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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held remotely at 1.00pm on Tuesday 25th January 2022

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; C Hillman; K Rowland; K Jenkins; K Jones JP & L Harris

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that there were no members of the press and/or public 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. 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 Councillors L Emanuel and M Williams. **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for December 2021 and January 2022.

The Town Mayor informed that these two months had been very quiet but that in December 2021 both he and the Mayoress had met the Blaenau Gwent Santa Sleigh into Blaina, which was filmed by Blaenau Gwent Officers Ms A Tippings and Mrs K Williams. This event was well attended and well received by the public. The Town Mayor informed that he had verbally extended an invite for the Town Centre Manager, Mrs K Williams to a future meeting of the Town Council.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to formally invite the Town Centre Manager to a future meeting of the Town Council.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 23rd November 2021 (pages 93 – 98)

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.

4. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 23rd November 2021 (pages 99 - 101)

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.

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 14th December 2021 (pages 102 - 106)

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.

6. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 14th December 2021 (pages 107 – 113)

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 111 (5) – the resolution to hold the award presentations at Blaina Community Centre was reiterated.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Minutes of the Task & Finish Group (Attendance Allowance, Budget & Precept) Meeting held 16th December 2021 (pages 114 – 117)

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 Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 11th January 2022 (pages 118 – 119)

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 118 (2a) – add ‘as a purchasing tool for the Town Council’.

Page 119 (3a) – should read ‘Members discussed how large the area of the decking was but no objections were made’.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

9. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 11th January 2022 (pages 120 – 127)

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 125 (6b) – it was clarified that the terms of the proposed attendance allowance required clarification but was agreed in principle. It was agreed to reword to ‘one Member supported all proposals in respect of the precept and budget except those relating to Members Remuneration and Attendance Allowance’.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

10. Correspondence:

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

a) One Voice Wales – (for information):

i E-mail re: Phishing e-mails.

Resolved to note the information received.

ii Remote training sessions January – March).

Any Member wishing to attend any training modules was reminded to contact the Town Clerk.

Resolved to note the information received.

11. 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.

It was queried if the advertising of the Community Grants available could be looked at. It was explained that the form and policy was contained on the Town Council’s website but this could be looked at by the Task and Finish Group in relation to the Facebook page.

Resolved to note the information received.

12. Confidential Information:

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

a)

13. Members Updates:

Members were invited to inform and provide updates of any recent activities and / or concerns:

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that the wi-fi for the Council Chamber (to allow hybrid meetings) had been ordered from Orbits IT but no date had been provided for the installation.

Further to a query regarding restrictions upon meetings and gatherings etc, the Town Mayor informed that this was subject to the updates being provided by the Welsh Government on 28th January 2022. The Town Clerk informed that both herself and the Assistant Officer would return to office working as usual from Monday 31st January 2022, subject to Welsh Government updates.

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The date of the Community Council Elections in Wales was discussed with some confusion as to them being held in May 2022 or 2023.

Resolved that the Town Clerk check the dates of the next Community Council Elections in Wales.

Meeting declared closed 2.00pm.

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