

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

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**Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Town Council held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 M Williams, Town Mayor, presiding  
Councillors G Morvan, D Hillman, C Hillman, L Higgins, L Harris & L Emanuel

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

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 Cllr K Jones JP **Further Resolved** that the apology be accepted.

## **2. Town Mayor's Communications:**

The Town Mayor's communications for December 2024 and January 2025.

The Town Mayor informed that he accepted an invitation to visit Men's Den in Blaina on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to celebrate their first year sited at new premises. The Town Mayor informed that Men's Den had also established a 'Ladies Lounge' and that everyone was welcome to attend the weekly sessions. David Finch of Men's Den had also recently been nominated for two awards in respect of Men's Den.

The Town Mayor also informed that he would be meeting with the headteacher at Coed y Garn Primary school to arrange a joint celebration event in respect of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Blaina Riots and that he would update the Council in due course.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (pages 86 – 90)**

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 97(4a) – in response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that the signs had once again been requested, and the contractor had promised to erect.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (pages 91 - 94)**

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 94(9) – should read ‘Resolved to note the information received).

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved and **Further Resolved** that the agreement on page 93(4) be **Ratified**.

**6. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (pages 95 - 96)**

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.

**7. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (pages 97 - 99)**

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.

**8. Minutes of the Task & Finish Group (Salem Chapel) Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (pages 100 – 102)**

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:

**9. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (pages 103 - 104)**

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 104(4) – In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that the additional representation had been made but no response or feedback had been received.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**10. Minutes of the Local Update (Gwent Police) Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (pages 105 - 107)**

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:

Members agreed that the presentation and information provided by PC G Davies was very interesting and noted that PC Davies held a public ‘surgery’ at Blaina Library on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved and **Further Resolved** to contact PC Davies for dates of forthcoming ‘surgeries’.

**11. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (pages 108 - 112)**

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

b) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Page 109(3g) – in response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that she was still considering all the information in respect of the most appropriate categories.

Page 111(8c) – In response to a query, the Town Clerk/RFO informed that a report would be included as an agenda item at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting in February 2025.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

## 12. Correspondence:

Members were 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) Blaenau Gwent CBC – (For information/consideration):

Email informing of Blaenau Gwent's forthcoming Revenue Budget Consultation with Town & Community Councils for 2025/26 to take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 via MS Teams.

Members were informed that Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and M Williams attended the meeting with the Town Clerk / RFO & Assistant Officer. It was considered that the information provided by Blaenau Gwent CBC constituted more as a presentation than a consultation and a number of questions were put to Blaenau Gwent CBC. The council tax for 2025/26 will increase by 4.95%.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

### b) British Gas Lite – (for information & consideration):

Members were invited to consider the attached information in respect of a one year fixed rate for the energy supply at Salem Chapel.

Members considered the information and in response to a query, the Town Clerk / RFO informed that the meter reading was sent monthly and that the figures were for the electricity supply only. Members agreed that agreeing to fix the rate ensured a cheaper price would be paid.

**Resolved** that the contract in respect of the electricity supply to Salem Chapel be fixed as stated.

### c) One Voice Wales – (for information):

Dates and details of training modules for January 2025 – March 2025.

Members who wanted to attend any of the training courses were advised to contact the Town Clerk.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

## 13. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s). Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

- *None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

## 14. 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.

a)

Meeting declared closed at 6.45pm