

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 Finance and General Purposes Committee at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina to commence following the Planning and Highways Committee meeting on **Tuesday 11th November 2025**.

If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting remotely, please contact the Town Clerk at the above email or phone by 3pm on 11th November 2025 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours Sincerely



Town Clerk

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

AGENDA

Declaration of Interest

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

1. Apologies for absence:

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

2. Questions from the Public:

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

3. Correspondence:

Members are 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 – copy attached):

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

b) One Voice Wales (for information & consideration – copy attached):

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

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

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

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

As previously resolved, Members are invited to consider making further financial donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist residents of Nantyglo and Blaina for the months of November 2025.

5. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are invited to consider the listed application(s), plus with the Chairman's permission any additional applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) *None received to date.*

6. Salem Chapel:

Members are invited to consider the attached inspection reports:

- October 2025 (copy attached)

7. Confidential Information:

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

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Wednesday
19th November

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

FREE EVENT

NO
NEED TO BOOK

CONNECT AND GROW



You're Never Alone

6.00pm-8.30pm

Abertillery Orpheus Choir

Empowering Men
Through Connection



Men's Den BG



Byron Hayward

- Guest Speakers
- Interactive Workshops
- Talking Library Session
- Tai Chi Taster Session
- Advice & Support
- Free Resources



Llanhilleth Miners Institute. Wednesday 19th November 2025



Outlook

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

From Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

Date Fri 31-Oct-25 1:51 PM

To Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

Consultation on the changes to local government elections rules in Wales

Dear Chair and Clerk

Welsh Government is consulting on changes to local government elections rules in Wales. These are set out in the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 ("the Principal Areas Rules") for county and county borough councils, and the Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021 ("the Communities Rules") for town and community councils. These are referred to in the consultation as "the 2021 Rules". The 2021 Rules were fully redrafted and modernised in 2021. They were updated further in 2023 to enable elections under the Single Transferable Vote system, should any principal council adopt that system under the power in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. Welsh Government is not proposing to make significant changes to the 2021 Rules, aside from some, largely technical, changes or those required to take account of changes to policy and other legislation.

Views are being sought on:

- updating the Rules to make sure they are bilingual
- updating the Rules to reflect recent changes in the Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) Order 2025
- making the change to security-related cost exemptions that are in place for Senedd elections to local government elections
- proposals contained within the UK Government's strategy paper on electoral reform

A copy of the consultation document can be found here: [Changes to local government elections rules in Wales | GOV.WALES](#)

One Voice Wales will be preparing a response to this consultation, and the views of Community and Town Councils are invited by 6th January 2026.

Please email responses to the me cjones@onevoicewales.wales

Thanks very much

Yours sincerely

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New Arrangement for TCC Interaction with BGCBC (Monday 3rd November)

From Parker, Andrew <andrew.parker@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Date Fri 31-Oct-25 2:26 PM

To Tredegar Town Council (tredegartc@btconnect.com) <tredegartc@btconnect.com>; ALCC ClerkMailbox <clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk>; Brynmawr TC Clerk <clerk@brynmawrtc.co.uk>; Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>

Cc Arnold, David <David.Arnold@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Wheelock, Daniel <Daniel.Wheelock@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Roberts, Leanne <leanne.roberts@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Wasley, Gemma <Gemma.Wasley@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Hi All,

Please be aware that as of Monday 3rd November, I will no longer be the Service Manager overseeing liaison with Town and Community Council's in Blaenau Gwent. This function will be moving to the Adult and Communities Directorate (overseen by Dave Leech), under the stewardship of Leanne Roberts who is the Service Manager for Customer Experience & Transformation (included in this email). There will be continuity however as David Arnold who deals with Strategic Partnerships, whom you have worked with in recent years, is transferring to Leanne's Team.

Please can all future correspondence on liaison be sent to David and Leanne who I'm sure will be in touch in due course to build on the exciting plans for BGCBC working with TCCs that David Leech and Luisa Munroe Morris have recently discussed with each of your Councils at recent meetings.

I have enjoyed my time working with all of you and will continue to be involved in Armed Forces work, so I am not going too far.

All the best,

Andrew

Service Manager: Policy and Partnerships | Rheolwr Gwasanaeth: Polisi a Phartneriaethau

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

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

Safety Inspections – Salem Chapel

Inspection of Salem Chapel – October 2025:

MAIN CHAPEL / WEEK	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th	Report of any defects And action taken
Main Hall of Chapel	/	/	/	/	Dry rot detected & floor part lifted. Investigations undertaken 31/8/16. Organ supports re-enforced Sept 2016.
Fire & Intruder Alarm	/	/	/	/	Inspected 30/04/2025 & 08/10/2025
Emergency Lighting	/	/	/	/	Inspected 30/04/2025
Stairways to Balcony	/	/	/	/	Stair lift not working, evidence of damp on walls. Plaster fallen from underneath of stairs due to damp.
Balcony	/	/	/	/	Damage to display possibly from insects/woodworm. Greater evidence of damp on walls.
Toilets	/	/	/	/	Removed due to dry rot
High Street Entrance	/	/	/	/	Black mould on walls & ceilings
Office	/	/	/	/	Broken window secured
General Condition	/	/	/	/	General deterioration evident
Fire Extinguishers	/	/	/	/	Inspected & replaced as necessary 06/12/22
Observations/ Other Comments	/	/	/	/	J Dyer opinion is fungal rot. Valuation survey carried out by J Dyer 3/11/21. Exhibition items delivered to Westgate Hotel, Newport & Blaen y Cwm Primary.
ANNEX BUILDING					
Ground Floor	/	/	/	/	Mould/rot on floor, appears very unsafe
Kitchen	/	/	/	/	Mould/rot on floor. Floor rotten through and unsafe. Kitchen units coming away from wall due to severe damp in floor of kitchen. R Dunham inspected.
First Aid Box	/	/	/	/	
Seating Area	/	/	/	/	Considerably amount of new damp on interior walls to left side of premises entering from the back entrance. Extensive rotting of wooden floor.
Stairway to upper room	/	/	/	/	
Upper Room	/	/	/	/	
Rear Entrance	/	/	/	/	Paint flaking off walls. Rot has now spread & considered unsafe to walk on.
Side Door	/	/	/	/	
Observations/ Other Comments					General deterioration evident. R Dunham also noticed floor deterioration
Statutory annual Inspections:					Churches Fire & Security Systems (fire extinguishers) 06/12/2022. Churches Fire & Security Systems (Intruder alarm 30/04/25 & fire alarms 29/04/2025.

Signed: *T Hughes*

Town Clerk Date: 11/11/25
Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee