advice days were well attended by organisations, they were poorly attended by the public for whose benefit they were arranged for.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held 8th April 2025 (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:

Unanimously Ratified the resolutions and **Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

7. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 8th April 2025 (pages 155 - 156)

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 & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 8th April 2025 (pages 157 - 161)

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 158 (3b) – add 'duties and functions incorporated and fulfilled by the Boundary Commission'.

Page 159 (5) – it was noted that Cllrs K Jones JO, G Morvan and M Williams were school governors for the purposes of declaration of interests. It was advised that there was no personal or pecuniary interest and that each school had received the same financial amount as per the resolution.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

9. Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held 15th April 2025 (pages 162 - 163)

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:

The Leader of the Council informed that Mr Kevin Rowlands was interviewed for the position of Assistant Officer and the Personnel Committee were impressed by his interview. All Members of the Personnel Committee were in agreement that he be offered the position of Assistant Officer subject to a six month probation period (as detailed on the job advert) and would start his employment with the Town Council on Tuesday 6th May 2025.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and **Unanimously Ratified** that Mr Kevin Rowland be appointed as Assistant Officer.

10. Correspondence:

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

a) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – (For information/consideration):

- i) Email informing of Town & Community Council Liaison Meeting at 1.30pm on Thursday 15th May 2025 at the General Offices, Ebbw Vale. Please note that a pre-meeting will take place at 1pm.

It was agreed that Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman, M Williams and G Morvan attend the meeting (the Town Clerk was unable to attend).

Resolved to note the information received.

b) One Voice Wales – (for information and consideration):

- i. The Town Council has been shortlisted for an award which will be presented at the Annual Conference on 30th April 2025 which will take place at Llanelwedd, near Builth Wells.

It was confirmed that the cost per delegate was £65 and Cllr G Morvan (Leader of the Council and representative to One Voice Wales) was nominated to attend on behalf of the Town Council.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that Cllr G Morvan attend the conference on behalf of the Town Council.

ii. Motions for the Annual General Meeting 2025.

Resolved to note the information received.

iii. E-Bulletin (issue no.1)

Resolved to note the information received.

iv. Joint OVW / SLCC event on Ethical Frameworks in England & Wales on 14th May 2025.

In response to a query, it was confirmed that the cost to attend was £65 per delegate, and it was agreed that this was expensive for member councils (who already paid a membership fee) to pay to attend an event held online.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence with permission of the Chair:

c) Tredegear Town Council:

Email invitation to all Members to attend the VE Day Celebration of Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace at 9.30pm on Thursday 8th May 2025 at the Aneurin Bevan Stones, Bryn Serth, Tredegear.

Resolved to note the information received.

11. **Mayoral Chain:**

Members were informed that a repair is required to the Mayoral Chain (one of the clips had broken). Members were invited to consider the quotation(s) received and advise.

The Town Clerk informed that another two quotations had been requested but not received to date and that due to the amount in question, providing that three quotations had been sought, the Town Council's financial regulations had been adhered to.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that she would check the insurance details but thought that an excess of £100 (more than the cost of the repair quotation) would be payable.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that the Mayoral Chain be repaired.

12. **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.

13. Internal & External Audits for 2024/25:

a) Report of the Internal Auditor for 2024/25:

Members were invited to consider the report submitted by Mr John Henry of JDH Business Services Ltd, Internal Auditor to the Council following the internal audit of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council for the year end 31st March 2025.

The Town Clerk / RFO explained that recommendation no.1 was that the minutes of the precept setting were required to be in the public domain and that whilst the Town Council had always minuted this item in confidential information, it was only now referred to and highlighted as a recommendation by the Internal Auditor. The fidelity insurance (recommendation no. 2) had been discussed and actioned as a result of the 2022/23 internal audit. The Town Clerk / RFO explained that whilst the level of fidelity insurance was carefully considered, this was set annually in May each year and many things could affect the level of cash and bank balances by the following April. The recommended actions would be reported to Council for consideration and resolution at a future meeting as required.

The Town Clerk informed that all other recommendation had been implemented in previous years and were for information only.

Unanimously Resolved that the report of the Internal Auditor to the Town Council for the year end 31st March 2025 be accepted.

b) Statutory Review of Internal Audit:

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

Members considered the report, and the following comments were made:

- The approach by the current Internal Auditor differed to the previous Internal Auditor.
- The Internal Auditor was appropriately qualified, experienced in local council audits and independent of the Town Council.
- The Town Clerk / RFO informed that the approach of the Internal Auditor was consistent with the sector and that it was appropriate and fit for purpose.
- The Town Clerk / RFO informed that it had been very difficult to obtain a suitable and appropriately qualified Internal Auditor.
- In response to a query, the Town Clerk / RFO concluded that she was happy with the service provided and overall performance of the Internal Audit system.

All Members of the Town Council concluded that the Internal Auditor and Internal Audit system for the financial year 2024/25 in respect of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council was adequate, appropriate and fit for purpose and also agreed that JDH Business Services Ltd be re-appointed as Internal Auditor for Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council for the next financial year i.e. 2025/26.

Unanimously Resolved that the statutory review of the Internal Audit System for 2024/25 be accepted and **Further Resolved** that JDH Business Services Ltd be re-appointed as Internal Auditor to Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council.

c) Audit Wales (External Auditors) annual Return for 2024/25:

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

Comments and queries were invited for each report:

i. Cash Book Analysis 2024/25:

No comments or queries were received.

Unanimously Resolved that the report be approved.

ii. Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025:

No comments or queries were received.

Unanimously Resolved that the report be approved.

iii. Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2025:

No comments or queries were received.

Unanimously Resolved that the report be approved.

iv. Actual Against Budget Expenditure 2024/25:

In response to a query, the Town Clerk / RFO informed that this question had been asked and answered at April's Finance & General Purposes Finance Committee Meeting. The Town Clerk / RFO informed that the figures in the first column was the estimated expenditure for each budget for 2024/25, the figures in the second column was the actual expenditure for each budget for 2024/25 and the figures in the last column was the actual expenditure for each budget for 2023/24 for comparison.

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

v. Annual Return 2024/25 – Members were 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.

