

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 17:55 pm on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors M Williams, D Hillman, C Hillman (remotely), K Jones JP, L Harris,
L Higgins, & D Wright

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mr. K Rowland, Assistant Officer

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair informed of the procedures to be taken in the event of an emergency. **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 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 were 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 apologies accepted from Councillor L King.

Further Resolved that the apologies be approved.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for June & July 2025.

Town Mayor informed that he had attended to the Armed Forces Day held by Tredegar Town Council at Bedwellty park on June 29th and enthused about how well the day had gone, with Military organisations in attendance, entertainment in the bandstand and plenty of ice cream for a warm busy event.

The Town Mayor also informed of his attendance at Aneurin Bevan Day on July 6th, another event held by Tredegar Town Council and that was also a really enjoyable event similar to Armed Forces Day. Of note was meeting Alun Davies MS and that he would,

once again be happy to visit Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council to attend a meeting as a guest speaker.

On 17th July, the Town Mayor had attended a local dementia group held at The Cwtch in Blaina, where he joined in with the activities etc and witnessed the excellent work provided by the group. The Town Mayor informed that the Group had asked him to attend another future meeting/session.

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 24th June 2025 (pages 14 – 19)

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:

Pg 18 (11d)- In response to a query regarding the sign on the building, it was stated that Mr R Dunham (contractor) was to negotiate a more appropriate and agreeable location on the front of Blaina Institute for the Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council sign to be fixed.

Pg 18/19 (12) – Regarding the BGCBC Liaison Meeting, Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman were unable to attend and could not access the meeting remotely.

Pg 19 (13)- the proposed group photo was not resolved, and it was agreed that it was each Councillors discretion to be involved if they wish.

Cllr K Jones JP informed that it had been an honour to Chair the Meeting of the Town Council in the Town Mayor's absence. The Town Mayor thanked Cllr Jones for chairing the meeting in his absence.

Resolved that the minutes be approved and **Further Resolved** to organise a group photo in due course.

5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 24th June 2025 (pages 20 - 25)

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:

Pg 21 (3a) – In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that a Task and Finish meeting would be arranged to take place in September 2025.

Pg 21/22 (3d) – In response to a query, the Town Clerk updated members that planters have been ordered and would be delivered to R Dunham who would then deliver the planters when the individual locations were confirmed.

Pg 22 & 22 (5,6 & 7) – attention was drawn to the Summer Events.

Pg 24 (10)– attention was drawn to a need for additional Christmas lights in Nantyglo.

Pg 25 (11) – planter located outside of the Co-op could now be attended to since the reopening of the Co-op.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. 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.

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

7. Annual Report:

Members are invited to consider the Annual report of the Council for 2024/25, and to approve if appropriate.

Pg 3 – J Bond and L Harris dates need to be amended from 2025 to 2024.

Pg 4 – Delete K Jenkins from table.

Pg 4 – Members were informed that there had not been any contact regarding Blaina Institute Trust Fund.

Pg 4 – Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman should read 'Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council' Planning Observer.

Resolved that the Annual Report be approved and **Further Resolved** that corrections be made.

8. 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.

Additional application received with permission of the Chair:

Resolved accordingly.

a) Memory Café & Activity Group:

The Town Mayor informed that he had recently visited the group.

Resolved that a donation of £100 be made to the Memory Café and Activity Group.

9. Members Updates:

Members were invited to provide any relevant updates and / or information:

Councillor D Hillman noted that he attended the funeral of Shirley Ford and was surprised at the lack of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councillors in attendance.

Resolved to note the information received.

10. Other Items (with permission of the Chair):

a) Town Council Vacancies:

Members were invited to consider the five applications recently received in respect of the advertised vacancies for co-option to the Town Council (all members had been provided with copies of the applications and covering letters).

Members were reminded of the Council's Standing Orders in respect of the co-option procedure.

- Olive Elaine SINGLETON
- Mark EVANS
- Andrew FRYER
- Susan HOWLETT
- Wayne LEWIS

It was **Resolved** that the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer act as 'tellers' for the vote.

In regard to Cllr C Hillman attending remotely Town Clerk explained that she could cast her vote via email to the Town Clerk or by private phone call (on speaker) with both the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer (vote cast via the phone call).

Resolved to note that Mark Evans, Andrew Fryer, Susan Howlett and Wayne Lewis were co-opted but **Resolved** to note that as the vote was 'tied' in respect of Olive Elaine Singleton (4 votes for and 4 votes against), the Town Clerk informed that the Chair/Town Mayor had the casting vote and, as such, **Resolved in favour** that Olive Elaine Singleton be co-opted as a Town Councillor to Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council (5 votes in favour and 4 votes against).

Resolved that Olive Elaine Singleton, Mark Evans, Andrew Fryer, Susan Howlett & Wayne Lewis be co-opted as Town Councillors to Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council.

Meeting declared closed at 6:40 pm