

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

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at XXX on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at the 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 of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Councillors G Morvan; K Jones JP; C Hillman; L Harris; M Williams & L King.

In attendance:

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.

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

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 Town Clerk, T Hughes and Councillor J Bond. **Further Resolved** that the apology be 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 such questions were received.

3. 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) One Voice Wales – (for information)

i. E-mail re: Innovative Practice Conference – 3rd July 2024.

Resolved to note the information received.

ii. E-mail re: Training Courses and Free training places.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Mr Richard Hancock's, The Royal British Legion (Blaina Branch) – (for information):

Poster of the event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day Landings in Normandy.

Members confirmed that the event had a good turnout, weather was kind and sun shone through the service. Family was over the moon the memory of Haydn Brookes.

A vote of thanks given to Richard Hancock and tanks receive to Cllr M Williams for being the photographer for event. Cllr M Williams confirmed that is was lovey to photograph and video the cadets receive their awards.

Cllr C Hillman joined at this juncture.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Cllr John A Bond (for consideration):

Request for training. All present approved for the training.

Resolved and further **Resolved** for Cllr J Bond to receive the training.

d) Aneurin Leisure (for consideration & information):

Response in relation to Blaina Library.

Members suggested that the residents of Nantyglo should also be included in the consultation.

Resolved and further **Resolved** for the request of Nantyglo residents be included in the consultation.

4. **Town Council Vacancies:**

Members were invited to consider the attached application received in respect of a previously advertised vacancy in the Blaina ward for co-option to the Town Council.

Members were reminded of the Council's Standing Orders in respect of co-option.

- Lesley Emanuel.

Resolved that the Assistant Officer act as 'teller'.

Resolved unanimously that Lesley Emmanuel to be co-opted on to Town Council

5. **Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:**

Members were informed that a Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC will take place at **10.00am on Wednesday 29th May 2024 via MS Teams** and a pre-meeting has been arranged via MS Teams for 9.30am. Members were informed that the Council Chamber was NOT be available that day due to the Town Clerk being on annual leave and it being a non-working day for the Assistant Officer.

The item is believed to be put on in error from previous agenda.

However, it was suggested that item to agenda for the next full council meeting for an update. Minutes should be in receipt for the next full council meeting.

Resolved to note the information received and further **resolved** for item to be agenda on next full council meeting.

6. 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 June 2024.

All members agreed to continue with the £200 donation.

Resolved and further **resolved** to give £200 donation to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank.

7. 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.

a) Riverside Fund:

June 2024.

All members agreed to £100 donation.

Resolved and further **resolved** to give £100 donation.

8. Salem Chapel:

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

• May 2024:

In response to a query, the Assistant Officer informed that, as far as she could ascertain, whilst the general condition of the building continued to decline, there did not appear to be any additional issues.

Member suggested for item to be agenda for the full council meeting to discuss in detail.

Resolved that the report be approved and further **resolved** for item to be agenda for the next full council meeting.

9. Members Updates:

Members were invited to provide any updates or information:

For those who were able to, attended the D-Day service. Apologies were received from Brigadier Robert Aitken CBE, HM Lord Lieutenant of Gwent and Mrs Susan Gwyer - Roberts (DL) Deputy Lieutenant.

Some members were also able to attend the BEM service of Reverend Roy Watson at Coed y Garn Primary School.

Superhero Day was well turned out and member thanked Cllr M Williams for his participation as a superhero in the event. Father Dominic was praised for his kind generosity of permitting the event to continue indoors during the down pour of rain.

It was suggested that a letter of thanks to be sent to Father Dominic for kind accommodation in the event.

The planters were discussed in regard to dead heading and for councillors to split the planters up into areas, so a councillor could manage the planters near their homes.

Item to be agenda for the next Events Committee.

Resolved to note the information received.

10. 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.

Meeting declared closed at 18:50