

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held via a hybrid meeting at 6.20pm on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Acting Chair of the Events Committee, presiding
Councillors D Hillman; K Jones; L Harris; C Hillman (remote) & L King

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, it was **Proposed and Resolved** that Councillor G Morvan act as Chair.

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 resolved to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillors K Jenkins, M Williams and Mrs N Horner. **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

2. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chair's permission, any urgent information that may well be received prior to the date of the meeting.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

a) K. Williams, Town Centre Manager, BGCBC:

E-mail received informing that BGCBC would provide a 'Polar Express' for either 17th or 19th of December 2022.

Cllr D Hillman commented that last year's event was well attended and a good event although it was noted that compared to the other towns, BGCBC provide very little to Nantyglo & Blaina.

Resolved to contact the Town Centre Manager for more information.

3. Nantyglo & Blaina In Bloom - Awards:

Members were invited to consider an awards presentation to the winners of the In Bloom 2022 competition as was held in March 2022. Members were invited to consider that this takes place in the Council Chamber during the school day to enable the schools to attend. Members were also asked to consider the provision of light refreshments as before.

Please note that this item was included on Finance & General Purposes Committee agenda.

Resolved that the presentation take place in November 2022 after the schools had returned following the half term break.

4. Wales & the Battle of Britain Historical Exhibition:

Members were informed that the Town Council will host the Wales and Battle of Britain Historical Exhibition (together with Blaina Heritage & Action Group) in the Council Chamber and Museum from 10th to 14th October 2022.

The Exhibition will be officially opened by the Town Mayor and Air Commodore Adrian Williams at 2pm on Monday 10th October 2022.

Members were requested to consider providing appropriate light refreshments for the opening.

Please note that this item was included on Finance & general Purposes Committee agenda.

Councillor Morvan informed that a number of the exhibition banners were to be located in the Council Chamber, one banner would be situated in the hallway and the remainder were to be situated in the museum. In response to a query, the Acting Chair informed that the Museum was not contributing to the refreshments as they were already providing a favour to the Town Council in providing their premises for the event. Invitations had been sent and many dignitaries had confirmed their attendance. Members were informed that some volunteers were required and that additional publicity would be required. Councillor K Jones JP informed that he would be away for the event.

Resolved to provide light refreshments for the event and **Further Resolved** to note the information received.

5. Christmas 2022:

Members were invited to consider the provision of Christmas Events for 2022.

For information, the following events have been held in previous years:

- Carol concerts with each primary school – 2 at Wesley Church, Nantyglo and 2 at Gladstone Street Chapel, Blaina (4 concerts in total). Santa has also been provided by the Town Council at each concert and distributed selection packs to the pupils present.
- Christmas evenings in both Nantyglo & Blaina – consisting of Santa's Grotto, Blaina Band, Katy Treharne, stalls & refreshments. These have taken place on different evenings in venues such as Nantyglo RFC; Blaina Community Centre & St Peter's Church, Blaina.
- Santa's Sleigh throughout Nantyglo & Blaina – usually taking place on different evenings for Nantyglo and Blaina with the sleigh then arriving at the Christmas evening (as above).
- Distribution of selection boxes – these have been provided to all primary school pupils within the area during 2020 & 2021 due to events not taking place due to Covid. Prior to Covid, this was not undertaken.

Members were also asked to consider the minutes of the Working Group Meeting (attached to the Full Council agenda).

The Town Clerk informed Members of one reply received from the schools which stated that the concerts should be held in the church/chapel as before

A discussion ensued as to the details of providing Christmas events, the main points were summarised as:

- Would selections packs be given out at the carol concerts, or at the schools – and how would the selections packs be distributed?
- Members favoured a selection pack for all four primary school pupils as in 2020 and 2021 with a letter or certificate provided to each pupil taking part in the carol concerts.
- The Town Clerk informed that due to statutory work and staff pressures, Christmas events would need to be 'Member led'.
- Members discussed venues for Christmas events, although Members were informed that Nantyglo RFC could be used only on week nights, and a date would be required to link up with the proposed polar express.
- The Town Clerk informed that the local Police had been contacted with an enquiry as to any possible help that could be provided with the sleigh (PC G Davies informed that more details and dates etc would be required).

The following items were **Resolved**:

- A selection pack be provided to each of the four primary school pupils
- A letter or certificate be provided to each pupil taking part in the carol concerts
- To provide carol concerts with the four primary schools within the church/chapel as before
- Arrange Christmas nights at a venue in Nantyglo (Nantyglo RFC) and Blaina (either St Peter's Church or Blaina Community Centre) to tie up with the Polar Express.

Meeting declared closed at 7.15pm