Council considered each of the statements on the second page (Annual Governance Statement) and agreed with each statement although an explanation in respect of statement 6 would be entered on page 3, together with an explanation for statement 10 (the Town Council could not adopt the General Power of Competence due to less than two thirds of councillors being elected).

The Town Clerk / RFO highlighted the disclosed expenditure in respect of s.137 payments on page 3.

The Town Mayor/Chair of the Council and Town Clerk / RFO then signed the original Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2025 as required.

Unanimously Resolved that the report be approved and **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk / RFO and Town Mayor / Chair of the Council sign the Annual Return as required by Audit Wales and **Additionally Resolved** that the Annual Governance Statement be completed as detailed above.

13. **Members Updates:**

Members were invited to provide any relevant updates and / or information:

a) Meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils held 16th April 2025:

Cllr D Hillman informed that the following issues were agreed by the JCLC for submission to the agenda in respect of the Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council on 15th May 2025: potholes and road repairs, Charter and the issues of communication and its implementation, a request for an update on issues relating to travellers throughout Blaenau Gwent, Town Centre events and if these contributed to the regeneration of town centres and an update on the possible change of 20mph speed limits.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Salem Chapel:

Cllr D Hillman informed that he had received an update from the 'contents' auctioneer that he would contact the Town Council week commencing 12th May 2025.

The Town Clerk informed that Mr R Dunham had confirmed that the 2 nos. guns on the 2023 inventory were part of the exhibition items and that they had been relocated to Newport with the other exhibition items.

Resolved to note the information received

Meeting declared closed at 7.05pm

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Events Committee held at 7.05pm on Tuesday
29th April 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 Harris, Chair of the Events Committee, presiding
Councillors M Williams, G Morvan, D Hillman, C Hillman (remote),
K Jones JP, L Higgins, L Emanuel & D Wright.

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. Please note that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

1. Apologies:

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. Questions from the public:

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

Resolved to note that no such questions were received nor were any members of the public or press in attendance.

3. 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) Richard Hancocks – Blaina Branch, Royal British Legion (for information):

Copy of poster in respect of VE Day Commemoration Service on Thursday 8th May at 11am.

Members were informed that posters had been distributed throughout the community and appropriate flags and bunting had been purchased and would be erected throughout Nantyglo & Blaina and that light refreshments would be provided at the Council Chamber after the commemorative service

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for information & consideration):

Invitation to join in with Blaenau Gwent CBC's first ever Pride Event on 24th May 2025 at Bedwellty Park, Tredegar.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. Pride – 24th May 2025:

Members were invited to consider displaying the Pride Flag for the annual Pride Event which was to take place on Saturday 24th May 2025.

The Town Clerk informed that the Pride Flag was purchased and displayed on Blaina Institute in 2024.

Resolved that the Pride Flag be displayed on Blaina Institute for Pride 2025.

5. Purchase of additional large planters for display throughout Nantyglo & Blaina:

Members were invited to consider the purchase of additional large planters (as previously purchased) to display at locations throughout Nantyglo & Blaina.

Cllr D Hillman proposed that 3 additional large planters be purchased, and the metal signs (already purchased) be attached and located at the roundabout at the entrance to Blaina, near to the Rising Sun Industrial Estate and at Cwmcelyn Park but queried if there were any other suitable locations.

The Town Clerk informed that 3 quotations had already been obtained with the quotation from Gordon Ellis Ltd (same planters from same supplier previously purchased) being £194.38 each and £50 for delivery + VAT which appeared to be the most suitable and cost effective purchase.

Resolved to purchase 3 planters from Gordon Ellis Ltd (as before) but to query if each planter could be delivered at 3 different locations (as detailed), **Further Resolved** that a planter be sited at each location as detailed and **Additionally Resolved** that the purchase of associated compost and plants etc for the three planters be considered at the next Events Committee meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 7.25pm

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Highways and Planning Committee held on Tuesday
13th May 2025 at 6pm at Town Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.**

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

Present: Cllr G Morvan, acting Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, presiding
Councillors, M Williams, C Hillman (Remote), L Higgins, L Harris, L Emanuel
& D Hillman

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the start of the meeting it was **Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that Cllr G Morvan chair the meeting in the absence of Cllr K Jones JP, Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee. Prior to the start of the meeting, the chair was informed of the procedures to be taken in event of an emergency. **Resolved** to note information recorded.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were in attendance. **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. Members were reminded that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no declarations were received.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillors K Jones JP & D Wright and Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer. **Further 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 there was a 10-minute allocation time for any questions from the public. **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 might be received prior to the date of the meeting.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

a) Mrs T Marshman (for information & consideration):

Email informing of dangerous vehicular activity near to Ysgol Bro Helyg, Blaina. The email had already been sent to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. The Town Clerk informed that she had replied to Mrs Marshman in the first instance to explain that as the Highways Authority, Blaenau Gwent CBC were responsible for vehicle enforcement on the highway, but that Council would consider her email at the meeting.

Members considered the email, and the following comments were made:

- This issue did not fall within the Town Councils remit.
- Members fully supported the complainant with the issues stated.
- Two Members agreed that the issues stated were a public danger.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to send letter of support regarding the complaint to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

b) Ms M Davies (for information & consideration):

Email requesting support against Bannau Brycheiniog's recent planning approval concerning the Hafod Mountain Road.

It was noted that Hafod Road was in the Brynmawr area and not within the Nantyglo & Blaina area, It was unknown if complainant had contacted Brynmawr Town Council regarding the issue.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to send correspondence to complainant explaining area was not in the Nantyglo and Blaina location.

4. **Planning Applications:**

Members were invited to consider the listed planning applications and with the Chair's permission, any additional planning applications that might be received prior to the meeting:

a) Plan Application No.P/2025/0102 – Co-operative Group Ltd, 53 High Street, Blaina, NP13 3XB:

New plant in rear yard within 2.4m high palisade fence. Replace entire shop front with new. New section of shop front in lobby with brick stall riser to match existing. New roller shutter to replace existing. Installation of new ventilation in external walls. New external LED lighting to replace existing. New bollard to shop front to match existing. Remove roller shutter and install new double security goods in doors with secure infill panels on rear elevation.

