

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

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**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held via a remote meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 25th
July 2023 via MS Teams.**

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

Present: Councillor M Williams, Deputy Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; C Hillman; K Jones & M Williams

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, the Town Clerk informed that after consultation with Cllr G Morvan, Leader of the Council, it was decided that the Meeting of the Full Council take place remotely due to health and Safety concerns regarding the fire and intruder alarms at Blaina Institute not being operational. **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 Harris, L King K Jenkins.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for June 2023.

The Deputy Town Mayor informed that he was unaware of any communications or activities that the Town Mayor might have to report.

Resolved to note the information received.

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 27th June 2023 (pages 16 – 21)

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 Events Committee Meeting held 27th June 2023 (pages 22 - 25)

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 23 (4) in response to a query, the Assistant Officer confirmed that the compost for the planters had been purchased.

Page 24(5) in response to a query, the Assistant Officer informed that the query regarding the order had been cleared and that the order was proceeding.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 11th July 2023 (pages 26 - 27)

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 11th July 2023 (pages 28 – 30)

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.

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) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – (for consideration):

Planning Ref: C/2023/0152: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT: Ms Sharon Howells, 2 Milfraen Avenue, Nantyglo, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 4PR. Proposed domestic garage in garden area to the side of the property.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

b) Jessica King - Cenin – (for information).

E-mail informing of drop in sessions to meet the developer behind the proposed Manmoel Wind Proposal.

A Member informed that the dates, times and venues of all the sessions were detailed on Cenin's website, together with the minutes of a presentation Cenin made to Tredegar Town Council. There appeared to be many objections to the development within the Tredegar and Ebbw Vale which were the main areas affected by the development.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Blaenau Gwent CBC - licensing applications Applicant Donna Marie Sergeant, 81 East Pentwyn, Blaina, Gwent, NP13 3JF (for Information Only)

Details: Application for a new personal licence (Licensing Act 2003)

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Blaenau Gwent CBC - Email: Licensing applications: Marson's plc, St. John's House, St. John's Square Wolverhampton. The Willow Tree, Lakeside Retail Park, Blaina Road, Brynmawr (for information only)

Application to vary the designated premises supervisor (DPS) to Lauren Beth Ford (Licensing Act 2003)

Resolved to note the information received.

9. Screen System:

Email received from Cllr D Hillman: Members to discuss a screen system for those who attend remote meeting, that would have a positive effect on running the body of Town Council.

Councillor D Hillman informed that the e-mail was to give notice of a motion in respect of the above for Council to discuss and vote accordingly.

The Town Clerk informed that investigations and enquiries as to a suitable projector to use for Council meetings etc in the Chamber would necessitate an office projector (not a home projector) which would cost approximately £500 - £600. The advice of the Council's IT provider (Orbits IT) had been sought and information from their partner company (which specialised in such equipment) as to cost effective and future proof alternatives had been requested. When the information was received, the Town Clerk would present a report to Council which detailed all information.

Members discussed a number of options including the purchase of large TV screens and also the possible running costs of a projector. It was suggested that Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council be contacted as to the details of the TV system used for meetings within their council chamber.

Resolved to note the information received, **Additionally Resolved** that an appropriate, future proof and cost effective system was required for hybrid meetings of the Town Council and **Further Resolved** that Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council be contacted for details of their system and that a report be presented to Council of all costs and options for consideration.

10. 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.

11. Members Updates:

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

Members stated that a recruitment drive for Councillors was required to ensure that local democracy was enhanced and meetings were quorate. Members discussed the necessity for a greater age range and diversity of members.

Resolved to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 6.30pm.