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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held via a hybrid meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina

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

Present: Councillor L Harris, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; C Hillman; K Jones; K Jenkins & 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.

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 the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer declared a pecuniary interest in item no. 11 and Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7a.

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 Councillor L King.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for November 2022.

The Town Mayor informed that she attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at Central Park, Blaina on 13th November 2022, which was also attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Mrs Susan Gwyer-Roberts. The Town Mayor laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council although there appeared to be some confusion as to the order and name listings on the order of service as to the laying of wreaths. The service was well

attended. Members thanked Councillor Morvan for leading the Parade and to Mr Dave Watkins, Blaenau Gwent CBC for organisation of the parade and service.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 25th October 2022 (pages 64 – 67):

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.66 – should read ‘notes’.

p.66 (item 8) – it was clarified as ‘Armed Forces Steering Group’.

p.67 (item 10) – include ‘and note that there were NO recommendations from the External Auditor’.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

4. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 25th October 2022 (pages 68 - 70)

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:

Members were reminded that the meeting was inquorate and that the items listed required ratification. Members considered the notes and agreed to **Ratify** all decisions agreed and **Resolved** that item 3 (purchase of two elf/Christmas costumes) to be to a maximum of £50.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and **Further Resolved** to **Ratify** the decisions agreed.

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 8th November 2022 (pages 71 – 72):

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 Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 8th November 2022 (pages 73 – 79):

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:

The Town Clerk informed that the agenda should have listed this item as Minutes of the

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 8th November (and NOT for information only & ratification).

p.77 (item 9a) – include ‘continuing monthly invoices’.

p.78 (item 9c) – Members Attendance Allowances was also discussed and unanimously resolved.

p.79 (item 9d) – the Town Clerk provided a brief update in respect of new locations for items belonging to Nantyglo & Blaina Charter Group.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Correspondence:

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

Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7a.

a) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council – (for information):

Patient’s Voice – News Bulletin.

Councillor D Hillman provided a verbal update and informed that the seven Community Health Councils and the CHC Board in Wales would be replaced by a new Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care in Wales (CVB).

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Blaenau Gwent Foodbank – (for information):

E-mail of thanks and confirming receipt in respect of recent financial donation. E-mail also provided updated information regarding numbers of residents helped from Nantyglo & Blaina.

Members considered the information contained within the we-mail and agreed that good and appropriate help was provided in Nantyglo & Blaina by Blaenau Gwent Foodbank.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

c) Nuclear Free Local Authorities – (for information & consideration):

Members were informed of an invitation for one representative from the NFLA to attend an event at the Senedd Cardiff on 6th December 2022. Members were asked to contact the Town Clerk if they wished to attend.

Resolved to note the information received.

8.. Planning Applications:

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

- a) Planning Application No. C/2022/0311 – 39 Queen Street, Nantyglo.

Removal of condition(s) only

Pair of semi-detached houses at land formally 39-40 Queen Street, Nantyglo.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

9. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s), plus with the Chairman's permission any additional applications that might be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members were also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

- a) Brynmawr Rotary – 'Stronger Together' Christmas Hamper Project:

Members considered the application and in response to a comment clarified that the application was a different application providing a different service to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank. Members also stated that this was a good application which provided much relevant information.

Resolved that a financial donation of £100 be made.

10. Members Updates:

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

Councillor Lilian Harris – Town Mayor:

The Town Mayor informed that she was to present certificates of achievement to Mr R Abbas and other volunteers at the renovated bench sited in West Side, Blaina on 23rd November 2022. The Town Mayor confirmed that her consort, Councillor Carole Hillman would also be in attendance.

Resolved to note the information received.

11. Confidential Information:

The following item(s) may contain information that is of a confidential or personal nature and is therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only. (Public Bodies Admission to

Meeting declared closed at 6.50pm