

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Events Committee held via a hybrid meeting at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina, immediately following the Meeting of the Town Council, 7.10pm on Tuesday 28th June 2022.

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Chair of the Events Committee, presiding.
Councillors; L Harris, M Williams (remote), L King & K Jones JP (remote)

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 D Hillman and Cllr C Hillman.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. **Update: In Bloom:** Applications received Individual House x 6, Schools x 2, Individual allotment x 1, Open Spaces x 1 & Community Group x 1. Judges: Gavin Trinder from Abergavenny Garden Centre & Sheryl Edwards from BGCBC would commence judging week 27th June 2022

AO confirmed that Officer from Blaenau Gwent, Nadine Morgan had visited some of the premises on Monday and would continue to visit others throughout the week. Gavin Trinder of Abergavenny Garden Centre was busy with work commitments this week, so had arranged to visit all premises Tuesday 5th July.

Cllr M Williams offered to visit the premises with the judge and take photographs. AO would inform Gavin Trinder of this and provide Cllr Williams with the necessary details.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for AO to provide details of times to Cllr Williams for him to go around with Gavin to take photographs.

3. Planters: Still on hold until a delivery can be made for items to be stored.

A Member stated that he thought it was previously agreed that Cllr D Hillman would store them at his premises. AO informed all that Cllr Hillman informed the following day explaining that he would be unable to take the delivery and store the items.

A discussion ensued regarding possible storage ideas, and it was agreed to contact Dave Watkins at Blaenau Gwent CBC to enquire if planters could be stored at BGCBC premises located at Barleyfield Estate.

Chair announced that he had been around the areas of Nantyglo & Blaina and replanted the planters with pansies. He also confirmed that no plants had been stolen from the areas that planters were stolen last year.

Chair also informed that there were planters that contained a significant amount of chickweed, which would need to be removed before it overtook the planters.

Members thanked Chair for his work of replanting.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for AO to send an email to Dave Watkins at BGCBC to enquire if a number of large planters could be stored until later in the year.

4. Christmas 2022: Members to consider suitable events.

a) Purchasing of additional lights and transformers: Discussion ensued regarding replenishing more of the old Christmas Lights and transformers for more cost-effective LED lights. Members agreed for contractor to look at what is required to replenish and for a budget of up to £2000 to be allocated for purchasing new low energy LED lights and transformers.

Member enquired if the contractor could investigate the possibility of placing lights on the tree that was in the grounds of the old doctor's surgery in Nantyglo. Member went on to say that there was a steel lamppost just outside the grounds that lights could possibly be connected too, or even if the Town Council could ascertain if connection to a nearby bungalow's electricity supply.

Members discussed that connecting to a private property was not acceptable and would not be covered by insurance.

It was agreed for contractor to look at areas within Nantyglo and see if there was anywhere suitable to place additional lights.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for AO to enquire with contractor if suitable additional locations could be identified for extra Christmas lights to be put up in Nantyglo.

b) Christmas Events: A discussion ensued of possible ideas that could take place, however, it was agreed for this item to be added to agenda for next meeting to give members time to think of ideas, and for AO to provide a list of all previous Christmas events to give new members an idea of what Town Council has previously provided in previous years.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for item to be agenda at next meeting with a list of previous events.

5. **Bunting:** Members were invited to consider leaving the jubilee bunting in place or to instructor contractor R Dunham to take down (cost was unknown at present).

Members discussed the removal of the bunting and decided the bunting currently enhanced the area of Nantyglo and Blaina and therefore suggested bunting to remain in situ.

However, if contractor could keep an eye when passing and either repair or take down if any bunting was hanging down that could cause any accident.

Resolved to note the information received and further **Resolved** to leave bunting in situ and if contractor could repair or remove if he witnesses bunting that could cause and accident.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th July 2022

Meeting closed at 19:40 pm.