Members considered the application, and the following comments were made:

most works appeared to be internal.
the photo of the site was not recent as it did not include the planter.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

b) Plan Application No. P/2025/0120 – 18 Limestone Road, Nantyglo, NP23 4ND:

Proposed single storey extension to front of dwelling.

It was commented that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council did not approve front/road facing extensions

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

Additional Planning Application with permission of the Chair:

Resolved to note Cllr M Williams issued Declaration of Interest in item 4C, **Further Resolved** to not take part in discussion or vote.

c) Plan Application No. P/2025/0139 – 19 Tanglewood Drive, Blaina, NP13 3JB:

Single story extension at rear of dwelling.

Copy of the application was provided to all members.

Resolved no representations or objections be made.

5. Licence Applications:

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

- Name & Address of Applicant:
TJ Morris, Axis Business Park, Portal Way, Gillmoss, Liverpool, L11 0JA

Details of Application:

Application to vary the designated supervisor (DPS) to Daniel Kevin Thomas (Licensing Act 2003)

Premises Name & Address:

Home Bargains, Unit 3, Brynmawr, Retail Park, Blaina Road, Brynmawr.

Resolved to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 6.28pm

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held
6:30pm on Tuesday 13th May 2025 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
Cllr G Morvan, Cllr M Williams, Cllr C Hillman (remote), Cllr L Higgins, Cllr L Harris,
& Cllr L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were in attendance. **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. Members were reminded that all declarations must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no declarations were received.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Cllr K Jones JP, Cllr D Wright and Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer. **Resolved** that the apologies were 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 such questions were received.

3. Correspondence:

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

a) Blaenau Gwent Foodbank (for information):

Email informing of thanks in respect of £200 donation made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank in April 2025.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for information & consideration):

Email informing of two elected member training opportunities relating to weather risks and community response to climate change. This information had already been emailed to Members for information.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. **Town Mayor's Appeal – Bank Account:**

The Town Clerk / RFO to provide a verbal update.

The Town Clerk informed that investigations into a suitable bank account for the Town Mayor's Appeal had resulted in learning that there were NO free bank accounts available. In order to receive a 'free' bank account, the charity would need to be registered with the Charity Commission, which would trigger a large number of administrative requirements. One Voice Wales had been contacted for advice with this matter.

Members considered the information received and supported the Town Clerk / RFO with the information provided. It was requested if it was possible to obtain an exemption certificate regarding registration with the Charity Commission.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk / RFO continue to investigate.

5. **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 May 2025.

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

6. **Town Council Insurance:**

Members were invited to consider the information in respect of the Town Council insurance which requires renewal on 1st June 2025:

- Aviva via broker James Hallam Ltd (current provider & broker) - £5,668.74

Members are additionally informed that many insurance companies would not provide insurance or a quotation in respect of an unoccupied listed building, hence it was much more efficient to obtain a quotation and correct level of cover via a broker who could contact a number of specialist insurance companies for a quotation.

The Chair queried GPA/Sickness/Business travel & the Town Clerk / RFO explained that this was to cover for staff and members whilst on business and that the previous Internal Auditor to the Town Council advised that this was recommended.

Additional information received regarding the insurance proposal with permission of the Chair:

Members were also informed of an additional premium payable in respect of Cyber Insurance. The Town Clerk / RFO informed that the Town Council's IT provider (Orbits IT) already ensured the security and backup of the IT system. A Member agreed that such cover would benefit the retail sector and larger scale businesses etc. but that the Town Council's IT equipment and system was already secured and backed up by the Town Council's IT provider. All Members agreed that Cyber insurance was not required.

Resolved to note the information received, **Further Resolved** to renew insurance as stated and **Additionally Resolved** not to purchase cyber insurance.

7. Millenium Wall at Nantyglo:

Members were informed that a repair was necessary to maintain the Town Council's 'Millenium Wall' which was located at the front of Nantyglo Community Centre (opposite Wesley Church). Three of the information plaques had come away from the wall due to the wood surround having rotted. Members were requested to consider Mr R Dunham to repair as necessary.

The Town Clerk explained that a phone call from Mr Lyndon Moore (who lived very near to the wall) informed of damage and that he had retained the three plaques for safe keeping. The Town Clerk also informed that to date, Mr Russell Dunham (contractor) had not been approached about the remedial work, and that it was unknown how much it would cost to repair.

Members considered the information and agreed that the Millenium Wall was owned by and was the responsibility of the Town Council and would need to be repaired.

Resolved that information has been received and **Further Resolved** that Mr Russell Dunham (contractor) to carry out the work up to a maximum cost of £500.

8. 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 might be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members were also reminded that applications would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) Marie Curie:

Members noted that the Charity worked within the Nantyglo & Blaina area.

Resolved that a donation of £100 be made.

b) Llys y Capel Social Club:

Members noted that the application highlighted many positive benefits for residents of Nantyglo & Blaina.

Resolved that a donation of £100 be made.

9. Salem Chapel:

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- April 2025:

In response to a query received, the Town Clerk informed that, to her untrained eye, whilst the physical condition of the building continued to deteriorate, there did not appear to be any additional issues.

In response to a Member's query, the Chair informed that the auctioneer would attend the Chapel on Thursday 15th May 2025. It was confirmed that as the Town Clerk was not in the office on that date, Councillors D Hillman & G Morvan would be in attendance with the Assistant Officer and Mr R Dunham (member of the Nantyglo & Blaina Charter Group & contractor).

Resolved that the report be approved and **Further Resolved** the auctioneer, Councillors D Hillman & G Morvan, Mr R Dunham and the Assistant Officer would be in attendance at Salem Chapel on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 9am.

10. 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:

- April 2025:

Comments and queries were invited:

The Chair requested that the 'x12' be deleted from the report.

It was also commented that the photocopier was poor.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk / RFO informed that she was still waiting bank details for 2 schools and that a payment was made to one school on 13th May 2025.

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

Meeting declared closed at 7:03pm

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NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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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 27th May 2025.

