

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 6.15pm on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, Blaina

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Presiding, Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Councillors G Morvan, C Hillman, K Jones JP, L Harris, J Bond & M Williams.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer
Mr M Brooks – Member of public

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair informed of the action 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 apologies were received from Councillors L King & K Jenkins.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies 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) One Voice Wales – (for consideration & for information)

i) Invitation for the Town Council to renew its annual membership with One Voice Wales.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that she had contacted OVW numerous times for advice and opinions in respect of legal and procedural queries and would continue to do so if the Town Council's membership was renewed.

Cllr G Morvan (Town Council's area and Larger Council's representative) informed that the number of councils in Wales now members of OVW was increasing rapidly.

Resolved to renew Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council's annual subscription to One Voice Wales for 2024.

ii) Training Sessions available during March, April, May, and June 2024.

Resolved to note the information received, **Further Resolved** that any Member wishing to undertake any training sessions contact the Town Clerk or Assistant Officer.

b) North Gwent Cardiac Rehabilitation & Aftercare Charity (for information):

Poster informing of a free Heart Health event.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. Meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils:

Members were reminded that a hybrid meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils (JCLC) would take place at 10.30am on Thursday 11th April 2024 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute. The meeting was to discuss the downgrading of services at Nevill Hall Hospital prior to a meeting with Ms Nicola Prygodzicz, Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

The Chair informed that he had spoken to members of Brynmawr Town Council, and it was agreed that, as Chair of the JCLC, he would chair the meeting on 11th April 2024. The meeting with the Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Ms Nicola Prygodzicz, would take place at 6pm on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at Brynmawr Town Council Chamber. The two representatives from each Town Council to attend this meeting would be decided at a later date.

Resolved to note the information received.

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

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

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

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:

- **March 2024:**
In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that, as far as she could ascertain there was 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 D Hillman:

Cllr Hillman informed that the planters along Nantyglo & Blaina had now bloomed and were a lovely display.

Resolved to note the information received.

Cllr K Jones JP:

Cllr Jones queried if individuals were allowed to comment on the Town Council's Facebook page? The Town Clerk informed that there was no option to comment and that the Facebook page contained a 'pinned' post stating that all posts were for information only and that any queries could be made via e-mail, phone, letter or in person.

Resolved to note the information received.

Mr M Brooks, member of the public left the meeting at this juncture.

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.

a)

Meeting declared closed at 6.35pm