

# 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 5.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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 D Hillman, C Hillman, K Jones JP, L Harris & L Emanuel.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

**To receive: PC Gavin Davies – Gwent Neighbourhood Policing Team**

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

1. Members to receive the presentation.
2. Questions to be invited at the end of the presentation.
3. Members are requested to ask only one question each – if time allows AND with permission of the Chair, a second question may be asked.
4. Members are reminded that there is to be no discussion or exchange of points of view between Members and that all dialogue is to be directed through the Chair.

The Town Clerk informed that PC G Davies had given his apologies due to a medical appointment and had re-arranged to attend at a future date. **Resolved** to note the information received.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were present. **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 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 Councillors G Morvan and L Higgins. **Further Resolved** that the apologies be accepted.

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

The Town Mayor's communications for March 2025.

The Town Mayor informed

That he attended a special assembly at Coed y Garn Primary on 20<sup>th</sup> March to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Blaina Riots at which the Blaina Riots plaque was re-sited. Also in attendance was Cllr K Jones JP, Reverend R Watson and Mr Axford BEM. Coed y Garn pupils had researched the Blaina Riots as part of their history week and had visited Blaina Heritage Museum as part of their research. The Town Mayor thanked Mr R Dunham for erecting the Blaina Riots plaque at Coed y Garn free of charge.

Members thanked and congratulated the Town Mayor on arranging a successful event.

**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 was limited to 10 minutes).

**Resolved** to note that no such questions were received.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (pages 130 – 135)**

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 131 (item 4a) – in response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that Mr R Dunham had removed the 'wrong' Town Council sign and that he had been requested to take down and re-site the more appropriate Town Council sign. The Town Clerk informed that she would remind Mr R Dunham of this again.

Page 132 (item 7a) – In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that a meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils would be arranged to discuss the issue of the Charter.

Page 133 (item 9a) – it was clarified that this should read 'all' not most.

Page 134 (item 12) – Cllr D Hillman updated that he had spoken to the auctioneer who confirmed that whilst he could auction the items soon, it was unlikely to be for the April auction. It was also agreed to enquire as the two rifles/guns that were located in the Chapel.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (pages 136 - 138)**

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.

**6. Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (pages 139)**

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:

Cllr D Hillman stated that in his opinion this was not a meeting of the Personnel Committee but in the absence of anything else and to expedite the matter he would agree the minutes.

Cllr M Williams informed that in his opinion, he was consulted if he agreed for the meeting to take place, which he did.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that, to date, no applications had been received although, in her experience, most applications were submitted just before the closing date. The details of the job description was almost identical to previous job advertisements, to which many applications had been received.

**Resolved** that the minutes be approved.

**7. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (pages 140 - 141)**

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 Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (pages 142 - 146)**

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.

**9. 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) Blaina Gwent County Borough Council – (For information/consideration):

- i) Email informing of Town & Community Council Liaison Meeting at 11.30am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11.30am at the General Offices, Ebbw Vale.

It was noted that the meeting was in person which was welcomed. The Town Clerk informed that the pre-meeting was to be arranged immediately prior to Liaison Meeting and that a meeting of the Joint Committee of Local Councils (in which the Charter would need to be discussed) was to be arranged.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- ii) Invitation to Blaenau Gwent Armed Forces Re-Signing.

It was clarified that the date of the re-signing event was 4<sup>th</sup> April and that all Members were welcome to attend.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

- b) One Voice Wales – (for information);

Training dates – March to June 2025.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

#### 10. **Full Council & Events Committee Meetings in April 2025:**

Members were invited to consider another date for the above meetings in April 2025. The meetings were due to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 but due to the Easter bank holidays, the Town Council offices would NOT be open.

Members considered the request and agreed that the most appropriate date for the meeting would be Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Resolved** to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that the Meetings of the Full Council and Events Committee be re-scheduled for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

#### 11. **Planning Applications:**

Members were invited to consider the applications listed below:

- a) Planning Application No. P/2025/0052 – Land at Glyn Millwr, Stones Houses, Blaina NP13 3AA:

The retention of the use of land as an extension to the existing traveller site to accommodate 5 pitches for family members, to construct a communal utility room block, retention of timber fencing, installation of private treatment plant with access and ecological improvements.

Revision to plans to increase application site & revised layout to achieve required separation distances from Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water pipelines.

Members considered the application and information and noted that the application had been received for consultation on a number of previous occasions, but it was unknown if the original application had been approved. Members agreed that the application was sensitive and were reminded that they could only consider the information they had received.

**Resolved** that no representations or objections be made.

#### 12. **Application to the Community Grant Fund:**

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

- *None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

Meeting declared closed at 6.00pm