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors M Williams, K Jones JP, D Hillman, C Hillman, L Harris, L Higgins,
L Emanuel & D Wright

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer
Mrs S Gwyer-Roberts, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gwent
Mr D Gwyer-Roberts, Consort
Reverend R Watson, BEM, Town Mayor's Chaplain
Councillor A Tippings, Town Mayor, Tredegar Town Council
Councillor L Winnett, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor S Behr, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Invited guests

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 M Williams:

To offer a Civic Welcome.

The Town Mayor, Cllr M Williams offered a civic greeting and welcomed all present to the Annual Meeting of the Town Council and introduced the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gwent Mrs Susan Gwyer-Roberts and her Consort Mr Dylan Gwyer-Roberts, Reverend R Watson, Cllr A Tippings Town Mayor of Tredegar Town Council and Consort, Blaenau Gwent Ward Councillors L Winnett & S Behr and Gwent Neighbourhood Police.

Resolved accordingly.

4. Councillor M Williams:

To review his Term of Office as Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Michael Williams thanked Councillors for nominations and paid tribute to the previous Town Mayor Councillor Keith Jenkins who passed away prior to his end of Term. The Councillor noted the following anniversaries and how it was an honour to be a part of them:

Cllr Williams informed that he was the 50th Mayor for Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council since it transitioned into an Urban District Council in 1974.

80th Anniversary of D-Day.

90th Anniversary of the Blaina Riots.

80th Anniversary of VE Day.

Councillor Williams also gave an overview of his term in office and events attended:

May 2024:

Attendance at Reverend Roy Watson's British Empire Medal ceremony.

June 2024:

50th anniversary celebrations of the Riverside Flats to which the Town Mayor attended.

July 2024:

The Town Mayor completed the Three Peaks Challenge and raised £1164 for his Mayoral Appeal, the Hospice of the Valleys.

August 2024:

The Town Mayor dressed up for Nantyglo and Blaina fun days in addition to distributing free cinema tickets to local children & residents (funded by the Town Council) for cinema showings at Market Hall Cinema in Brynmawr during the school summer holidays.

September 2024:

The Town Council presented the awards to the successful entrants in respect of the annual Nantyglo & Blaina In Bloom competition.

October 2024:

The Town Mayor raised money for Ayva Batkin who had been attacked by a XL Bully Dog in Nantyglo and jointly with Tang Soo Do (Martial Arts club), £1250 was raised.

November 2024:

The Mayor represented Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council at the Remembrance Day service.

December 2024:

The Town Mayor, with the High Sheriff of Gwent and other Councillors, attended a joint Christmas Carol Service at Blaen y Cwm Primary School with all four local primary schools, whereby the Town Council also presented a selection pack to each pupil in attendance. The Town Mayor became a 'Ghostbuster' and (with the Leader of the Town Council) accompanied the Santa Sleigh run throughout Nantyglo & Blaina. A raffle was arranged to raise funds in aid of his Mayoral Appeal and Ystruth Primary's PTA before delivering

Selection Boxes from the Town Council to each of the four local primary schools. Last in December they sponsored a Christmas activity day with Santa for the Hospice of the Valleys.

January 2025:

The Town Mayor attended the 1st year anniversary of the local Men's Den to witness firsthand their great work and their achievements in that time.

March 2025:

The Town Mayor attended Welsh History Week at Coed-Y-Garn Primary School whereby a service was held to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Blaina Riots. The Town Council had arranged for a commemorative plaque to be placed within the school's lobby (school was on the location of the old Blaina Inn associated with the Blaina Riots).

April 2025:

The Town Mayor (with others) completed the Pen-Y-Fan and Snowdonia Twin Peak Challenge raising over £1100 for the National Autistic Society. The next week Councillor Williams was disheartened to hear that the Hospice of the Valleys shop in Blaina had been broken into and Easter raffle prizes were stolen. Prizes were replaced from the Town Mayor's budget and the raffle went on to raise £136 towards the Hospice of the Valleys.

May 2025:

Finally, in May, Councillor Williams proudly witnessed Nantyglo FC beating Marshfield AFC at the Gwent County FA Amateur Cup Final Match, whereby he took photos of the win. He was also able to take photos of the Nantyglo Under12's Girls team winning the league and has since signed up with the FAW to be a coach for the Nantyglo Under10's football team a team in which his son also plays for.

The Town Mayor thanked everyone once again and was thankful for having taken so many photos taken during his time in office so that he would not forget those wonderful moments.

Resolved to note the information received.

5. Councillor M Williams:

To invite nominations for the Office of Town Mayor 2025/26.

It was **Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that Councillor Glyn Morvan be appointed as Town Mayor for 2025/26.

6. Councillor M Williams:

Councillor M Williams invited the incoming Town Mayor, Councillor G Morvan to join him on the Dias. Councillor Williams placed the Official Chain of Office around the shoulders of the Town Mayor for 2025/26, Councillor G Morvan.

Resolved to note the information received.

7. Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Councillor G Morvan 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 2025/26.

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

Councillor M Williams took his seat with Members of the Council.

At this juncture proceedings paused for photographs to be taken.

8. The Town Mayor:

The new Mayor personally welcomed everyone attending, notably the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant, Mrs Susan Gwyer-Roberts and her husband Dylan Gwyer-Roberts who he noted was a fantastic ambassador and supporter, Reverend Roy Watson BEM & the Town Mayor of Tredegar, Cllr A Tippings and her Consort together with invited guests. The Mayor stated it was an honour and a privilege to be nominated again as Town Mayor after being elected first in 2018. The Mayor informed that he held Nantyglo and Blaina and its residents in high regard since he joined the Police Force in 1974 and having served the community since in many guises. During his next 12 months the new Mayor intends to serve to the highest of standards, wanting to give back some of the support and loyalty he has received over the years. The Mayor gave his thanks for nominating him for this opportunity to continue working in the community that he has the highest respect for and considers his second home.

Resolved accordingly.

9. 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.

