

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Full Council held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 25th 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 M Williams, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, L Harris, K Jones JP, J Bond, D Hillman, C Hillman
(remote) & L King.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer

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 an apology was received from Cllr L Emanuel. **Further Resolved** that the apology be accepted.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for June 2024.

The Town Mayor informed that he had a wonderful first month as Town Mayor and informed that Riverside Flats in Blaina was celebrating their 50th/51st anniversary in July 2024 and that all members of the Town Council were invited to a celebration party there on 5th July 2024 starting at 5.45pm. Please inform the Town Clerk or Assistant Officer of attendance.

The Town mayor also informed that on the 6th July 2024 he would be climbing the first of the Three Peaks Challenge (Pen y Fan) as part of his Mayoral Appeal for the Hospice of the Valleys.

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 Members of the public or press were in attendance and **Further Resolved** to note that no such questions were received.

- 4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 23rd April 2024 (pages 152 – 156)**
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 153 (item 4) – it was agreed that this response would be agended for the next meeting.
- Page 155 (item 10) – it was confirmed that no further response had been received from Aneurin Leisure and that it had been requested that Nantyglo residents were also consulted during any consultation period.
- Page 156 (item 12a) – the Town Clerk informed that no further details regarding a reduction in seller’s fees had been received from Paul Fosh & Co. The Town Clerk also informed that despite searching, there were no contact details for Rev Stivey except for a request for such details from another person. It appeared (via internet information) that Rev Stivey looked at property listings for such properties (chapels) to purchase.
- Resolved** that the minutes be accepted.
- 5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 23rd April 2024 (pages 157 - 162)**
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 159 (item 4) – it was clarified that proof of address would be required. It was also clarified that all agreements and decisions had been resolved.
- Resolved** that the minutes be approved.
- 6. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 14th May 2024 (pages 163 - 165)**
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 164 (item 3a) – It was clarified that an informal discussion with the Christmas Lights contractor, Mr R Dunham had not yet taken place. Cllr G Morvan to provide an update at the events meeting (25/06/2024).
- Resolved** that the minutes be approved.
- 7. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 14th May 2024 (pages 166 -170)**
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 167 (item 3b) – it was highlighted that the donation of £240 was made via s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Page 168 (item 5) – it was requested that hard copies of the information received from Blaenau Gwent CBC be provided to Members. Members discussed and queried the current provision of CCTV within Nantyglo & Blaina & it was evident that many queries were unanswered. It was **Resolved** to request information from Blaenau Gwent CBC re: location of CCTV within Nantyglo & Blaina and who was responsible for the operation of the CCTV.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

8. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held 21st May 2024 (pages 1 -5)

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 2 (item 3) – Cllr D Hillman clarified that he made the welcome to both the Brynmawr & Tredegar Town Mayors in order to introduce them both to the meeting.

Page3 (item 11) – Cllr D Hillman informed that the Vote of Thanks in respect of the outgoing Town Mayor, Cllr K Jenkins was made on behalf of all Councillors. Cllr D Hillman also re-iterated thanks to Cllr Jenkins' Consort Mrs Lynne Higgins for her support provided to Cllr K Jenkins during his Term of Office as Town Mayor.

Page 5 (item 16) – Cllr D Hillman thanked the current Town Mayor's Consort, Mrs V Williams for having provided a wonderful buffet.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

9. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 11th June 2024 (pages 6 - 8)

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 6 – Amendment – Cllr G Morvan was present at meeting.

Page 7 (items b & c) – Cllr D Hillman informed that the hard copies of the information arrived in the post the day after the meeting had taken place but no e-mails had been received.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

10. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 11th June 2024 (pages 9 -12)

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:

Pages 10 & 11 (item 5) – to be agended at next meeting together with information received from Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Page 12 (item 9) – Cllr D Hillman to provide an update re: planters & plants at the Events Committee Meeting.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

11. 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) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (for information):

'A conversation for a healthy future – The Next ten Years'

The Town Clerk informed that this item had already been discussed as an agenda item (additional information) at the previous meeting (11/06/2024).

Members highlighted the difference in statistics between Blaenau Gwent and Monmouthshire as shocking.

Resolved to note the information received.

12. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

13. Appointment of School Governor to Coed y Garn primary:

Following the recent death of Councillor Keith Jenkins, Members were invited to consider the appointment of a School Governor to Coed y Garn primary.

Cllr K Jones JP (LA school Governor to Coed y Garn Primary) informed that no experience was necessary although a DBS check was required as was some mandatory training. There were approximately 5 meetings a year and that the role was very rewarding.

Cllr John Bond volunteered as the Town Council School Governor for Coed y Garn Primary. This was seconded and agreed by all present.

Resolved that Cllr John Bond be appointed as the Town Council's School Governor to Coed y Garn Primary.

14. 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 closed at 7.10pm