

Item 3a

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held at 1pm on Tuesday 22nd September 2020 via a remote meeting.

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Chair of Events Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; R Pagett; K Jones JP; D Hillman and C Hillman

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair informed that a five minute break would take place at the end of the Events Committee meetings and prior to the Meeting of the Town Council. The Chair advised all in attendance to end the call at that time and re-dial in.

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 declarations of interest were received from Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman & C Hillman in respect of item 2.

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 Councillors G Watkins; T James; C Bridgeman and Mrs N Horner. **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman & C Hillman declared an interest in item no.2.

2. Achievement and Recognition in the Community (ARC 2020):

Members were invited to consider and if appropriate resolve the list of nominated winners and their categories which were determined by the judging panel at a meeting held on 11th March 2020.

Resolved that due to the meeting being inquorate for this item, this item be re-agended for consideration at the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 15th October 2020.

3. Updates:

The Town Clerk provided an update in respect of:

a) Christmas Lights:

The Town Clerk informed that additional Christmas lights and the required transformers had been ordered at an approximate cost of £1800 plus delivery. Mr Russell Dunham would erect the lights as previously resolved. In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that the total budget for events, including Christmas lights was £8,507 plus an approximate reserve of £6,000 with the Christmas lights budget at approximately £5,000 as in previous years although any exact budget figure previously resolved specifically for Christmas lights would be reported at the next Events Committee meeting.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Santa's Sleigh Routes throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

The Town Clerk informed that PC R Lewis of Brynmawr, Nantyglo & Blaina Neighbourhood Police had confirmed that he would ensure the Sleigh would be escorted along the routes as in previous years subject to Covid 19 restrictions. The Town Clerk also informed that both Brynmawr Town Partnership and Blaenau Gwent CBC Cllr W Hodgings had been contacted regarding provisional booking of the sleigh for 1st and 2nd of December 2020 but a reply had not yet been received. Members also considered that due to the Covid 19 situation and the rapidly changing circumstances, this event, including the specific routes, would require further consideration at future meetings.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Banners throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

The Town Clerk confirmed that the four local primary schools had been invited to each submit one design for the street banners to be displayed in Nantyglo and Blaina. To date, Blaen y Cwm Primary and Coed y Garn Primary had confirmed that they would be delighted to take part. Members were informed that Ystruth Primary had recently closed for a two week period due to Covid 19. The Town Clerk informed that costings would be obtained in respect of the number of banners and additional brackets required subject to the necessary permission obtained from Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Resolved to note the information received.

d) Relocation of Flagpoles from the former Blaina District Office:

The Town Clerk informed that the officer at Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council who was assisting with this matter has since left the authority. Andrew Parker, Town Council Liaison Officer at Blaenau Gwent CBC had been contacted for advice on how this matter can be proceeded with and would investigate and contact the Town Clerk with details of the relevant officer in due course.

Resolved to note the information received.

e) Bunting throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

The Town Clerk informed that a number of different quotations/prices had been received in respect of bunting for Nantyglo and Blaina. The approximate cost would be £800 to £1000 for 200 meters of bunting in each locality. Due to ongoing Covid 19 restrictions, Squadron

275 ATC was not able to erect any bunting within the locality. Mr R Dunham (Christmas Lights contractor) had provided a verbal quote of approximate £140 for erecting 400 meters of bunting throughout Nantyglo and Blaina.

Resolved that a total of 400 meters of bunting be purchased for siting within Nantyglo and Blaina (200 meters of Union Jack bunting and 200 meters of Welsh Dragon bunting) and **Further Resolved** that Mr Russell Dunham erects the bunting as per the verbal quotation.

The Chair of the Events Committee provided an update in respect of:

f) Planters and signs throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

The Chair informed that he had three planters to site on the square in Blaina, an additional planter at the stone/brick Nantyglo/Blaina sign and one planter at the CSM JH Williams VC memorial to the front of the OAP Hall opposite Wesley Chapel in Nantyglo. Additionally there is one planter to be sited on the grassed area by the Co-op store in Blaina. The Chair also informed that due to being surrounded by overgrown weeds etc, the planter placed on the opposite side of the road of the junction up to Llys Nanty y Mynydd (old Blaina Hospital) would be re-sited near to B & S Stores, Queen Street, Nantyglo. In response to a query regarding possible planting/planters at Cwmcelyn, the Chair informed that planting bulbs along the grassed areas throughout the main road in Nantyglo and Blaina would be the next priority. The Chair also informed that unfortunately, some of the plants had been stolen from a number of the planters throughout Nantyglo and Blaina. Councillor G Watkins (via e-mail) and the Town Mayor congratulated the Chair on his hard work with this project and that the planters looked wonderful.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. **Butterfly Garden:**

Members were informed that following the Town Council's successful bid to Keep Wales Tidy, the materials in respect of the Butterfly Garden had been delivered and a site meeting of the project had taken place at 10am on Monday 21st September 2020 at the grounds of Blaina Community Centre, to which Members were invited to attend. Representatives of the partnership organisations (Keep Wales Tidy; Tai Calon & Blaina Community Centre) were also in attendance. A raised bed was constructed and planted up along with a number of small shrubs. A second meeting to continue with additional work would be arranged by Keep Wales Tidy and all Members together with partner organisations would be informed when details of this was received. Members were additionally informed that there could be the possibility of a second butterfly garden pack being awarded (for Nantyglo) if this was to be applied for.

Resolved to apply to Keep Wales Tidy for a second Butterfly Garden pack for siting at a suitable location within Nantyglo.