10. Vote of Thanks to Councillor M Williams:

The Town Mayor offered a vote of thanks to the out-going Mayor, Councillor Michael Williams, stating that in his twelve months of service he conducted his duties to the highest of standards. Councillor Williams' dedication and enthusiasm for the role was noted and that he always conducted himself with dignity and respect, whilst moving at 100 miles per hour. The Mayor stated that Councillor Williams left behind an impressive legacy and would be a hard act to follow, though he had now signed up to the gym and bought a new pair of trainers to try and continue at a similar pace. The Mayor thanked Councillor Williams once again for everything that he had done and for being such an excellent ambassador for the Council and a credit to himself as a Town Councillor.

Resolved accordingly.

11. Deputy Town Mayor:

The Town Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Town Mayor for 2025-2026.

Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that Councillor Ken Jones JP be appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2025/26.

The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr K Jones JP 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 2025-2026.

Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that Councillor Glyn Morvan be appointed to the Office of Leader of the Council for 2025/26.

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.

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).

Proposed, Seconded and Resolved to approve the previously distributed list.

14. Mayoral Appeal 2025/26: The Town Mayor informed that his Mayoral Appeal for 2025/26 was in support of the Community Hope Project which was a local charity that covered Blaenau Gwent and was based in Brynmawr. The charity was formed just after the Covid Pandemic and worked closely with statutory agencies and local organisations to identify areas of need within the borough of Blaenau Gwent. The Mayor intended to support the Community Hope Project so that they could continue to help the local area as it was needed.

The Town Mayor informed that there would be a raffle draw during the evening to help start the appeal with a number of prizes on offer.

Resolved to note the information received.

15. Invitation for invited guests to join with the Town Mayor for refreshments.

The Town Mayor declared the business of the Council closed and thereupon invited the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Mrs Susan Gwyer-Roberts, to open the buffet and for all present to join him for refreshments.

Meeting declared closed at 18:27pm

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

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on
Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 5.35pm at Town 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 Morvan, C Hillman, L Higgins, L Harris, L Emanuel & D Hillman

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

To receive: PC G Davies– Brynmawr Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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

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

Resolved to note PC G Davies was unable to attend due to illness.

A minute silence was held for Mrs Shirley Ford (formerly Blaenau Gwent Borough Council) and Mr Garth Collier (former Blaina Ward Councillor, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council) and former local school teacher, Mr Howard Axford.

Resolved accordingly. **Further Resolved** that a letter of condolence to be sent to the families of the above.

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 such declarations were received.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer, Cllr L King & Cllr D Wright. **Further Resolved** that the apologies be received.

2. Questions from the public:

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

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

3. 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) Planning Aid Wales – Annual Training Programme (for information and consideration):

Correspondence from Planning Aid Wales regarding their Annual Training Programme.

The cost of training was noted and the Chair requested that Members inform the Town Clerk if they wished to attend any training.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for information):

Email and information informing of the agenda for Blaenau Gwent CBC forthcoming public Planning Committee which would take place on 5th June 2025 and up to the date guidance for objectors and supporters speaking at Planning Committees.

Cllr D Hillman informed of issues that were raised at the Liaison meeting with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council & the information was received as a result.

Resolved to note the information received

4. Planning Applications:

Members were invited to consider the listed planning applications and with the Chair's permission, any additional planning applications that may be received prior to the meeting:

No planning applications received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

5. Licence Applications/:

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

- Name and Address of Applicant:

Paul Denton, 38th Tenth Avenue Galon, Uchaf, Merthyr Tydfil

Details of Application:

Street Trading Consent – Mobile ice cream van – The Rolling Cones

Premises Name and Address:

Whole Borough

Resolved to note the information received.

- Name and Address of Applicant:

Craig Fielding, 20 Oak Road, Blaina, Abertillery

Details of Application:

Permanent street trading consent – Tanglewood Catering

Premises Name and Address:

A465 Highest Point Rest area, Ebbw Vale

Resolved to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 5:45pm

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at 5:45pm on Tuesday 10th June 2025 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
Cllr G Morvan, Cllr C Hillman, Cllr L Higgins, Cllr L Harris, Cllr K Jones JP &
Cllr L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair informed of the action to be taken in the event of a fire or emergency. **Resolved** to note the information received.

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. **Resolved** to note that Cllr L Higgins declared an interest in item 4.

1. Apologies for absence:

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

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer, Cllr L King & Cllr D Wright. **Further Resolved** that the apologies be 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 questions were received and **Further Resolved** to note that no members of the public or press were present.

3. Correspondence:

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

a) One Voice Wales (for information / consideration):

i. Training Dates for May and June 2025.

Cllr L Higgins – informed she had completed three training modules and would inform Town Clerk if she wished to participate in further courses.

Resolved to note the information received.

ii. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: Post-legislative scrutiny.

Members noted the information and also noted that One Voice Wales was to put forward a response.

Resolved to note the information received

iii. Consultation re: Proposals to improve the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales.

Members noted that any comments could be made via the link stated.

Resolved to note the information received

iv. Innovative Practice Conference – 2nd July 2025.

Resolved to note the information received.

v. National Awards Conference Report 2025 – please see page 33 – Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council commended for 'Best Initiative addressing the Cost of Living Crisis.

The Chair noted Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council were doing similar work to other councils and that this should be more widely publicized.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for information):

Invitation to an exhibition 'Art After Hours @ Goldworks'.

The Chair and Councillor C Hillman noted that they may attend.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Gwent VAWSADV (for information)

Email and poster re: Lunch and Learn event on 24th June 2025.

Resolved to note the information received.

d) Orbits IT (for information & consideration):

Proposal re: project quote for the end of Windows 10 support and transfer to Windows 11.

The Town Clerk mentioned that the Assistant Officer and Cllr M Williams could explain the requirement for this in more details but explained that the support would be required and should be purchased.

The Town Clerk also explained that there was not a requirement to have 3 quotes as Orbits IT were the Town Council's IT provider and the service could be classed as a specialised service and support.

Resolved to note the information received and **Resolved** to purchase the Windows 11 support as detailed.

Resolved to note that Councillor L Higgins declared an interest in item 4 below. **Resolved** that Cllr L Higgins to remain in meeting but not take part in the discussion and / or vote.

4. **Nativity Set owned by Town Council:**

Members were invited to consider the future use of the Nativity Set owned by the Town Council i.e. possible donation to a local church such as St Peter's Church, Blaina.

