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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Task & Finish Group (Events Committee) held at 10:00am on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

Present: Councillor L Higgins, Chair of the Events Committee, presiding
Councillors L Harris, C Hillman, Lesley Emanuel, G Morvan,
K Jones JP, D Hillman, D Wright, S Howlett, E Singleton & D Finch.

In Attendance: Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

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 must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note D Finch declared an interest in item 2 and **Further Resolved** that Cllr D Finch remain and participate in the discussion in order to possibly provide essential information.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note apologies were received from Councillors W Lewis, M Evans, A Fryer, M Williams & Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk/RFO. **Further Resolved** that the apologies be accepted.

2. Party in the Park Event with Blaina Community Sports Club:

Members were invited to consider the correspondence from Councillor D Wright.

Members considered and discussed the proposal received to help fund such an event. Members noted the event had been going for a couple of years and queried that should a donation be made to fund something that was already established.

It was stated that it was a popular event, and the member was thanked for putting the idea forward. It was also mentioned that it felt like Blaina Community Sports Club wanted Town Council to 'take over' the event and that was worrying. It was thought the amount may be too high to ask of Town Council.

Cllr D Finch noted that as a member of Men's Den he had attended and also supported previous events and informed that they were very positive. However, he noted that after speaking to a few members of the trustees relating to Blaina Community Sports Club they were unsure whether they would hold the event in 2026 due to lower attendance this year (2025) because of bad weather and also mentioned that the Sports Club hired agencies to bring in sound systems and other services. Members agreed that there was a need to check whether the proposed event would take place in 2026.

Profits from past events were queried and where the £5000 figure came from and was there a breakdown. The member was unsure on the figure and mentioned contact would need to be made with the Sports Club for a more accurate figure.

Having a Town Council stall manned by members would be a very positive action to take, giving out free pens or something similar and being able to talk about the things Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council do throughout the community.

Men's Den has had a stand at previous events, and this helped raise awareness of the organisation being there even though their location was in the same area as people walk by and don't notice. It was noted that other community organisations had stands at past events.

It was **Proposed** to contact Chris Adams (of Blaina Community Sports Club) and enquire if the event would be taking place in 2026 and if so, to invite them to a meeting to further talk about aspects of the event and whether Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council can feasibly support the event.

Meeting declared closed at 10:18am.