

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held via a hybrid meeting at 5.50pm 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 L Harris, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; K Jones JP; C Hillman (remote) & L King

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

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 Councillors K Jenkins & m Williams and Mrs N Horner. **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for August & September 2022.

The Town Mayor informed:

That with Cllr K Jenkins she attended the Armed Forces Day at Bedwellty House, Tredegar. The Town Mayor informed that this event was very enjoyable although poorly attended. The Town Mayor also informed that on 19th September, along with other Members of the Town Council, she attended a memorial service at Central Park, Blaina in respect of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Town Mayor commented that the service was a fitting tribute to the Queen and thanked the Royal British Legion (Blaina Branch) for helping to organise the event. Cllr D Hillman opined that the memorial service was excellent and that it was good that the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gwent was in attendance. Cllr Hillman thanked the Town Clerk, British Legion and Rev'd Roy Watson for organising the service.

Resolved to note the information received.

- 3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 26th July 2022 (pages 30 – 35):**
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:
p.31: It was emphasised that Cllr D Hillman was in remote attendance for the first part of the meeting and asked two questions during the guest speakers' presentation. Cllr Hillman attended in person for the remainder of the meeting.
p.31: the cost of the scheme was queried.
p.34: include 'Cllr G Morvan was given permission to respond'.
Resolved that the minutes be approved.
- 4. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 26th July 2022 (pages 36 - 38)**
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:
p.37: in response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that there was no update regarding the proposed meeting with Blaenau Gwent Councillors (Nantyglo & Blaina wards).
Resolved that the minutes be approved.
- 5. Minutes of the Working Group Meeting (Christmas Events) held 16th August 2022 (pages 39 – 41)**
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:
p.40 – should be 'Pen y Cwm school' not Blaen y Cwm school.
Resolved that the minutes be approved.
- 6. 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) The Seafarers' Charity – (for information):
Certificate of Participation (Merchant Navy Day) received. Members were informed that the certificate had been displayed on the noticeboard at the entrance of the Council Chamber.
Resolved to note the information received.
- b) One Voice Wales – (for information):
Invitation to online Biodiversity Conference – 27th October 2022.
Resolved to note the information received.

7. Civic Sunday:

Members were informed that the Civic Sunday Service in respect of the Town Mayor, Councillor Lilian Harris would take place at 3pm on Sunday 16th October 2022 at Cwmcelyn Chapel, Cwmcelyn Road, Blaina.

Councillor Ken Jones JP gave his apologies.

Resolved to note the information received.

8. 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.

a) Cerebral Palsy Cymru.

Members considered the application and stated that there was a need to support children within the area.

Resolved that a donation of £100.00 be made.

9. Members Updates:

Members were invited to inform and provide updates of any recent activities and / or concerns:

Councillor D Hillman:

Councillor Hillman expressed concerns regarding the low number of members of the Town Council. It was thought that this could be partly remedied by an effective Facebook page which would publicise the work of the Town Council and by speaking to the general public at events etc.

Members agreed that it was difficult to put on events when membership of the Council was so few.

Resolved to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 6.20pm.