It was proposed and seconded that the Nativity set be relocated to St Peter Church, Blaina., whereby the local community could continue to enjoy viewing it at Christmas time.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that the Nativity set be relocated to St Peter Church.

5. **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 2025.

Members noted that the Town Council had recently been commended by One Voice Wales for this ongoing donation to help the local community.

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

6. Purchase of Welsh Flags for display throughout Nantyglo & Blaina:

Members were politely requested to ratify the purchase of 15 Welsh Flags (5' x 3') for display throughout Nantyglo & Blaina. Contractor Mr Russell Dunham informed that it would be more cost effective if the flags were purchased in time for them to be put up at the same time the VE Day flags were taken down. The cost of the flags were £56.86.

Councillor G Morvan explained the request, citing that keeping the display throughout the towns looking appropriate and to reduce the cost of putting up and down. A request was made to ratify the purchase. It would enhance the town display and was also appropriate for VJ Day.

A Member commented that a new resident commented on the flag display throughout Blaina.

A Member informed that the Red Lion pub had been sold and that, hopefully, it would be renovated, which would further help to enhance the town.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to **Ratify** the purchase of the 15 Welsh Flags as detailed.

7. 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) *None received to date.*

Resolved accordingly.

8. Salem Chapel:

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- May 2025).

Comments and queries were invited:

In a response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that, to her untrained eye, whilst the physical condition of the building continued to deteriorate, there did not appear to be any additional issues.

It was informed that Mr R Dunham Local contractor) informed that the dry rot present had not progressed any further.

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

9. Confidential Information:

The following item(s) contained information 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:

May 2025:

Queries and comments were invited, and the following comments were made:

- Salem Chapel charges were mounting up. It was also mentioned that some items from Salem would need to be relocated.
- It was queried if the donation in lieu of Easter Eggs had been made to all four local primary schools? The Town Clerk / RFO informed that the donation had been made to 2 of the schools but were still awaiting details from the two other schools in order to make the payment.
- Repairs had been completed to the Mayoral Chain, and it has been received back.

Resolved that the report be approved.

10. Any Other Business:

Councillor Ken Jones offered congratulations to the League of Friends (some members were present) on the opening of the Day Room at Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan in Ebbw Vale.

Meeting declared closed at 6:10pm

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TRAINING DATES - JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2025 / DYDDIADUA HYFFORDDIANT - MEHEFIN - MEDI 2025

From Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

Date Tue 10-Jun-25 4:46 PM

To Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

Cc Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

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Overview Modules 2024.pdf; Overview Modules 2024 CYM.pdf; Bursary letter up to Feb 2025-26 £100 Cym.docx; Bursary letter up to Feb 2025-26 100.docx; Free Places Form 2025-2026 Cym.docx; Free Places Form 2025-2026.docx;

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below details of Remote training sessions that are taking place in June - September 2025 please bring this to the attention of your council.

The cost of the training is £42 for members or £65 per person for non-members. You will be invoiced after the training has taken place.

There is a bursary available to eligible councils.

Session times are listed against the module date – Please note all training sessions are in English unless otherwise stated.

Date	Day	Module	Time
12/06/2025	Thursday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
23/06/2025	Monday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
08/07/2025	Tuesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
21/07/2025	Monday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
23/07/2025	Wednesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
07/08/2025	Thursday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
26/08/2025	Tuesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
02/09/2025	Tuesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30-8.00pm
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24/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm
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15/09/2025	Monday	The Council - Module 1	6.30-8.00pm

25/06/2025	Wednesday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
14/07/2025	Monday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
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19/08/2025	Tuesday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
27/08/2025	Wednesday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
04/09/2025	Thursday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm
29/09/2025	Monday	The Councillor - Module 2	6.30-8.00pm

24/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
16/07/2025	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
28/07/2025	Monday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
31/07/2025	Thursday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
12/08/2025	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	6.30-8.00pm
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07/08/2025	Thursday	Understanding the Law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm
12/08/2025	Tuesday	Understanding the law - Module 4 - in Welsh	6.30-8.00pm
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26/08/2025	Tuesday	Understanding the Law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm

27/08/2025	Wednesday	Understanding the Law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm
09/09/2025	Tuesday	Understanding the Law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm
16/09/2025	Tuesday	Understanding the Law - Module 4	6.30-8.00pm

17/06/2025	Tuesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
01/07/2025	Tuesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
10/07/2025	Thursday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
28/07/2025	Monday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
06/08/2025	Wednesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
21/08/2025	Thursday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
08/09/2025	Monday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm
16/09/2025	Tuesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5 - in Welsh	6.30-8.00pm
23/09/2025	Tuesday	The Council Meeting - Module 5	6.30-8.00pm

18/06/2025	Wednesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
02/07/2025	Wednesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
14/07/2025	Monday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
29/07/2025	Tuesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
14/08/2025	Thursday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
03/09/2025	Wednesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
15/09/2025	Monday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm
30/09/2025	Tuesday	Local Government Finance - Module 6	6.30-8.00pm

25/06/2025	Wednesday	Health & Safety - Module 7	6.30-8.00pm
24/07/2025	Thursday	Health & Safety - Module 7	6.30-8.00pm
11/08/2025	Monday	Health & Safety - Module 7	6.30-8.00pm
24/09/2025	Wednesday	Health & Safety - Module 7	6.30-8.00pm

24/06/2025	Tuesday	Introduction to Community Engagement Part 1 - Module 8	6.30-8.00pm
14/07/2025	Monday	Introduction to Community Engagement Part 1 - Module 8	6.30-8.00pm

19/08/2025	Tuesday	Introduction to Community Engagement Part 1 - Module 8	6.30-8.00pm
18/09/2025	Thursday	Introduction to Community Engagement Part 1 - Module 8	6.30-8.00pm

