

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 6.00pm on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Deputy Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors D Hillman; C Hillman (remote); K Jones; L King & 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.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor D Hillman informed of the death of Councillor Roger Clarke of Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council. As a mark of respect, Council held a minute's silence. **Resolved** that a letter of condolence be sent to Councillor Clarke's family.

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 Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer declared an interest on 12a (Confidential Information).

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 and Cllr G Morvan.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for March 2023.

The Town Mayor was not in attendance for the meeting and as such, no communications were received.

Resolved accordingly.

3. Questions from the Public:

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

Resolved to note that no questions from the public had been received.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 28th February 2023 (pages 125 – 131)

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:

Page 130 (13) – to include ' Cllr K Jones thanked Cllr D Hillman for representing the views of the public to Blaenau Gwent CBC and challenging the Leader of Blaenau Gwent CBC in respect of the proposal to withdraw funding from the Royal British Legion in respect of Remembrance Sunday parades'.

Page 131 (14a) – Cllrs D Hillman & C Hillman apologised for not attending the inspection of Salem Chapel. Members stated that the physical condition of the building was not quite as bad as expected and that there was not the amount of items located in the Chapel as initially thought. The Town Clerk informed that most of the items to be relocated consisted of the Chartist exhibition (part to be relocated at Blaen y Cwm Primary). Photos taken by Councillor Williams had been forwarded to the Town Clerk and these would be e-mailed to Members.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 28th February 2023 (pages 132 - 134)

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:

Page 133 (3c) – a Member informed that he was very impressed with the bags purchased as a Coronation Commemoration gift to local Primary School pupils.

Page 134 (3f) – in response to a query, the Assistant Officer informed that the Easter Eggs were purchased from a local supplier and that membership of Costco had not been taken out.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held 2nd February 2023 (pages 135 - 136)

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.

**7. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 14th March 2023
(pages 137 - 139)**

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:

Page 139 (3a) – in response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that no response had been received from the Planning department.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

8. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 14th March 2023 (pages 140 –144)

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:

Page 141 (3c) – In response to a query the Town Clerk informed that a grant application form had been given to BCIL but to date, this had not been returned. Additionally, OVW had advised that BGCBC be contacted in the first instance, although no response had been received from BGCBC to date.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

9. 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) Welsh Government – (for information):

Written statement – Digital Health of Community & Town Councils.

Resolved to note the information received.

10. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

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

- Blaen y Cwm Primary School:

Members concluded that as the application was not in respect of an educational request, it could be considered.

Resolved that a financial donation of £100 be made.

11. Members Updates:

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

Cllr K Jenkins:

Councillor Jenkins informed that a large nativity scene was stored at Salem Chapel and suggested that this could be displayed in the window of an empty shop (within the High Street) at Christmas time.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Nativity Scene was owned by the Town Council and that any queries to purchase etc would need to be put in writing for the Town Council to consider.

Resolved to note the information received.

12. Confidential Information:

The following item(s) may contain information that was of a confidential or personal nature and was therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960). **Resolved** that the motion was supported.

Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer declared an interest in item 12 a and left the Council Chamber at this juncture.

Meeting declared closed at 18.35pm.

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L. E. Harris