

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Events Committee held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina. Immediately following the Meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 26th April 2022.

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

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

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 no members of the press or public were 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 Cllr G Morvan. **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies 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. Updates:

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update regarding the following:

- a) **In Bloom:**
AO confirmed that all previous applicants have been sent an application form.

Poster and application form devised and distributed locally.

A discussion ensued regarding a better advertising strategy, Cllr Williams would discuss with Town Clerk and Assistant officer (AO) to discuss options. It was noted that there were no photographs of the winners on website and suggested for them to be displayed as this could attract new applicants to apply. It was also mentioned that it may be a momentary prize night attract more applicants to apply.

One application had been received from Llys y Capel and confirmation from Gavin at Abergavenny Garden Centre had confirmed that he would continue to help with judging again this year.

Resolved to note the information received and Further **Resolved** for Cllr Williams to discuss options with Clerk and AO with regards to advertising.

- b) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee:**

Promotional items pens and water bottles have been ordered and delivered.

AO asked if there was any member who knows a contact of an empty shop that can be contacted to see if owner will permit the winning entries of art and poetry competitions to be displayed in the window. Cllr Hillman confirmed that he and Cllr Harris were involved with the charity shop in Blaina and that the winning entries could be displayed in the shop window next to charity shop.

Town Clerk informed members that Reverend Roy Watson will be in attendance at the Queens Jubilee service. Katy Treharne confirmed that she was not available, however, she would enquire if she could provide a student to perform, but would need a copy of the music. Blaina RFC had also confirmed the venue hire although were still to provide a cost for refreshments. All local schools have also been sent an invite to participate, but no response yet.

Town Clerk also confirmed that there has been no response from BGCBC regarding the tree planting and would contact them again to ascertain what species would be permitted and to gain permission to plant tree in Nantyglo & Blaina. Local contractor Mr R Dunham would also be contacted to see if he would be available to dig hole the morning of ready to insert tree for planting.

Resolved to note the information received and further **Resolved** to display winning Jubilee competition art and poetry work in empty shop window. **Resolved to contact** BGCBC for advice on species of tree and permission to plant and to enquire with local contractor if he would be able to dig the 2 holes for planting.

- c) **Planters:**

AO received confirmation from Tai Calon who confirmed that they were not able to store planters as they have sold off part of the building to an outside organisation.

Cllr Hillman announced that he had space to take in the delivery and will store them within his garden area. AO to contact supplier to ensure the delivery will not exceed the size of 7.5ton lorry.

Tai Calon also confirmed that they no longer make their own compost, so are not able to help with a donation of compost to fill planters. With regards to volunteer help to support the planting they will get be in touch as it will need to be discussed further.

Members suggested that AO to source out the cost of a pallet of compost from 3 different supplies in compliance with financial regulations and purchase the best deal. Members also agreed for Chair, Cllr Jenkins to purchase the plants in readiness to plant.

Resolved to note the information received. **Further Resolved** for AO to source quotes and purchase a pallet of compost and **Additionally Resolved** for Cllr Jenkins to purchase the plants.

4. **Other Information:**

Cllr Hillman informed that he would pursue the issue with banners for Nantyglo and Blaina with Town Centre Manager. There is a 5 towns strategy within Blaenau Gwent and not 4 towns. Nantyglo and Blaina was yet again forgotten.

Cllr Jenkins explained that there were trees in the grounds of the old doctor's surgery in Nantyglo that Christmas tree lights could be placed. Local contractor to be contacted for a possible site visit to ascertain if area was suitable to install lights.

Resolved to note the information received. **Further Resolved** for AO to arrange a site with local contractor to ascertain suitability for Christmas tree lights to be installed.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 24th May 2022

Meeting closed at 19:40pm.