

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

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Events Committee held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 6.40pm on Tuesday 23rd July 2024.

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

Present: Councillor M Williams, Vice Chair of the Events Committee,
Presiding: Councillors G Morvan, D Hillman, C Hillman (Remotely), K Jones JP, L Harris & L Emanuel.

In attendance: Mrs Tracy Hughes, Town Clerk

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were present. **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 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 Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer and Councillors J Bond & L King.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. **Questions from the public:** To receive any questions from the public on matters on the agenda.

Resolved to note that no questions from public were received.

3. Correspondence:

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

- a) Email from rcarter@onevoicewales.wales (for information):

E-mail from Rachel Carter informing that she would be available to judge to Nantyglo & Blaina In Bloom competition.

Resolved to note information received.

- b) Email from chrisadamsx@btinternet.com (for information & consideration):

Email of thanks for Town Council's support for agreeing to purchase a memorial brick for the late David Watkins also photographs for some ideas and suggested wording for the Memorial Brick.

Members considered the text, which summarised David Watkins' achievements very well but thought that, due to the number of characters available on the bricks, the text should be further summarised to fit. The text could then be sent to Mr Watkins' family (via Cllr D Hillman) for their approval prior to ordering the brick.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to further summarise the text prior to sending it to David Watkins' family for consideration.

- c) Email from One Voice Wales: (for information & consideration):

New consultation: Draft priorities for Culture 2024 - 2030

Members considered the consultation and agreed for the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer to complete and submit on behalf of the Town Council.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk and assistant Officer complete and submit responses on behalf of the Town Council.

- d) Email from andrew.parker@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk (for information)

Windrush Generation Exhibit. Exhibition on display until 31st July 2024

The Town Clerk informed that (at very short notice), Blaenau Gwent CBC had delivered and set up the exhibition in the Council Chamber. The exhibition was part of a larger exhibition which told the stories of the people of the Windrush Generation. The exhibition would be open until Wednesday

31st July 2024. The Town Clerk also informed that Blaenau Gwent CBC had designed and distributed publicity for the exhibition.

Resolved to note the information received.

- e) Email from Town Mayor, Cllr M Williams (*for information & consideration*):
Riot Plaque Proposal.

The Town Mayor informed that it was the 90th anniversary of the Blaina Riots in March 2025 and thought that Coed y Garn Primary School was the ideal safe location for the plaque to commemorate the Blaina Riots due to its close proximity to the site.

Members agreed with the Town Mayor's suggestion and the suggestion was proposed and seconded. It was also stated that the school governors at Coed y Garn was also in favour of the proposal.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to support the proposal and work with Coed y Garn Primary in respect of the ceremony.

- f) Email from Debbie.cox@keepwalestidy.cymru (*for information*):
Litter picking along Ebbw Fach Trail Friday 4th October to Sunday 13th October 2024

Resolved to note information received

Additional correspondence received – with permission of the Chair:

- g) Email from karen.williams@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk (*for information*):

Princess Day & Christmas Family Fun Day.

Members were informed that Blaenau Gwent CBC were holding a 'Princess Day' in the Town Centre on Friday 9th August 2024. Members were welcome to attend.

The e-mail also informed that a Christmas Family Fun Day would be held on Saturday 30th November 2024 at Central Park.

Resolved to note information received

4. Planters:

Members to confirm if any items have been purchased that was agreed/resolved during previous meetings.

Members confirmed that the updates in respect of this item had been provided at the previous meeting.

Resolved accordingly.

5. Mayoral Photographs:

Local Contractor Russell Dunham quoted £30.00 to fix photographs to wall.

Members considered the quotation and agreed that Russel Dunham, as miscellaneous and Christmas Lights contractor to the Town Council put the mayoral Photo Frames up in the Council Chamber at a total cost of £30. In response to a query from the Town Clerk, it was clarified that Council had previously resolved to purchase the frames for the photographs and to have the photos printed.

Resolved that Mr R Dunham fix the Mayoral photographs in the Council Chamber at a cost of £30 and **Further Resolved** that the frames be purchased for the Mayoral photographs and **Also Resolved** the photographs be printed at an appropriate cost.

6. Purchase 15 flags and broom handles to display through towns during the summer period.

Members discussed the possibility of suggestion put forward by Local Contractor, Russel Dunham to purchase 15 (Welsh Flags) (5ft x 3ft) and 15 broom handles to display through town centre during the summertime. Russell Dunham had verbally quoted £80 to put up the 30 flags throughout the town.

Members queried where exactly the flags would be displayed but all agreed that this would help to improve the image of the towns.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to purchase 15 Welsh Flags (5ft x 3ft) and 15 broom handles subject to a maximum budget of £200.

7. Annual Events 2024/2025:

Members to discuss – in particular the item for consideration on page 2.

Item for consideration – Open Day at Nantyglo & Blaina:

Members considered the proposal from Cllr G Morvan to be an excellent idea for the residents of both Nantyglo & Blaina. It was suggested to invite as many appropriate local and national organisations as possible with a maximum budget of £100 for both venue hire and basic refreshments.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** that an appropriate event be organised in both Nantyglo & Blaina with a maximum budget of £100

Updates on cinema tickets:

The Town Clerk informed members that:

Wednesday 24th July – approximately 132 tickets had been provided

Wednesday 31st July – approximately 50 tickets had been provided to date

Wednesday 7th August – approximately 58 tickets had been provided to date.

Wednesday 14th August – approximately 49 tickets had been provided to date.

The Town Clerk also informed that more posters had been distributed throughout Nantyglo and that the Town mayor had distributed many of the tickets for 24th July at Ystruth Primary School and that he intended to do a similar distribution in respect of tickets for 31st July 2024. Feedback from parents etc had been excellent. A Member informed that she had spoken to Andrea Durbin (Market Hall Cinema, Brynmawr), who had stated this was a wonderful boost for the cinema as it was struggling. The Town Mayor informed that he would try to publicise the event online.

Resolved to note information received.

Halloween 2024:

The Town Clerk informed that following a conversation with the Town Centre Manager at Blaenau Gwent CBC, she informed that Blaenau Gwent CBC would NOT be holding a Halloween event in Blaina this year in order to avoid duplication with other organisations holding similar events.

Resolved to note the information received.

Christmas 2024:

Members discussed and agreed to hold the same events for Christmas as in 2023 i.e. a joint school Christmas Carol Concert and purchase selection packs for each pupil at the four local primary schools. Members noted that the calendar on the Events Planner was for 2023 and not 2024.

Resolved that a small selection pack be purchased for each primary school pupil at the four local primary schools for Christmas 2024 and **Further Resolved** to contact the four local primary schools to arrange a joint Christmas carol Concert during the first week of December at one of the four schools.

8. 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 be supported.

9. **Other Items – with permission of the Chair:**

Members were informed that the Miners' Memorial located just off High Street was overgrown and in need of cleaning up.

Resolved to agenda at the next Events Committee meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 7.45pm