

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

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**Minutes of the hybrid Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held at 6.08pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 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 (remote), Chair, presiding  
Councillors G Morvan, M Williams, L Harris, L King & L Higgins.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no member 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 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 Cllr K Jones JP, C Hillman and Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer.

**Further Resolved** that the apologies be accepted.

## **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 are 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) Keep Wales Tidy – (for information)**

Information in respect of the forthcoming Big Ebbw Fach Trail Tidy.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- b) Orbits Business IT Group – (for information)  
Change of name and implementing 5% increase on all services starting from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024.  
The Town Clerk / RFO informed that this was the first price increase and that the service from Orbits IT was very good.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

*Additional correspondence with permission of the Chair:*

- c) Andrew Parker, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for consideration):  
Email informing of one space for a representative to the Peer Group to attend one meeting which was likely to take place week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

It was **Proposed** and **Seconded** that Cllr D Hillman be nominated as the representative to the group in his capacity as the Chair of the Joint Committee of Local Councils but subject to the other three Town / Community Councils within Blaenau Gwent be contacted in respect of the proposal.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that Cllr D Hillman (in his capacity as Chair of the Joint Committee of Local Councils) to be nominated as the Town Councils' representative to the group and **Additionally Resolved** to contact the other three Town/ Community Councils within Blaenau Gwent to enquire about a representative to the group/agreement that Cllr D Hillman be the representative.

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

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

**Resolved** that a financial donation of £200.00 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank for the month of October 2024.

**5. 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) *None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

**6. Salem Chapel:**

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- September 2024.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that to her untrained eye, whilst the physical condition of the Chapel continued to deteriorate, there did not appear to be any additional issues although, with the wetter weather, the rear entrance door was difficult to open due to the swelling of the wooden door.

**Resolved** that the report be approved.

## 7. **Renewal of Contracts:**

In line with the Town Council's Financial Regulations, Members were invited to consider the information attached for the renewal of contracts in respect of the photocopier and photocopying service.

The Town Clerk drew Member's attention to the additional information in respect of the Digihub Wales product, which had recently been received.

Members considered all the information received and commented that the price of the Digihub Wales product was the lowest quotation received which was coupled with the additional features which would be beneficial to the Town Council.

**Resolved** that the quotation from Digihub Wales be accepted.

## 8. **Christmas Lights throughout Nantyglo & Blaina:**

Members were invited to consider the attached report and recommendations in respect of Christmas Lights throughout Nantyglo & Blaina:

The Chair informed that some of the ongoing queries in respect of Christmas Lights had been put to the Leader and Deputy Leader of Blaenau Gwent CBC at the recent Quarterly Liaison Meeting.

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within, and the following comments were made:

- The recommendation should read 'up to £4,000.00
- The Town Clerk / RFO informed that, in line with every year, a total of three quotes would be obtained for the lights.
- The Town Clerk / RFO informed that, from memory, she estimated the invoice from the power company for Christmas Lights for the Christmas period for the whole of Nantyglo & Blaina to be approximately £50.
- Taking the above information into account, there was a need to identify what contribution should be given to those businesses and/or individuals who agreed to help power the Christmas Lights, as it was estimated to be a very low cost.

**Resolved** that Christmas Lights (Connect Pro) be purchased up to a cost of £4,000 subject to three quotations obtained), **Resolved** that Mr R Dunham continues to be appointed as the Christmas Lights Contractor for the Town Council (as per the Budget & Precept Report January 2024)**Further Resolved** to try to identify (with the help of R. Dunham, Christmas Lights contractor) additional appropriate locations within Nantyglo to erect Christmas Lights and **Additionally Resolved** to identify an appropriate amount to provide to businesses/individuals who power up some of the Christmas Lights.

**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.

Meeting declared closed at 6.27pm.

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