

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Meeting held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 6.00pm on Tuesday 26th April 2022 via a hybrid meeting.

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors C Hillman; K Jones JP; M Williams; L Harris & K Jenkins

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 in person or remotely. **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 Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7c

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 G Morvan. **Further Resolved** to accept the apology received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for April 2022.

The Town Mayor congratulated all on their re-elected posts.

Neither the Town Mayor nor Councillor C Hillman were permitted to enter the schools due to the election period (Purdah) to distribute the Easter Eggs to the four local primary schools although they did assist the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer with this.

The Town Mayor confirmed that himself and Councillor Carole Hillman attended and supported the Easter event at Blaina which was organised by Blaenau Gwent CBC, they were unable to attend in official capacity or assist due to the pre-election period in force. At this event, the Town Mayor informed that he was verbally attacked by a local Borough

Councillor's wife regarding the Town Council not assisting at the event.

The Town Mayor informed that he was present at the Brynmawr & Abertillery's Easter events that was organised by BGCBC, which were both excellent events, with stilt walkers, face painting, craft. In contrast, Blaina's Easter Event to see was a much lesser event with just an offer of an Easter egg hunt.

Chair expressed that there has been a lack of support for his charities due to Covid and that he was very disappointed with Town Council website as it contained very little photos of the Mayor on website. The Mayoral blog was now on website but had not listed all his roles as there were too many to list.

Cllr Jones agreed with Chair about the lack of enthusiasm and effort that was put into Blaina easter Event. Cllr Harris confirmed that it was a BGCBC event, who had many more staff members than those of our Town Council to support events.

The Mayor stated that Nantyglo and Blaina seemed to be penalised on every level i.e., the only towns not to have banners. The Mayor announced he would ensure that the Town Centre Manager would work for our towns, Nantyglo and Blaina in addition to the other towns within Blaenau Gwent.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 22nd March 2022 (pages 169 – 174):

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:

Pg 169-170 Point 2 – The Town Mayor requested a copy of the positive response from the 2 School for his file.

Pg 171 Point 6a – Facebook training to be arranged after 6th May with Cllr M Williams, Clerk & Assistant Officer.

Pg 173 Point 8a – Financial Regulations 2022/23. The Town Mayor informed that he had not received his card, card reader or pin for him to carry out his signatory role. Clerk confirmed that she would contact the bank as it seemed information was getting lost through the online process.

Resolved to note the information received and **further resolved** for Clerk to send Cllr Hillman a copy of letter from school, for his file. Also, clerk to contact Lloyds bank to explain that card, card reader and pin not received to Cllr Hillman.

4. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 22nd March 2022 (pages 175 - 177)

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:

Pg 176-point 3a – Easter Eggs: The 20% discount previously awarded to the Town

Council by Morrisons PLC was not given as the Community Champion had already allocated her donations for the year. Cllr D Hillman informed that he was not able to receive the discount in respect of the Hospice of the Valleys.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 12th April 2022 (pages 178 – 179)

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:

Pg 179-point 5b. Planning application No C/2022/0087. Questions was asked about as crossing the highway was dangerous.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 12th April 2022 (pages 180 – 183)

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:

Pg 181-point 2b. Letter of thanks was sent to Blaen y Cwm School for donations received for the Mayoral Appeal. Cllr Hillman asked if he could receive a copy of letter for his file.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and **further resolved** for a copy of letter to be sent to Cllr D Hillman.

7. 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 informing OVW CPR & Defib Manager, Phil Hill.

Members agreed that item to be discussed at a later meeting.

Resolved to note the information received and **further resolved** to be discussed at a later meeting.

ii Remote training sessions April & May.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Welsh Government – (for information):

Letter informing of Preparation & Publication of Statutory Financial Account for 2021/22.

Town Clerk announced that she has still not received Audit opinion from Audit Wales.

Resolved to note the information received.

*Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7C. **Resolved** to note the declaration of interest and **Further Resolved** that the Members remain in the meeting for the item.*

c) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council (for information):

Patients Voice News Bulletin.

Resolved to note the information received.

8. Planning Applications:

Members were invited to consider any further applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting:

a) Planning Application (redacted) No. C/2022/0091 – Land at Pond Road/Waun Ebbw Road, Nantyglo:

Proposed housing development 4No. Cllr Hillman confirmed that the typos are appalling in the application form and although there was no response required it was picked up the Coal Authority should have been ticked for query.

Resolved that no objections be made and **Further Resolved** to make the representations as stated.

Additional planning application/information received with permission of the Chair:

b) Planning Application No. C/2022/0068 – Unit 21, Rising Sun Industrial Estate, Blaina:

Members were informed of the e-mail received from Joanne White, Planning Officer and additional information relating to the planning application.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

c) Public consultation – proposed development – land adjacent to Units 19 & 20 Rising Sun Industrial Estate, Nantyglo:

Members were invited to consider the information relating to the public consultation regarding the proposed development. *(Members were supplied with the information by e-mail).*

Resolved that no representation or objections be made.

9. 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.

Resolved accordingly.

10. Asset Register:

Members were invited to consider and if appropriate, resolve the report in respect of the Council's Asset Register as at 31st March 2022.

A discussion ensued regarding after care for IT equipment and the Town Clerk informed that the equipment was supplied by Orbits including the backup packages. The Town Clerk informed that the Owl Meeting System was not supplied by Orbits IT but was supplied with a warranty.

Resolved that the report be approved.

Meeting declared closed at 18:50

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L. E. Harris

