

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Events Committee held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 6pm On Tuesday 28th January 2025.

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

Present: Councillor L Harris, presiding
Presiding: Councillors G Morvan, D Hillman, L Emanuel, L King, L Higgins, M Williams & C Hillman

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

Due to the absence of the Chair and Deputy of the Events Committee it was **Resolved** that Town Mayor chair the meeting.

Prior to the commencement 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 No declarations 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 Apologies received from K Jones
Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.
- 2. Questions from the public:** To receive any questions from the public on matters on the agenda.
Resolved 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 One Voice Wales (*For information*)
Covid – 19 Day of reflection 2025 will take place Sunday 9th March 2025.

Resolved to note information received.

4. Information Day.

Members discussed the possible agencies to be invited, and they considered the following in March.

Members agreed to the following agencies and date. AO to contact agencies with an invite to attend.

Members agreed to hold the networking events on Tuesday 8th April 9am – 3pm at The Cwtch and Thursday 10th April 9am – 3pm at Winchestown OAP hall.

A discussion ensued regarding what agencies could be invited. Cllr G Morvan agreed that he will call into the office to sit and look at invitees to attend the event.

Resolved to note the dates of the networking events on Tues 8th & Thurs 10th April 2025 9 – 3pm. Further **Resolved** for Assistant Officer to send out invites after meeting with Cllr Morvan and to book the venues.

5. Free Swim Summer Event at Abertillery Leisure report.

Members discussed the contents of the report and discussed the options and agreed to hire the main pool and the learner pool for half days on the following dates Wednesday 6th August and Wednesday 27th August '25. It was suggested that the advertising of the swim sessions should be highly marketed. Cllr M Williams agreed that he will look at designing a poster for the event.

Resolved to note that the hire of main and learner pool for both half days on Wednesday 6th and 27th August 2025 further **resolved for** assistant officer to book the sessions of both pools with Aneurin Leisure Trust.

6. VE Day 80th Anniversary: How the nation will remember fallen heroes and celebrate the peace after six years of war (*copy attached*)

Members discussed if they wanted to participate in the activity to remember the fallen heroes.

Cllr Morvan confirmed that the Royal British Legion (RBL) will be holding an event and suggested that a joint collaborative event between Town Council and Royal British Legion could be held, similar to the VE Day last year. Cllr Morvan will be attending a meeting with RBL and will feedback at the next events meeting.

Cllr Morvan also explained that R Dunham suggested making 2 display stands for Nantyglo and Blaina from the old Christmas Lights and make them into a light up VE stand.

Members agreed that this is an excellent idea and therefore agreed for RD to provide a quote for the stands.

Members also mentioned that the new red, white and blue Christmas lights could be placed around Blaina and Nantyglo for the VE Day event.

All members had agreed that a joint event would be great as the previous joint event that was held last year was a great success.

Resolved to note the information received and further **resolved** to hold a joint event with RBL. Cllr Morvan is to feedback the details at the next events meeting. RD to provide a quote of the VE light up stand.

7. Easter Eggs:

Members discussed if they were going to purchase Easter Eggs again this year for the pupils within the 4 local schools. Members were reminded that the cost of purchase last year was £1561.28.

Members agreed to purchase the Easter eggs again for all the 4 local schools.

A discussion took place about purchasing the eggs from the supplier who provided the Council with selection packs at the Christmas, as the manager was very accommodating and said to call upon him if council ever needed any more purchases.

Resolved to note information received and further **resolved** to for the purchase of easter eggs from previous supplier of selections packs.

8. In bloom:

Members discussed if they wanted to continue with the In Bloom competition this year.

Members agreed for that the event should continue. The Clerk mentioned that the judge last year had expressed that it would be a good idea to add a category of a wildflower garden / area for biodiversity. It was also agreed to purchase plaques for all the winners in all categories of In Bloom.

Members also discussed that offering a reward of a Voucher would be an incentive.

All members agreed that a £50 gift voucher for the overall winner of the In Bloom competition to receive a £50 gift voucher as well as the trophy and name on the plaque.

Resolved to note that members agreed to continue with the event for 2025 and to reconsider categories for more applicants to apply. Purchase of plaques and a £50 gift voucher was also agreed.

Meeting declared closed at 19:30