

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Notes of the hybrid Meeting of the Events Committee held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 6.38pm on Tuesday 24th September 2024.

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, presiding ,
Presiding: Councillors D Hillman, K Jones JP, L Emanuel & L Higgins

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Due to the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Events Committee it was **Agreed** that Cllr G Morvan, Deputy Mayor chair the meeting.

As the meeting was not quorate, a meeting took place for discussion and information only. Any possible lawful decisions taken were to be **Ratified** at the next appropriate meeting. **Agreed** to note the information received.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were in attendance. **Agreed** 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.

Agreed to note that no declarations were received.

1. **Apologies:** Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

Agreed to note that apologies were received from Councillors J Bond, L Harris, M Williams, C Hillman & Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer. **Further Agreed** to accept the apologies received.

2. **Questions from the public:** To receive any questions from the public on matters on the agenda.

Agreed to note that there was no public or press in attendance and no questions from the public were received.

3. Correspondence:

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

- a) Email from chrisadamsx@btinternet.com:

Email of suggested wording for the Memorial Brick from supplier.

Cllr D Hillman informed that he had been unable to contact Mr Watkins' family to obtain feedback on the proposed wording. It was queried if Mr David Watkins was actually born in Blaina in addition to having lived there?

Agreed to note information received and **further Agreed** to check David Watkins place of birth and **Additionally Resolved** to place the order with the wording as stated.

- b) Email from andrea@markethallcinema.co.uk:

Email of cinema project being greatly appreciated and explaining that unused tickets could be still used through the summer school holidays.

Members agreed that it was pleasing to know the cinema showings were appreciated by both residents and the cinema and that the venture was successful.

Agreed to note information received.

- c) Email from Sharon.cargill@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk:

Overview of the Play sessions in Nantyglo and Blaina.

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

- The feedback received was very positive and it was good that the Town Council received positive recognition.
- Some of the dates had poor attendance coupled with some challenging weather conditions. The comments suggested that the Nantyglo venue may need to be reconsidered.
- The Town Clerk informed that posters informing of the events had been distributed in both Nantyglo & Blaina and had been handed to residents.
- Posters etc could be issued to the local primary schools next year.

Agreed to note information received.

- d) Email from clerk@abertilleryandllanhillleth-wcc.gov.uk:

Offer to become a partner in Party in the Park Event in Abertillery Park. Second Saturday in June 2025.

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

- It would be worthwhile to invite the Clerk of Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council to a meeting of the Events Committee to find out more regarding the proposal.
- The Town Council did have budget restrictions.

Agreed to note information received and **Further Agreed** to invite Mr Steve Edwards (Clerk to Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council) to the next meeting of the Events Committee to discuss the proposals.

- e) Email from Kathryn.Cross@wales.nhs.uk:
Let's Talk Men's wellbeing. Free event Wednesday 2nd October at Blaina Community Sports Club.

Agreed to note information received.

- f) Email from Cllr M Williams:
Newport rising

Agreed to note information received.

4. Venue Hire to hold an information day:

Members discussed the information provided for venue hire, budgets, days and times.

Members stated that there were a number of queries to be considered such as cost of venues, hours etc and that this item would need to be discussed as an agenda item at a future Events Committee meeting.

Agreed to re-agenda this item for discussion at a future meeting of the Events Committee.

5. VE Day 80th ANNIVERSARY:

Email re: VE Day 80 how the nation will remember the fallen heroes and celebrate the peace after 6 years of war.

Members discussed the information received and agreed that it might be worthwhile to consider holding an appropriate event in collaboration with other appropriate organisations.

Agreed to note information received and **Further Agreed** to re-agenda this item for consideration at a future meeting of the Events Committee.

6. Christmas Carol Concert:

Joint Christmas Carol Concert to take place at Ystruth Primary School on Tuesday 3rd December.

Members commented that Ystruth Primary school had a good PA system and would be a good venue to host the annual Christmas Carol Concerts.

Agreed to note information received.

7. Christmas Selection Packs:

Members discussed the purchase of selection packs for the 4 local schools and the distribution of selection packs at the joint Christmas Carol Concert.

Agreed to re-agenda the item for the next Events Committee Meeting.

8. Christmas Lights throughout Nantyglo and Blaina:

Report and recommendations of Christmas Lights.

Members considered the report and made the following comments:

- More lights were required in Nantyglo.
- Blaenau Gwent CBC to be asked if strings of low watt LED lights could be strung across the High Street in Blaina.
- As St Anne's Church in Nantyglo had closed, no Christmas lights could be erected on the building.
- The Town Clerk informed that the Town Council had agreed an increased budget for the purchase of extra Christmas Lights.

Agreed to re-agenda the item for the next Events Committee Meeting.

9. War memorial, High Street, Blaina:

Members were informed that this memorial had been inspected and the memorial and the immediate area was cleaned, tidy and had been cut down and maintained. However, it was noted that the hedging from nearby the site was overgrown and made it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely on the pavement. Members were informed that this issue had been reported to Blaenau Gwent CBC.

The Town Clerk further informed that an email very recently received (24th September 2024) from Blaenau Gwent CBC informed that the work would be completed within 10 days.

It was queried if the Town Council was responsible for the Memorial.

Agreed to note information received and **Further Agreed** to check if the memorial was the responsibility of the Town Council.

10. Cinema Showings – Update September 2024:

Report on attendance to Market Hall Cinema.

Members considered the report and commented that it was a shame that not all tickets claimed did not attend the showings but that the project was very successful and very well received by the community. Members thanked the Town Mayor for helping to distribute tickets in the community.

Agreed to note information received.

Meeting declared closed at 7.18pm

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