

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

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held via a hybrid meeting at Town Council to be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 24th January 2023 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 (remote); D Hillman; C Hillman (remote); 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 no declaration of interest was 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 Councillor L King. Councillor G Morvan explained that he would need to give his apologies to leave meeting at 18:50 to Chair the One Voice Wales Area meeting. **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for December 2022 and January 2023.

The Town Mayor informed that she attended both Christmas Carol concerts at St Peters Church and Nantyglo Rugby Club. She was also present to give the pupils at the 4 local schools to present them with a Christmas selection pack for each pupil. Mayor gave thanks to Town Clerk, Assistant Officer, Cllr D & C Hillman and Cllr K Jenkins and confirmed that both events were very successful, and Santa played good role. The Assistant Officer confirmed photographs are on the website.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda.

Member queried who would answer who would answer questions from the public? Town Clerk confirmed that any questions would be directed to the Chair and that the most appropriate Officer or Councillor would answer. Town Clerk also explained the Act of Public and the Questions from Public must be regarding an agenda item listed, however, the public were not permitted to debate in meeting. It was also suggested that there would be a 10-minute allocation time for public questions.

Resolved to note that no questions from the public had been received. **Further Resolved** for 10 minutes allocation time be added to agenda item.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 22nd November 2022 (pages 80 – 84)

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 81 – Item 4a, It was clarified that a monetary limit was put on Christmas costumes. However, Members were informed there was no take up on offer from BGCBC Councillors.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 22nd November 2022 (pages 85 - 87)

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 86 – Cllr K Jenkins was also in attendance.

Pg 86 b) – The offer of lending Christmas lights was not taken up by Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Pg 87 4) – Cllr D Hillman was also in attendance.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 13th December 2022 (pages 88 - 91)

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 89 2b) – include - built 'on' common land.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 13th December 2022 (pages 92 – 96)

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate, to approve as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 94 2f) – A Member queried the surname of Town Centre Manager, the Town Clerk informed that Morgan was her maiden name. Cllr L Harris was also in attendance at the meeting.

Pg 95 (4) – It was clarified that Councillor C Hillman was not and had no involvement as a school governor at Blaen y Cwm Primary. Councillor D Hillman informed that he had not had any involvement with the Blaina Institute Trust Fund to date. This was to be queried with the Trust.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

8. Notes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 10th January 2023 (pages 97 – 98)

Members were invited to consider the above notes and if appropriate to approve as an accurate record of proceedings. Please note that Members would need to discuss and ratify decisions where applicable.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

It was proposed and seconded to move and ratify to all agreements on block. All members agreed.

Resolved that the notes be approved and **Further Resolved** that all decisions/agreements listed within the notes be **Ratified**.

9. Notes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 10th January 2023 (pages 99 – 103)

Members were invited to consider the above notes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings. Please note that Members will need to discuss and ratify decisions where applicable.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 100 Item 3 & 103) It was commented that members should not be named in minutes and should read “a member”. Also there had been no response from BG Foodbank in response of the query for members to visit their premises.

Pg 102 6b) of point 10 (6) To add the ‘**New**’ IRPW’s report.

Pg 103 6b) A member asked for a copy of his notes to be sent to all members, which they hadn’t.

Resolved that the notes be approved and **Further Resolved** that all decisions/agreements listed within the notes be **Ratified**.

10. 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) One Voice Wales – (for consideration):

Guidance re: Bullying & Harassment in Councils.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Ms H Bryant (Patchwork & Quilting Group) – (for information):

Letter of thanks and confirming receipt of recent financial donation.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

c) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council - (for information):

Email from BGCBG (David Arnold) informing of Blaenau Gwent CBC Budget 23/24 and public engagement opportunities. The Town Clerk informed that a meeting had now been arranged by BGCBG for Town Councils to meet with BGCBG on 21st February 2023, to discuss the budget. Members would be informed of the arrangements by e-mail. The e-mail also informed of BG Food Partnership, Neighbourhood Watch and Holocaust Memorial Day.

Resolved to note the information received.

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/2023/0009 – 1 Blaenant Road, Nantyglo, Gwent.

Detached dwelling & detached garage – to extend current consent. To try to get renewed outline planning permission to start from 04/09/2023.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

b) Planning Application No. C/2023/0011 – Plots 2,3,4,8,9,10,11,11A & 12 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood (Phase IV), Blaina.

Residential development of 8 dwellings with associated groundworks at Plots 2,3,4,8,9,10,11,11a and 12 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood (Phase IV), Blaina. Removal of condition – to extend the period for the submission by a further five years. Work will begin on the site no later than 5 years from the date of this permission. The wording of the condition would remain the same but would apply to the new S73 consent.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

12. Audit Action Plan:

Members were invited to consider the Audit Action Plan for year ending 31st March 2021 and 2022 and if appropriate approve the plan.

The Town Clerk went through and explained the report.

A member commented that the plan was open and transparent – A good action plan.

Resolved that report be approved.

13. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are invited to consider the listed application(s). Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

None received to date

Resolved accordingly.

14. 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 Meetings Act 1960). **Resolved** to support the motion.

Councillor G Morvan left the meeting at this juncture.

15. Members Updates:

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

No updates were received other than the Town Mayor's Communications (item no. 2)

Resolved accordingly.

Meeting declared closed at 18:55