

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

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Minutes of the hybrid Full Council Meeting held at 6.05pm on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors L Harris; M Williams (remote); D Hillman; C Hillman (remote);
K Jones JP & L King

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 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 Councillor G Morvan **Further Resolved** that the apology be accepted.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for June 2023.

The Town Mayor informed that there were no communications to report for June 2023.

Resolved accordingly.

3. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (please note this was limited to 10 minutes).

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

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Business Meeting of the Town Council held 23rd May 2023 (pages 176 – 178)

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 Annual Meeting of the Council held 23rd May 2023 (pages 1 - 6)

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 1 – date of minutes should read 2023.

Page 3 (item 5) – should read Councillor Keith Jenkins.

Page 3 (item 4) – include ‘that a book of condolence in respect of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was sent to King Charles III by the Town Council on behalf of Nantyglo & Blaina and that a letter and photograph had been received from the Office of King Charles III in response.

Page 4 (item 9) – should read Councillor G Morvan.

Page 6 (top sentence) – include ‘in the book of condolence’.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 13th June 2023 (pages 7 - 8)

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 Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 13th June 2023 (pages 9 –15)

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 12 (item 7a) – it was proposed to remove the word ‘heated’ from the minutes.

Resolved that the proposal be accepted.

Page 15 (item 8ciii) – in response to a query, the Town Clerk / RFO confirmed that the date on the report attached had been corrected.

Page 10 (item 3aiii) – in response to a query, the Town Clerk / RFO informed that this would be included as an agenda item at a future meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

8. 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):

Letter re: Infrastructure (Wales) Bill 2023.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Blaenau Gwent CBC – (for information):

i E-mail providing summary of meeting in respect of proposed changes to Blaina Institute.

The Town Clerk informed that the proposed changes would be positive for the Town Council.

Resolved to note the information received.

ii. E-mail re: Coed Cae Community / Scout Hall Community Asset Transfer.

Members considered the information received and agreed to support the proposals in respect both the Community Asset Transfer policy and the lease.

Resolved to support the proposals in respect of both the Community Asset Transfer policy and the transfer of the lease.

iii. E-mail informing that the Ebbw Fach Steering Group had recently restarted.

The Town Clerk informed that she had requested that the Town Council be added to the mailing list for information.

Resolved to note the information received.

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.*

Additional applications received with permission of the Chair:

- Cwmcelyn House with referee details.

The Town Clerk informed that Members had considered the application at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 13th June 2023 and stated their support although details of an independent referee was required. Cwmcelyn House had since provided the requested details (Sandra Browning, Social Worker from Cwm Coch Community Mental Health Team (Ebbw Vale). Members agreed to accept the referee details provided.

Resolved that a donation of £100.00 be made to Cwmcelyn House.

Councillor C Hillman joined the meeting (remotely) at this juncture (6.15pm) having experienced IT difficulties in joining the meeting remotely.

10. Members Updates:

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

Resolved to note that no updates were received.

11. Confidential Information:

The following item(s) might 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 be supported.

Meeting declared closed at 6.45pm.