

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the hybrid Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held at 6.20pm on Tuesday 14th January 2025 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, Chair Finance & General Purposes Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, M Williams, K Jones JP, C Hillman, L Higgins, L Harris & 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. Members were reminded that all declarations must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no 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 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 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) Society of Local Council Clerks – (for consideration)

Renewal of subscription for 2025 membership.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk / RFO informed that SLCC was a great resource for the Town Council as it provided much information and advice. Hard copies of the SLCC magazine would be located in the Council Chamber for Members' perusal.

Resolved that the annual subscription to SLCC be renewed for 2025.

- b) Kelly Louise Davies – Tiny Sprouts Playgroup (for information):
Email of thanks and photos of children enjoying the selection packs purchased.
Resolved to note the information received.
- c) Mr M Knapp (for information):
Letter of thanks and copy of receipt in respect of recent grant donation received.
Resolved to note the information received.
- d) Cllr J A Bond (for information):
Letter of resignation as a Town Councillor.
Members expressed their regret at former Councillor Bond's resignation but understood the reasons as to why.
The Town Clerk informed that a letter of thanks had been sent from the Town Mayor.
Resolved to note the information received.
- e) Boundary Commission (for information & consideration):
Email and information regarding the 2026 Review: Revised Proposals. *Please note that only the information relating to Blaenau Gwent has been included).*
Resolved to note the information received.
- f) Hospice of the Valleys (for information):
Certificate of thanks in respect of recent financial grant.
Resolved to note the information received.
- g) One Voice Wales (for information & consideration):
One Voice Wales National Awards 2025.
The closing date for nominations was 28th February 2025 and the ceremony was arranged to take place in April 2025. Members requested to enquire if the Town Council could be nominated for an appropriate award for community work (particularly in respect of the long standing support provided to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank).
Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to investigate if the Town Council could be nominated for an appropriate award.

4. **Position of Chair of Events Committee:**

Following the resignation of the Chair of Events (Cllr J Bond) Members were invited to consider the appointment of the Chair of Events. Members were also informed that as one of the Town Council's representatives to One Voice Wales (Gwent Valleys Area Committee) & as a Town Council representative to the governing body at Coed y Garn Primary these positions had also become vacant.

Members agreed that the positions for One Voice Wales & school governor representative to Coed y Garn Primary School be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2025. It was **Proposed & Seconded** that the current Vice Chair of Events, Councillor L Harris take the position as Chair of Events with Councillor L Higgins taking the position of Vice Chair of Events. Both Councillors taking the positions until the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May 2025. **Further Resolved** that all the positions stated be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May 2025.

5. 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 January 2025.

It was stated that the Foodbank would need ongoing support to help local residents due to what appeared to be a worsening of the economic situation.

Resolved that a donation of £200 be made to Blaenau Gwent Food bank in respect of Nantyglo & Blaina residents for January 2025.

6. 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) Patchwork & Quilting Group:

The Town Clerk informed that the group had last received a donation from the Town Council in December 2022. Due to the printed copies being faint, the Town Clerk read out all the details contained on the application to Members.

Resolved that a donation of £100.00 be made to the Patchwork & Quilting Group.

7. Salem Chapel:

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

• December 2024:

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that to her untrained eye, whilst the Chapel continued to deteriorate, there did not appear to be any additional issues.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk explained that all exhibition items agreed to be given to Blaen y Cwm Primary had now been relocated there and that the report would be amended.

Resolved that the report be approved.

8. 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 7.15pm