

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

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Events Committee held at 6.45pm 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 L Higgins, Chair of the Events Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, L Harris, M Williams, D Hillman, C Hillman (remote),
K Jones JP & D Wright.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mr K Rowland. 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 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 Cllr L King.
Further Resolved that the apologies be accepted.

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 such questions were received nor were any members of the press or public in attendance.

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) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – (for information):

Poster informing of the Play in the Park sessions which had been funded by the Town Council. Members were informed that this information had been advertised on the Town Council's Facebook page and website. Blaenau Gwent CBC would also advertise the event on their own Facebook page and sending to local schools as well as putting posters in the locality. Members were informed that the Town Council logo could not be used on posters due to problems with its resolution.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council were corrected with details of address and poster was redone. It was stated that the poster itself looked very busy. Members were informed that the first play session was very well attended and busy.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Blaina Community Sports Club - (for information & consideration):

Email response from Blaina Community Sports Club informing that an appropriate 'unveiling' event could be arranged. Members were invited to consider a suitable date and event.

Members considered the information and stated that a Member offered to contact the family of David Watkins regarding the proposed event. It was agreed that the event take place from September onwards for approximately 30 people plus potential dignitaries with light refreshments to be offered.

Resolved that powers be delegated to Town Clerk and Assistant Officer to investigate event possibilities and arrange.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

c) Tredegar Town Council – (for information):

Email invitation to all Members to attend a ceremony to commemorate Merchant Navy Day on at 1pm Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at Bedwellty House, Bedwellty Park, Tredegar. The Town Mayor informed that he would be in attendance at the event.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that the Red Ensign was raised on Blaina Institute to commemorate Merchant Navy Day.

Resolved to note the information received.

d) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – (for information):

Email from the Town Centre Manager, informing and inviting all Members to a series of events taking place in the grounds of St Peter's Church, Blaina during July and August 2025.

The Town Mayor informed that he attended the Dinosaur event and the Town Centre Manager had invited him to attend officially on behalf of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council on an event organised for the 8th of August. The Town Mayor and Chair of the Events Committee both mentioned the event was very well attended.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. VJ Day – 15th August 2025:

Members were invited to consider collaborating with the Royal British Legion and other possible organisations to hold an event to celebrate VJ Day (similar to the recent VE Day event), including for the Town Council to consider purchasing refreshments as before and for these to be available at the Council Chamber. Members were also informed that as per Council's recent resolution, a total of 6 specific VJ Day commemorative flags had been purchased at a total cost of £33.63. The Royal British Legion (Blaina Branch) have advised that they will erect all the commemorative flags throughout Nantyglo & Blaina.

Cllr G Morvan informed that a commemoration service would take place at the War Memorial in Cwmcelyn Central Park at 11am on August 15th which would be conducted by Revered Roy Watson, and a wreath would be laid. Invites were to be sent to local Blaenau Gwent County Borough Ward Councillors, Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, High Sheriff of Gwent and other dignitaries. The public would also be welcome to attend the ceremony, and the event would be advertised on Facebook. The format of the event would be very similar to this year's VE Day celebrations. Members considered and agreed to the request to purchase light refreshments to be made available to all following the ceremony (as per the VE Day Commemoration).

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to provide light refreshments as detailed.

5. Forthcoming Events:

- **Free Cinema Showings – 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd August 2025 (Fridays) at Market Hall Cinema:**

The event had been advertised on both Facebook and the website and over 100 tickets for each date (as at 10th July 2025) had been allocated. There had been a lot of positive feedback regarding the event.

All members agreed the events were fantastic and with just 8 tickets left for two showings (at time of meeting) it had been an overwhelming success. Andrea Durbin of Market Hall Cinema also stated that the support from Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council was an amazing business boost for the cinema.

Resolved to note the information received.

- **Free Swimming Sessions – 6th & 27th August 2025 (Wednesdays) at Abertillery Leisure Centre:**

The event had been advertised on both Facebook and the website and over 90 tickets for each of the dates (as at 10th July 2025) have been allocated. As with the cinema showings, there had been a lot of positive feedback regarding the event.

Members agreed this was a fantastic idea and were similarly impressed with how many tickets had gone (just 43 left from a combined allocation of 330 tickets over two days). Feedback from the public had been very positive.

Resolved to note the information received.

- **Play in the Park Summer Sessions – 21st July, 28th July, 4th August, 11th August & 18th August 2025 (Mondays) at Central Park:**

The event had been advertised on both Facebook and the website, whilst Blaenau Gwent CBC were also advertising the event on their advertising channels. Residents were also provided with a copy of the poster when they collected cinema and/ or swimming tickets. There had been a lot of positive feedback regarding the event.

Resolved to note the information received.

Councillor G Morvan declared an interest in the following item – **Resolved** Cllr G Morvan remain in the meeting to inform of the event.

- **Concert in aid of the Town Mayor's Appeal – 5th August 2025 at St Peter's Church:**

A concert in aid of the Town Mayor's Appeal (The Community Hope Project) would take place at St Peter's Church, Blaina at 7pm on Tuesday 5th August 2025. Abertillery Orpheus Male Choir and Abertillery Ladies Orpheus Choir would be performing, and tickets were £5. The concert had been advertised on both Facebook and the Council's website, with posters displayed locally and at Abertillery and Brynmawr.

Councillor G Morvan informed that posters were displayed throughout Nantyglo & Blaina and that BGfm were also advertising the event. Member asked if tickets were now available and it was confirmed that they were. A Member informed that St Peter's Church could hold 300 seats available and all members were welcome.

Resolved to note the information received.

6. Nantyglo & Blaina In Bloom 2025 – Update:

The Town Clerk informed that a total of 9 entries for the In Bloom competition had been received for a variety of categories.

The previously arranged judge of the competition was no longer available to judge the competition, although a replacement judge had been sought and judging was to take place as soon as possible. Due to the unforeseen delay in judging taking place and to avoid further delays, Members were asked to consider delegating power to the Town Clerk in order to finalise the results based on the judge's scores.

Previous Judge is no longer available and so currently looking to find a suitable replacement to judge the competition. Previous appointed Judge had recently cited reasons that had not been made clear to Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council. An awards ceremony would be organised to take place in the autumn as in previous years.

Resolved to note that information received and **Further Resolved** that powers be delegated to Town Clerk, Assistant Officer and Cllr G Morvan (Leader of the Council) to appoint an appropriate judge, agree the judging scores and organise an awards ceremony.

7. Town Council Logo:

Due to difficulty in using the existing Town Council logo on posters etc (due to issues with it being produced clearly for posters etc), Members were invited to consider if a more modern and relevant logo for the Town Council be investigated.

Assistant Officer stated that due to the current logo being of low resolution a new clear and modern logo might be appropriate. Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council had previously informed that the resolution (of the current logo) was too small and was unable to be used on posters for the Playscheme events for 2025.

Member agreed that the logo needed to be simplified but mentioned costs associated with changing pull up banners needed to be taken into account and requested that logo design concepts to be produced and considered by Council.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** for Assistant Officer to produce concepts and to re-agenda for consideration.

Meeting declared closed at 7:18 pm