

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 6.00pm on Tuesday 25th October 2022.

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

Present: Councillor Lilian Harris, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan (remote), K Jenkins, K Jones JP, D Hillman & C Hillman

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 L King & M Williams.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for October 2022.

The Town Mayor confirmed that Civic Sunday was small gathering, but very nice and the service went very well. The Town Mayor thanked Reverend Roy Watson for giving a lovely service and to Cllrs Des Hillman & Glyn Morvan for the readings and it was also reported that guests enjoyed the occasion.

The raffle for Mayor Appeal went well with a few members winning prizes.

Members were informed that there was usually a charge for hiring the Chapel, but it was agreed between the Town Mayor, Reverend Watson and Cwmcelyn Chapel that the collection taken during the service would suffice.

The Town Mayor thanked all for their attendance. Cllr Jenkins gave his apologies for leaving early, as he felt unwell. Cllr D Hillman commented that the buffet was excellent.

The Town Mayor informed that the Wales & Battle of Britain exhibition was excellent and very well attended. It was informative with a great presentation and lots of effort had been put into the displays and presentations. It was very commendable of those from Wales who all fought in the battle for our country.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 27th September 2022 (rescheduled from 13th September 2022) (pages 42 – 44):

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.

4. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 27th September 2022 (rescheduled from 13th September 2022) (pages 45 – 50):

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.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 27th September 2022 (pages 51 – 53):

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 53 a): Member expressed there was a need for new members.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 26th September 2022 (pages 54 - 56)

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 54 a): Q – Asked if confirmation on the Polar Express event had been received.

A – No confirmation date had been received from Blaenau Gwent CBC to date.

Pg 55 Q – Any date set as yet

A – Still waiting upon 1 school for a preference of date.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

Cllr D Hillman expressed that it was good to see Assistant Officer, Nicola Horner back.

AO thanked members for her lovely bouquet of flowers. Such a lovely thought from all.

7. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 11th October 2022 (pages 57 – 58) – Information only and ratification.

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:

Cllr Jones thanked Cllr D Hillman for chairing the committee meeting in his absence. The meeting was not quorate, so a discussion ensued, and the following points made were to be ratified.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and **Further Resolved** to ratify and decisions made.

8. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 11th October 2022 (pages 59 – 63) – Information only and ratification.

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 61: Ratify purchase of sweet – **Resolved**. Member asked if BGCBC could be more specific with the regards to the help they require. Clerk to enquire with Karen Williams (TCM)

Further Resolved for Clerk to enquire regarding what help was required from Town Councillors.

Pg 61: S 137, Ratified for £200 donation to BG Foodbank. **Resolved**. Member queried that as there was no longer a Foodbank store in Nantyglo was the Town Council's contribution was now helping our residents on Nantyglo & Blaina. Member replied that Foodbank delivered to the areas. The Town Clerk informed that Blaenau Gwent Foodbank provide help to residents throughout Blaenau Gwent and that they had previously confirmed that the Town Council's donation was providing food etc to Nantyglo & Blaina residents. It was requested that Clerk make contact the Foodbank to ask how the Town Council donations was supporting residents from Nantyglo & Blaina. **Further Resolved** for Clerk to enquire to Foodbank About the support provided to residents of Nantyglo & Blaina.

Pg 61: Steering Group representative assigned. **Ratified** and **Resolved**.

Pg 61: Meeting Platform (MS Teams) **Ratified** the purchase and cost of £1.50 per month. **Resolved.**

Pg 62: Salem Chapel inspection sheet **Ratified** and **Resolved.**

Pg 63: Motion **Ratified** and **Resolved.** Report **Ratified** and **Resolved.**

Resolved that the minutes be approved and **Further Resolved** to note and support the decisions taken.

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. Audit Wales:

Members were informed that the External Auditor's report and certificate in respect of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2021. Members were invited to note, and if agreed, to approve and accept the Annual Return and certificate.

The Town Clerk informed that the Annual Return, Audit Opinion and certificate were displayed on the Town Council's website and notice boards as required by legislation.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to approve and accept the Annual Return and certificate.

11. Planning Applications:

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

a) Planning Application NO. C/2022/0290 – Central Park, Surgery Road, Blains.

Proposal re: extension to the existing Community Sports Club to provide a Large Events Facility, larger kitchen and toilet facilities and internal reconfiguration (*copy attached*).

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

12. Members Updates:

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

Resolved to note that no updates were provided.

Cllr G Morvan left the meeting at this juncture.

Meeting declared closed at 18.50