26/06/2025	Thursday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
07/07/2025	Monday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
15/07/2025	Tuesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9 - in Welsh	6.30-8.00pm
22/07/2025	Tuesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
06/08/2025	Wednesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
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19/08/2025	Tuesday	Code of Conduct - Module 9	6.30-8.00pm
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18/06/2025	Wednesday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm
01/07/2025	Tuesday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm
21/07/2025	Monday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm
05/08/2025	Tuesday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm
14/08/2025	Thursday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm
26/08/2025	Tuesday	Chairing Skills - Module 10 - in Welsh	6.30-8.00pm
10/09/2025	Wednesday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm
29/09/2025	Monday	Chairing Skills - Module 10	6.30-8.00pm

25/06/2025	Wednesday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm
16/07/2025	Wednesday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm
25/08/2025	Monday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm
25/09/2025	Thursday	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	6.30-8.00pm

30/06/2025	Monday	Community Engagement Part 2 - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm
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22/07/2025	Tuesday	Community Engagement Part 2 - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm
01/09/2025	Monday	Community Engagement Part 2 - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm
24/09/2025	Wednesday	Community Engagement Part 2 - Module 13	6.30-8.00pm

04/08/2025	Monday	Equality & Diversity - Module 14	6.30-8.00pm
11/09/2025	Thursday	Equality & Diversity - Module 14	6.30-8.00pm

19/06/2025	Thursday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm
03/07/2025	Thursday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm
11/08/2025	Monday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm
23/09/2025	Tuesday	Information Management - Module 15	6.30-8.00pm

12/06/2025	Thursday	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16	6.30-8.00pm
15/07/2025	Tuesday	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16	6.30-8.00pm
13/08/2025	Wednesday	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16	6.30-8.00pm
22/09/2025	Monday	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16	6.30-8.00pm

19/06/2025	Thursday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm
15/07/2025	Tuesday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm
20/08/2025	Wednesday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm
09/09/2025	Tuesday	Making Effective Grant Applications - Module 17	6.30-8.00pm

16/06/2025	Monday	Effective Staff Management - Module 18	6.30-8.00pm
10/07/2025	Thursday	Effective Staff Management - Module 18	6.30-8.00pm
17/09/2025	Wednesday	Effective Staff Management - Module 18	6.30-8.00pm

25/06/2025	Wednesday	Devolution of Services/CAT - Module 19	6.30-8.00pm
31/07/2025	Thursday	Devolution of Services/CAT - Module 19	6.30-8.00pm
01/09/2025	Monday	Devolution of Services/CAT - Module 19	6.30-8.00pm
30/09/2025	Tuesday	Devolution of Services/CAT - Module 19	6.30-8.00pm

02/07/2025	Wednesday	Well-being of Future Generation - Module 20	6.30-8.00pm
12/08/2025	Tuesday	Well-being of Future Generation - Module 20	6.30-8.00pm
08/09/2025	Monday	Well-being of Future Generation - Module 20	6.30-8.00pm

17/06/2025	Tuesday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm
18/06/2025	Wednesday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm
07/07/2025	Monday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm
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21/08/2025	Thursday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm
02/09/2025	Tuesday	Advanced local Government Finance - Module 21 - in Welsh	6.30-8.00pm
16/09/2025	Tuesday	Advanced Local Government Finance - Module 21	6.30-8.00pm

11/06/2025	Wednesday	Community Asset Transfer - Module 23	6.30-8.00pm
16/07/2025	Wednesday	Community Asset Transfer - Module 23	6.30-8.00pm
13/08/2025	Wednesday	Community Asset Transfer - Module 23	6.30-8.00pm

30/06/2025	Monday	Finance & Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm
15/07/2025	Tuesday	Finance & Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm
31/07/2025	Thursday	Finance & Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm
18/08/2025	Monday	Finance & Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm
10/09/2025	Wednesday	Finance & Governance Toolkit - Module 24	6.30-8.00pm

11/06/2025	Wednesday	Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25	6.30-8.00pm
07/07/2025	Monday	Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25	6.30-8.00pm
07/08/2025	Thursday	Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25	6.30-8.00pm
23/09/2025	Tuesday	Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25	6.30-8.00pm

18/06/2025	Wednesday	Biodiversity Part 2 - Module 26	6.30-8.00pm
17/07/2025	Thursday	Biodiversity Part 2 - Module 26	6.30-8.00pm
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30/09/2025	Tuesday	Biodiversity Part 2 - Module 26	6.30-8.00pm
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23/07/2025	Wednesday	Nature Project Management - Module 27	6.30-8.00pm
02/09/2025	Tuesday	Nature Project Management - Module 27	6.30-8.00pm
29/09/2025	Monday	Nature Project Management - Module 27	6.30-8.00pm

Please don't hesitate to contact me via email to make a booking.

Kind regards,
Wendi

Annwyl Gyfaill,

Wele isod fanylion sesiynau hyfforddiant o bell a gynhelir yn Mehefin - Mai 2025

Cost yr hyfforddiant yw £42 i aelodau neu £65 y person i unrhyw un arall. Danfonir anfoneb atoch ar ôl i'r hyfforddiant ddigwydd.

Mae bwrsari ar gael i gynghorau cymwys – gofynnwch am fanylion.

Rhestrir amserau sesiynau ar gyfer dyddiadau'r modylau..

Dyddiad	Dydd	Modiwl	Amser
12/06/2025	Dydd Iau	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
23/06/2025	Dydd Llun	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
08/07/2025	Dydd Mawrth	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
21/07/2025	Dydd Llun	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
23/07/2025	Dydd Mercher	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
07/08/2025	Dydd Iau	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
26/08/2025	Dydd Mawrth	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
02/09/2025	Dydd Mawrth	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
11/09/2025	Dydd Iau	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh
22/09/2025	Dydd Llun	Gynefino i Gynghorwyr Newydd	6.30-8.00yh

24/06/2025	Dydd Mawrth	Y Cyngor - Modiwl 1	6.30-8.00yh
24/07/2025	Dydd Iau	Y Cyngor - Modiwl 1	6.30-8.00yh
13/08/2025	Dydd Mercher	Y Cyngor - Modiwl 1	6.30-8.00yh

Blaina Cash Point provision

From Arnold, David <David.Arnold@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Date Wed 11-Jun-25 4:31 PM

To Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>; Morgan, John P - Councillor <John.Morgan2@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Morgan, Leann <leann.morgan@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Cc Parker, Andrew <andrew.parker@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Roberts, Leanne <leanne.roberts@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Watkins-Hughes, Anna <Anna.Watkins-Hughes@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Hi all,

Just to make you aware, our Age-Friendly officer Anna Watkins-Hughes attended a regular Blaina Community Coffee Morning at the Blaina Institute on Monday alongside our ABUHB Integrated Well-being Network colleagues, where she received feedback from some local residents about an issue they're currently facing accessing Cash in the local area.

