

# NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Town Council held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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, Town Mayor, presiding  
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; C Hillman; L Harris; L King; M Williams (remote);  
J Bond (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 present. **Resolved** to note the information received.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair reminded all present of the fire regulations. **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 K Jones JP. **Further Resolved** to accept the apology received.

#### 2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for February 2024.

The Town Mayor informed that both he, his consort, Councillor L Harris and her husband attended a short Holocaust Memorial Service at Bedwellty House which was organised by Tredegar Town Council. The Town Mayor also apologised for not attending the Budget Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC due to illness.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

#### 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 were received.

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**4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 (pages 103 – 107)**

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 106 – item 11. In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that no further communication had been received in respect of the proposal.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 (pages 108 - 111)**

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:

The Town Clerk informed that the minutes were of the Events Committee Meeting which took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

Page 111 – Councillor G Morvan informed that he did not want to have a Mayoral photo taken.

Page 111 – Councillor D Hillman informed that the compost for the planters had been purchased and that all the signs had now been fixed to the large planters.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**6. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (pages 112 - 115)**

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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (pages 116 -119)**

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 118 – item 7b. Councillor D Hillman informed that both he and Cllr C Hillman attended the meeting, which was well represented by Town & Community Councils.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

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**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 CBC (for information):

E-mail from Cllr Steve Thomas (Leader) explaining reasons for the late distribution of information to Town & Community Councils regarding the budget for 2024/25.

Cllr D Hillman informed that the Leader & Officers of Blaenau Gwent CBC were admonished at the meeting for sending out such vast amounts of information required for the liaison meeting in respect of the budget for 2024/25 with very little notice and it was requested (as in previous years) that for future meetings, all required information be sent out earlier. The Leader of Blaenau Gwent CBC informed that the information was sent out so late was due to receiving key information from Welsh Government at a very late date.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

b) One Voice Wales (for information):

Copy of Cost-of-Living presentation from Emma Goode at One Voice Wales.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

**9. Annual Review of Policies of the Council 2024/25:**

Members were invited to consider, and if agreed, to approve the updated policies for 2024/25 (Members were informed that the updated Standing Orders for 2024/25 were for consideration at a later meeting):

a) Financial Regulations 2024/25:

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that, apart from the dates, there were no changes to the Financial Regulations.

**Resolved** that the Financial Regulations for 2024/25 be adopted by the Town Council.

b) Risk Management Policy 2024/25:

Members were informed that the Risk Management Policy had been compiled as per the Internal Auditor's recommendation and were based on the model used by Paul Egan at One Voice Wales. The information contained in the Risk Management Policy includes all

the information previously contained in the Town Council's risk management policy but was set out in an easier to read format, and that the rating & classification hadn't changed the risk factor but was evidenced in more detail.

**Resolved** that the Risk Management Policy for 2024/25 be adopted by the Town Council.

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c) Financial Grant Policy and application form 2024/25:

Members were informed that, except for the dates, no changes had been made to the policy or application form.

**Resolved** that the Financial Grant Policy and application form for 2024/25 be adopted by the Town Council.

**10. Planning Applications:**

Members were invited to consider the applications listed below:

a) Planning Application No. C/2024/0038 – Former Civic Amenity Site & Glanyrafon School Site, Abertillery Road, Blaina, NP13 3EB:

Residential development of 8 detached dwellings including amendments to existing road access point. Change of use of land to residential.

Members commented that the information showed the site to be well planned and laid out.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that any neighbourhood consultation would be undertaken by the Planning Department at a later stage.

**Resolved** that no objections or representations be made.

**11. 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.

- *None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

**12. Members Updates:**

Members were invited to provide any updates or information.

All Members updates had been provided during the course of the meeting.

**Resolved** accordingly.

**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 6.30pm.

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