

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 6.10pm on Tuesday 28th June 2022 via a hybrid meeting.

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

Present: Councillor Lilian Harris, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, K Jenkins, K Jones JP (remote), L King & M Williams (remote)

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

The Town Mayor informed of the procedure to be taken in the event of a fire alarm. **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 D Hillman and C Hillman.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for June 2022.

The Town Mayor informed that the Council's commemoration and celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was very successful and that the event/service held at both Nantyglo & Blaina were well attended. The Council were pleased to have the High Sheriff of Gwent, Mr Malgwyn Davies in attendance, together with the Royal British Legion (Blaina),

Blaina Brass band, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Members agreed that the event together with the commemorative tree planting at both Nantyglo & Blaina was very successful. The Town Clerk informed that relevant letters of thanks had been sent. Councillor M Williams was thanked for taking photos of the event, which had been displayed on the Council's website. Councillor G Morvan thanked the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer for arranging the event.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 26th April 2022 (pages 184 – 188):

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 186 – should read 'League of Friends' not 'Hospice of the Valleys'.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

4. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 26th April 2022 (pages 189 - 191)

Members are 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 191 – delete 'be'.

Page 191 - In response to a query, Members were informed that the large planters had not yet been ordered as Cllr D Hillman was unable to take delivery and a delivery/storage place was needed to be identified.

Page 191 – Other information – include ARC Awards to be looked into.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held 24th May 2022 (pages 1 – 4)

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 Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 14th June 2022 (pages 5 – 7)

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 6 – should read ‘not provided’.

Page 7 – should read ‘not provided’.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

**7. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 14th June 2022
(pages 8 – 14)**

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. Correspondence:

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

- a) Citizens Advice – (for information):

Our impact in Blaenau Gwent 2021/22.

Resolved to note the information received.

- b) Welsh Government – (for information):

- i Climate Change Newsletter – May 2022.

Resolved to note the information received.

- ii Age Friendly Wales – Update on Strategy for an Ageing Society.

Resolved to note the information received.

- c) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (for information):

Information re: Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act 2019.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

(Please note that information had been submitted to Members prior to the meeting).

- d) Beverley Lucas:

Members considered the application form and letter submitted by Ms Lucas in respect of co-option to the Council. **Resolved** that her application be considered and **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer act as ‘tellers’.

Members were reminded of the Council’s Standing Orders in relation to co-options and that

voting would take place via secret ballot with no discussion. Members who were in attendance remotely agreed to cast their votes via e-mail to the Clerk. **Resolved** to note the information received.

Unanimously Resolved that Beverley Lucas be co-opted as a Member of the Town Council for the Blaina Ward.

e) One Voice Wales (for information):

Presentation information re: Decarbonisation in Local Government.

Resolved to note the information received.

f) Biodiversity Wales (for information):

Briefing Pack for Wales Nature Week (2 – 10 July 2022).

Resolved to note the information received.

g) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

Members were reminded of the e-mail (previously distributed) from Blaenau Gwent CBC in respect of nominations for a Town Council representative to the Standards Committee. Members were informed that Cllr D Hillman had put forward his name as a nominee for the position.

Resolved to note the information received.

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. **Confidential Information:**

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

Meeting declared closed at 7.10pm