

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held at 1pm on Tuesday 24th November 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, D Hillman, C Hillman,
G Watkins & L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer.

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. **Resolved** to note the information received.

The Town Clerk informed that no members of the public were in attendance. **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 apologies were received from: Councillor Raffi Abbas.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Updates:

Assistant Officer (AO) provided an update in respect of:

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

Brynmawr Town Partnership and Gwent Police has been informed of date, Tuesday 1st December for 16:30 start from New Road, Nantyglo and ending at St Peters Church,

High Street, Blaina at approximately 18:15. Both, Town Partnership and Police has confirmed their attendance. That is, if Covid restrictions permits.

A poster will be sent out to all local schools and will also be put on Town Councils website and social media sites to advertise tomorrow (Wednesday 25th Nov').

A route of plan will be sent out to members.

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

For information only

Andrew Parker at BGCBC has been chased and information received from Robert Jenkins from Tek Services explaining that he is sorting out a quote and will be in touch later today. A local contractor has not been able to visit site due to bad weather, will rearrange.

Resolved to note information was received.

c) Banner throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

All four schools have been sent an email reminding them of closing date at end of November.

Resolved that Assistant Officer will email the position of the 10 street banners to Town Councillors. **Further resolved** to note the information received.

d) Butterfly Garden – Nantyglo: Keep Wales Tidy has confirmed that the start to commence work will be Friday 4th December at 9:30am. Volunteers are required and if all that are able to volunteer could they please meet at OAP Hall, Nantyglo for 9:30.

Resolved to note information received.

A discussion ensued regarding permission to plant crocus bulbs, however, the area in question, Rear of Parry Jones Close, just off the A467 roundabout had already been accepted to plant by BGCBC.

Compliments received to Blaina Community Centre on the work at the Community Food Garden Project.

Resolved to note information received.

e) Christmas Tree – Square in Blaina:

Local contractor, Russell Durham (RD) confirmed that it would not be possible to have tree this year. There are several complications involved of which are: obtaining a secure fixing, supplying power and the added complication of culverts below the area. This would need much more time to ensure all the safety precautions, therefore it is a project for next year.

Resolved to note information received.

A discussion ensued regarding Christmas lights. Local contractor, RD is currently installing the lights through Blaina, High Street and he is aware that all lights needs to be fitted by Tuesday 1st December for Santa Sleigh run.

Resolved to note information received.

3. Annual Programme of Events 2021:

Members were invited to consider a possible programme of events for 2021 and that they will need to be mindful of Covid restrictions.

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Ideas explored:

- Flag poles throughout Blaina and Nantyglo
- Xmas Tree to be positioned at Blaina Square, High Street.
- Painting competitions for schools and adults
- Sunflower competition for the 4 local schools, Town Council to provide schools with seeds and compost.
- A themed Poetry competition for schools
- Fruit & Veg
- In Bloom
- Networking event
- Seasonal competitions for residents and shops i.e. Best dress Christmas window or light display, Best Scarecrow, Best Halloween Dressed windows.
- Dog show

A discussion ensued relating to marquee hire that could be considered for some outdoor events.

Resolved

Meeting declared closed at 13:45.