

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

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Minutes of the hybrid Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held at 6.07pm on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, presiding, Chair – Finance & General Purposes Committee
Councillors G Morvan, C Hillman, K Jones JP, L Harris, L King, K Jenkins,
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.

The Chair informed of the fire procedures to be taken in the event of an emergency. **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. Members were reminded that all declarations must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that no apologies were received.

2. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters itemised on the agenda (limited to 10 minutes total). **Resolved** to note that no questions were received.

3. Correspondence:

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

a) Brynmawr Town Council – (for consideration)

E-mail querying if Members would like to discuss the lack of general services at Nevill Hall Hospital at the next meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils.

Members agreed that the lack of general services at Nevill Hall hospital needed further discussion but it was also pointed out that a number of services at Nevill Hall hospital had improved. Members agreed that discussion of this item was appropriate for the next meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils.

Resolved to agree to item being discussed as agenda item at next meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils.

b) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (for information):

Annual Report for 2024 (Members were informed that only the pages relating to Town & Community Councils is included).

Members were additionally informed that the Council had previously resolved all the determinations stated and that the report was for information only.

In response to queries, the Town Clerk informed of the following:

Question 5 (page 13) – the publication of the consolidated sums received would be completed in accordance with the report as from September 2024. The Town Clerk also clarified that the set payment for consumables & the payment for extra costs for working from home were not taxable although payments for attendance at meetings were taxable.

The Chair informed that the Town Council were classed as a group 3 council by the IRPW.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. **Asset Register:**

Members were invited to consider and if appropriate, resolve the report in respect of the Council's Asset Register as at 31st March 2024.

Members are informed that there were no additional assets to be included or purchased for inclusion in the Asset Register until after 31st March 2024.

Questions and comments were invited – none received.

Resolved that the report in respect of the Town Councils Asset Register as at 31st March 2024 be approved.

5. **S.137 donations (Local Government Act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:**

As previously resolved, Members were invited to consider making further financial donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist residents of Nantyglo and Blaina for the month of March 2024.

Resolved that a donation of £200.00 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank in respect of Nantyglo & Blaina residents for March 2024.

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6. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s), plus with the Chairman's permission any additional applications that might be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members were also reminded that applications would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

7. Salem Chapel:

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- February 2024.

Queries and comments were invited:

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that, as far as she could ascertain, there were no obvious changes to the building, except for the continuing general deterioration.

Resolved that the report be approved.

8. Members Updates:

Members were invited to provide any updates or information:

- Cllr C Hillman:

Cllr C Hillman informed that Llys Y Capel had invited the Town Mayor and his Consort to attend an afternoon Tea to celebrate their 35th anniversary on a date to be arranged. The Town Mayor informed that he would be delighted to attend.

Resolved to note the information received.

- Cllr D Hillman:

Cllr D Hillman informed that photos of past & present Town Mayors would take place in the Council Chamber on 27th March 2024.

Resolved to note the information received.

- Cllr G Morvan:

Cllr Morvan informed of the recent change in recycling laws for businesses. The Town Clerk informed that the Town Council had received details of the change.

Resolved to note the information received.

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- Cllr M Williams:

Cllr Williams informed that he had chosen the Hospice of the Valleys as his charity in respect of his forthcoming Mayoral Appeal from May 2024. A meeting had been arranged to discuss fundraising. Cllr Williams informed that he would also invite a representative to his Inauguration.

Resolved to note the information received.

9. 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.

Resolved that the report be approved.

Meeting declared closed at 18.25

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