

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held remotely on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 1.50pm

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Chair of Events Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; C Hillman; L Harris; K Jones JP & M Williams

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that there were no members of the press 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 Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer.

Further Resolved to accept the apology received.

2. 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:

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

3. Easter Events:

Members were invited to discuss and consider if it was appropriate and achievable to provide any suitable Easter events. Members would also need to consider the

pre-election period which would be in force from 16th March until 4th May 2022. Members discussed providing an Easter Egg to all children at the four local primary schools as in 2021. In response to a query regarding finance, the Town Clerk / RFO explained that Easter Eggs could be paid for from the 2021/22 budget and commemorative jubilee gifts could be paid for from the 2022/23 budget.

Members also discussed contacting the Town Centre Manager to query if any funding was available to assist with this purchase. Members also agreed that stickers be put on each egg to inform that they were a gift from the Town Council.

Resolved that an easter egg be purchased for each pupil at the four local primary schools and **Further Resolved** to enquire if any funding was available for this from the Town Centre Manager.

4. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022:**

Members were invited to consider the proposed schedule of events to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

Commemorative Gifts for local schools:

Members were informed that as the Assistant Officer was currently away from the office, Councillor Morvan had contacted the four primary schools and discussed any preference in respect of Jubilee commemoration gifts and two schools confirmed their preference for the pen sets, 1 school confirmed their preference for drinking bottles and 1 school confirmed their preference for a mixture of both pens sets and drinking bottles.

The Town Clerk informed that she would check what printing was available for the gifts but that it should include 'a gift from Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council' and the costs for the gifts.

Resolved to purchase the appropriate number of Jubilee Commemorative gifts as detailed above.

Art & Poetry Competitions:

Councillor Morvan informed that he had spoken to all four primary schools and they confirmed they would take part in both competitions.

It was discussed and **Resolved** that the categories for both competitions would comprise of:

- Under 11 years
- 11 – 17 years
- 18 + years

It was discussed and **Resolved** that appropriate judges for both competitions were required and that the winning entries would be framed and displayed in the Council Chamber.

It was discussed and **Resolved** that the Town Clerk make enquiries into the possibility of displaying all entries in an empty shop within the town.

Donations to other organisations:

Members discussed the possibility of awarding grants for jubilee celebrations/parties to qualifying organisations. It was considered that the Council's existing financial grants/donations policy would cover such applications.

Resolved that no special provision to be made for awarding such grants to qualifying organisations.

Bunting:

Members discussed and **Resolved** to purchase and erect bunting throughout Nantyglo and Blaina as appropriate. **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk contact the Town Centre Manager (Blaenau Gwent CBC) to enquire if any financial assistance was available to purchase this.

Planting Trees at Nantyglo & Blaina:

Councillor Morvan informed that he had contacted Dave Watkins at Blaenau Gwent CBC to enquire about tree planting at locations in Nantyglo and Blaina. Although a response was still awaiting from Dave Watkins (BGCBC) it was understood that permission from the relevant landowners would be required.

Resolved to note the information received.

Service in respect of the Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June 2022:

Members considered the proposed details of the service in respect of the Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June 2022 and **Resolved** to accept the format of the day as outlined in the report, subject to necessary permissions granted.

Jubilee Beacon:

Members considered the information regarding providing and lighting a Jubilee Beacon but considered the health and safety implications to be onerous and difficult for the Town Council to safely provide.

Resolved not to provide or light a Jubilee Beacon.

5. **Award Ceremonies:**

Members were informed that the presentation for the following events would be held as follows (This was to ensure that the presentations take place as soon as possible and prior to the pre-election period which was in force from 16th March 2022 until 4th May 2022. The presentations would take place over two mornings to ensure compliance with the Council's risk assessment.

- a) In Bloom awards – would take place in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 commencing at 11am (light refreshments would be provided).

Resolved to support the In Bloom presentation as detailed above.

- b) ARC Awards – would take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday 3rd March 2022 commencing at 11am (light refreshments would be provided).

Resolved to support the ARC Awards presentation as detailed above.

6. **Battle of Britain Exhibition:**

Members were invited to consider the attached information regarding the proposed Battle of Britain exhibition.

Councillor G Morvan informed that he had spoken to Squadron Leader John Dunn and it was clarified that the exhibition comprised of 'pop-up' banners that could be accommodated within the Council Chamber. It was also confirmed that the exhibition would need to take place prior to November 2022 and that Squadron Leader Dunn would advise of a suitable time. The Town Clerk informed that a risk assessment regarding this would be undertaken nearer the date.

Resolved that the exhibition be sited in the Council Chamber at an appropriate date and **Further Resolved** that Councillor Morvan continue to Liaise with Squadron Leader Dunn to arrange this.

7. **Planters:**

Members were invited to consider the quotations received in respect of the proposed larger planters for Nantyglo & Blaina.

Members discussed the quotes received and agreed that six planters were required and proposed and **Resolved** that six square planters (black with gold coloured top) be ordered.

Members discussed the suitability of 'screw on' plaques for the planters to bear the Council name and it was Proposed and **Resolved** for this to be looked into.

Members also discussed where the planters could be delivered and stored. It was **Resolved** to contact Tai Calon to enquire if they could assist with this.

Meeting declared closed at 2.50pm