Their concerns were relating the Co-op refurb and the 24hr ATM no longer being operational. It also happens that the Post Office will be closed for a short while so cash will not be available there either. They were concerned that there isn't anywhere else where residents can get cash in the town so would need to travel to Brynmawr or the Abertillery Banking Hub, which is difficult for anyone without access to a vehicle.

Anna has contacted Co-op who directed her to 'CashPoint' who operated the 24hr ATM, but they advised that the Coop has asked for the ATM to be removed during the refurb. They were unable to confirm if the Co-op is having a new ATM as part of the refurbishment, which we'll continue to try and find out.

The main purpose of this email to make you aware of this issue residents are currently facing, in case it comes up in any future local engagement. We also have made the Town Centre Manager aware and other partners such as GAVO through the BG Local Well-being Partnership, who might be able to assist with signposting in the short-term or considering alternative options in the longer term.

@Morgan, Leann it may be worth preparing any Blaina Community Hub staff about signposting to the nearest ATM in case residents might ask.

Many thanks,

David

David Arnold

Professional Lead for Strategic Partnerships / Arweinydd Proffesiynol Partneriaethau Strategol

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Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg a byddwn yn cyfathrebu gyda chi yn

Re: Blaina Cash Point provision

From Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Date Wed 11-Jun-25 4:34 PM

To Arnold, David <David.Arnold@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>; Morgan, John P - Councillor <John.Morgan2@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Morgan, Leann <leann.morgan@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

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Hi David,

Yes I have already received complaints from residents and they are also annoyed that the only ATM that will be in Blaina is the one in the Premier Shop which they have to pay to use. One resident was quite irate regarding this.

Keep Safe

Lisa Winnett

County Borough Councillor Blaina Ward

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From: Arnold, David <David.Arnold@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 16:31

To: Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>; Morgan, John P - Councillor <John.Morgan2@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Morgan, Leann <leann.morgan@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

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Subject: Blaina Cash Point provision

Salem

From Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Date Sun 15-Jun-25 8:11 PM

To Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>

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Can you please confirm in writing so that I can pass on to residents the correct information.

Thanks

Lisa

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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.

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Mae'r neges ebost hon, ynghyd ag unrhyw ffeiliau sydd ynghlwm wrthi, yn gyfrinachol ac at ddefnydd yr unigolyn neu sefydliad y cyfeiriwyd hi ato. Pe dderbynioch y neges hon mewn camgymeriad, byddwch mor garedig a rhoi gwybod i'r rheolwr system. Mae'r nodyn hwn hefyd yn cadarnhau bod y neges ebost hon wedi cael ei archwilio am bresenoldeb feirws cyfrifiadurol.

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Re: Salem

From Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>

Date Mon 16-Jun-25 9:27 AM

To Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Good morning Councillor Winnett,

Further to your email dated Sunday 15th June 2025.

This is the first I have heard of such a rumour and I can confirm that Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council has not taken any decision to 'knock down' Salem Chapel and neither has the Town Council been informed by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (nor any other authority) that this will happen.

If you are able to inform me of who is circulating the rumours, I can inform the person directly that such rumours are incorrect.

Kind regards

Tracy

Town Clerk: Mrs Tracy Hughes

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Blaina
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From: Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

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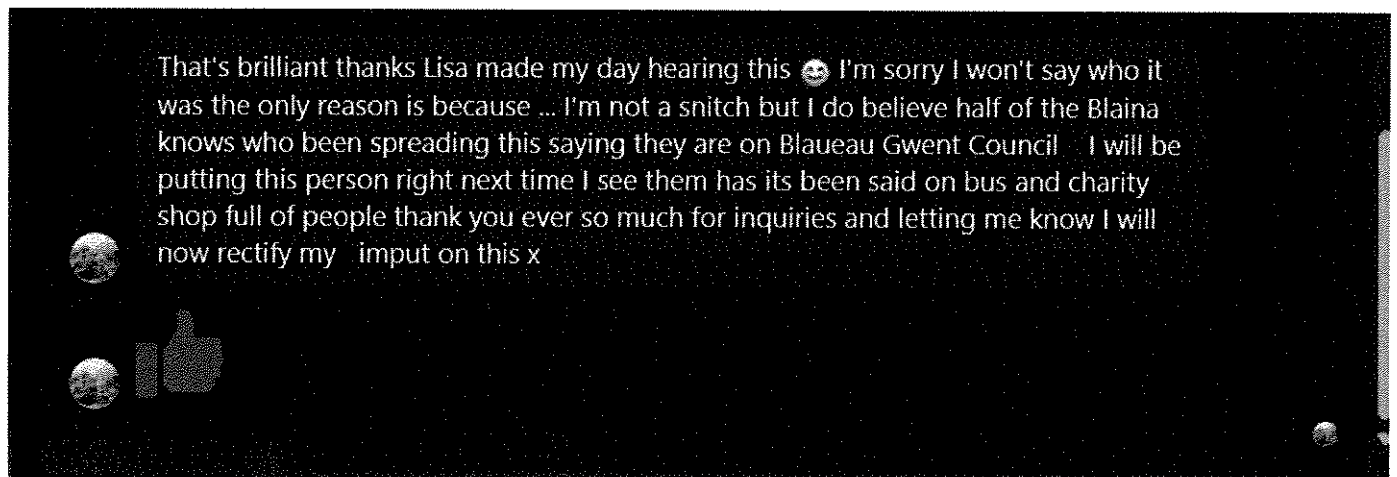
From Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Date Mon 16-Jun-25 3:21 PM

To Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>

Hi Tracy,

Thanks for this and also below is a thank you from the resident who brought this to me



Keep Safe

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Sent: 16 June 2025 09:27

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