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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 5.30pm.

At Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina

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

Present: Councillor K Jones, presiding,
Councillors G Morvan, D Hillman, C Hillman, M. Williams, L Harris, L Higgins
& L Emanuel.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer
Mrs Michelle Hurter, Brynmawr Rotary club

Mrs M Hurter – Brynmawr Rotary, Gave an update on the Christmas Hampers project 2024

Members were reminded to note the Standing Orders relating to guest speakers:

Members were requested to ask only one question each – if time allows AND with permission of the Chair, a second question may be asked.

Members were reminded that there will be no discussion or exchange of points of view between Members and that all dialogue is to be directed through the Chair.

Michelle gave members a presentation on the project and what impact the project had on the residents of Nantyglo and Blaina. Michelle thanked members on behalf of her and the team at Brynmawr Rotary for the donation of £500 towards the hampers and also for the selection packs, they were greatly received.

Last year there were 480 hampers donated, this year there 250 hampers, each hamper was to the value of £60 which included fresh produce, condiments, Fruit and Veg packs, chocolate, cakes and stables (tins), a total of 6 bags each.

Donations were given to the 5 local schools:

1. Coed Y Garn Primary School
2. Ystruth Primary School
3. Blaen y Cwm Primary School
4. St Marys Roman Catholic Primary School
5. St Marys Church Primary School.

There were no takings from Bro Helyg Primary School or Brynmawr Comprehensive school.

Cllr Wayne Hodgins delivered the Farm Food Vouchers, Toys and The Shoe Project (*Children received a new pair of trainers to return back to school*). These items were delivered on the last day of school term.

Questions and Answers:

Q1. How many are in the team at Brynmawr Rotary?

A1. There are 6 Rotarians, we utilise young people who are currently studying for their Duke of Edinburgh Award, which their volunteers' hours go towards their DoE. Gwent Police supported us in delivering hampers for 1 day, also did Cllrs Wayne Hodgins, Peter Baldwin and Sonia Bhar. Helen Target from Blaen y Cwm Primary school is also a very active supporter to the project.

Please give send the team a huge thanks from Town Council.

Q2. The number of hampers were reduced this year, so was the value in hampers increased?

A2. No, hampers were reduced has in previous years there was a lot of duplication were some families had received 2 hampers. This was eradicated this year as Families First managed the hamper list as they hold the DPR and Rotary didn't want the responsibility of Date Protection. They also ensued that there was no duplication on receiving a hamper.

Q3. Can you please explain the difference between Food Pantry and Food Bank?

A3. Food Pantry is a shop stock that needs to be collected at the end of every day as its fresh produce. The fresh produce s then sold for £1 to these in need.

Food Bank is your stable food, and items are received from donations and food bank is done through referrals.

Q4. Where do the referrals come from?

A4. Rotary received them from Flying Start and Tai Calon

Q5. Do you receive referrals from the ICC

A5. Yes, Families First is based at the ICC. Rotary also received referrals from Coed Cae Community House.

Q6. Town Council donates £200 every month to BG Foodbank, what is the Rotary Foodbank?

A6. BG Foodbank is a referral system from all agencies, they are stringent about donations are purely on referrals, where as Rotary is much more flexible with their donation referrals. There are some people that will try take advantage of the system, but there are more scrutinises involved of late to eradicate those who try to take advantage.

Q7. What are your expectations from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council for the future?

A7. Rotary is completely reliant on donations; they currently receive regular donations from:

- Schools
- Churches
- Blackwood Engineering
- Councillors Half Penny rate

Q8. Town Council (TC) supports BG Foodbank and in return they provide TC with a report on the number of families supported in Nantyglo and Blaina, is this something the Rotary could provide?

A8. Not as yet, as this has never been asked, however, if needed it could be broken down.

Q9. Do you work with the Community Hope Shop?

A9. Yes, the Rotary does, if we get presents that are not suitable, we donate them to the shop and vice versa. Both donate items that are suitable for one or the other for donations.

Chair thanked Michelle for her presentation and wish the Rotary every success in the future.

Resolved to note presentation received and resolved to Thank Michelle for the detailed presentation and wished her and Brynmawr Rotary well for the future.

Michelle Hurter left at this juncture.

Prior to 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 of interest 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 there were no apologies received.

2. Questions from the public: To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda. There was a 10-minute allocation time for any questions from the public.

Resolved to note that no public present and questions 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.

No correspondence received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

4. Planning Applications:

Members were invited to consider the applications listed below. No additional applications were received.

- a) Planning Application No. P/2025/0013 – 70 Lancaster Street, Blaina, Gwent, NP13 3EQ:

Proposed single storey kitchen extension at rear of property (*copies attached*).

Resolved to note that no representations or objections were made and **Further Resolved** to support the decision.

- b) Planning Application No. P/2025/0029 - 1 Coalbrook Vale, Nantyglo, Gwent, NP23 4QG

Application for tree works: Re-pollard trees (2 Ask T22 & T24) by cutting back to within 1mtr of healthy knuckles (*copies attached*).

Resolved to note that no representations or objections were made and **Further Resolved** to support the decision

- c) Planning Applications No: P/2025/0034 – 15 Bryn View, Garn Road, Nantyglo, Gwent, NP23 4NS

Proposed application for two storeys to side and rear and re-roofing works (*copies attached*).

Resolved to note that no representations or objections were made and **Further Resolved** to support the decision

Additional Licence application received with permission of the Chair:

6. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to note the application(s) **for information only:**

No applications received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

Additional Licence Application

Mrs Beth Ann Watkins
1 Farm Road
Nantyglo
Gwent

Application for a new
personal licence
(Licensing Act 2003)

Resolved to note information received.

Meeting declared closed at 17:50 pm