

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Full Council held at 6pm on Tuesday 23rd July 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, C Hillman (remote), D Hillman, K Jones & L Emanuel.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes – Town Clerk/RFO

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. 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 Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer and Councillors J Bond and L King

Further Resolved that the apologies be approved.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for July 2024.

The Town Mayor apologised for not Attending the last meetings which were held on 9th July.

The Town Mayor informed that he attended the 50th anniversary celebrations at Riverside in Blaina and that he completed the Three Peaks Challenge in aid of his Mayoral Appeal. He completed this in a record time of 14 hours and 42 minutes and has raised £1200 in aid of his Mayoral Appeal so far.

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 is limited to 10 minutes).

Resolved to note that no questions were received.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 25th June 2024 (pages 13 – 19)

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 14 (4a & 14d) – In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that further details in respect of three quotes had been received and that the Formal Deed of Surrender had been accepted by the solicitor and was in the process of being legally completed. When this had been completed, a Task & Finish Group meeting would be arranged.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 25th June 2024 (pages 20 - 23)

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.

6. Notes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 9th July 2024 (pages 24 – 26)

Members were invited to consider the above notes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings and to **ratify the agreements made**.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Resolved that all agreements as detailed were **Ratified**.

Resolved that the notes be approved and **Further Resolved** that all agreements detailed within be **Ratified**.

7. Notes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 9th July 2024 (pages 27 - 31)

Members were invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings and to **ratify the agreements made**.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Page 28 (3a) – In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that, although the research was ongoing, to date, no funding for Christmas Lights had been identified. The query in respect of CCTV, an update had not been received to date.

Page 29 (3d) – it was clarified that Cllr L Harris was the representative in respect of the Town Council and Cllr Harris informed that she would be attending the meeting in September.

Page 30 (7) – It was clarified that the large planters nearby Asda roundabout, Garn Cross, Nantyglo & Blaina sign and Co-op had now all been completed in addition to all the other planters within Nantyglo & Blaina.

Resolved that all agreements as detailed were **Ratified**.

Resolved that the notes be approved and **Further Resolved** that all agreements detailed within be **Ratified**.

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) John Henry – JDH Business Services (for information):

E-mail re: acknowledgement and clarification on Internal Audit report.

The Town Clerk / RFO informed that the recommendation contained within the report would be put on a future agenda for consideration when the audit reports were received from Audit Wales.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Information Commissioner's Office (for information):

Certificate re: Renewal of Data Protection Registration Certificate.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Ron Bailey – UK Parliament (for information & consideration):

E-mail re: NALC & SLCC Support Campaign – Safety of Lithium ion Batteries, e-bikes & scooters.

Members considered the information and agreed with the proposals in respect of safety.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to support the campaign.

d) Blaenau Gwent CBC (for information & consideration):

i. Town & Community Council Liaison Committee – Overview Position of Blaenau Gwent Town Centre CCTV Zones.

Members considered the information, and the following comments were made:

- 2.9 – that only 2 CCTV cameras in Nantyglo & Blaina was unacceptable and that a minimum of 4 was required in Blaina and 2 in Nantyglo. This issue would be raised at the next Liaison meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC.
- 3 – outlined the options for CCTV:
 - Option 1 – how much would this cost?
 - Option 2 – how much would this cost and with whom?
 - Option 3 – only if it proved viable for residents of Nantyglo & Blaina.

- Ebbw Vale & Cwm had a total of 17 CCTV cameras but no Town Council – who would continue to fund these cameras?
- Should read ‘ not lawfully breached’?
- 6.5 – Why were Gwent Police and/or the Police & Crime Commissioner not contributing the cost of CCTV?

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to raise the issue of the number of cameras located in Nantyglo & Blaina at the next Liaison Meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC.

ii. Licensing Application **for information only:**

Chris Adams, Blaina Community Sports Club (name & address of applicant)

Application for the variation of the designated premises supervisor to be named as Chris Adams (Licensing Act 2003) (details of application)

Blaina Community Sports Club, Central Park, Surgery Road, Blaina (premises).

Resolved to note the information received.

e) Caroline Bridge – Riverside Flats (for information):

Thank you card & note in respect of recent financial donation.

Resolved to note the information received.

9. **Application to the Community Grant Fund:**

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

10. **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.

- Lynne HIGGINS

Resolved that the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer act as ‘Tellers’ for the vote.

Unanimously Resolved that Lynne Higgins be co-opted as a Member of the Town Council for the Blaina Ward.

11. **Planning Applications:**

Members were invited to consider the applications listed below and, with the permission of the Chair, any further applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting:

- a) Plan Application No. P/2024/0173 – Plots 33, 35, 39,40 & 41 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood, Blaina :
Erection of 5 residential dwellings (C3) with associated infrastructure at plots 33,35,39,40 & 41 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood, Blaina.

Members expressed the following comments:

- The proposal was to renew the planning application for another 5 years.
- The road had not been adopted to date and the highway was not yet complete.
- The unadopted road was up a hill which required a snow plough at times during the winter – as the road was not yet adopted, a snow plough could not go up the road.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

Meeting declared closed at 6.35pm

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