

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

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at
18:12pm on Tuesday 10th March 2026 the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute,
High Street, Blaina.**

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

Present: Cllr D Hillman, Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee, presiding
Councillors L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams (remote), W Howls, L Emanuel, M
Evans, A Fryer, G Morvan, K Jones JP, D Wright, S Howlett and D Finch.

In attendance: Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

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

Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members are reminded that all declarations must be recorded in the book provided.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. Apologies received from Cllr L Higgins.

Resolved that the apologies be received.

2. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters itemised on the agenda (limited to 10 minutes total).

3. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that may be received prior to the date of the meeting.

- a) Email from Paul Egan One Voice Wales: Events support (copy attached – for information correspondence)

Members were invited to discuss an email regarding Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council supporting the event being held by Blaina Community Sports Club from Paul Egan of One Voice Wales.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to move to the Events Committee meeting.

b) Email regarding a Formal Consultation on Abertillery Learning Community.

Consultations regarding reducing the number of places at Abertillery Learning Community with dates for drop in sessions. And information on the BGCBC website.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. S.137 donations (Local Government Act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

As previously resolved, Members are invited to consider making further financial donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist residents of Nantyglo and Blaina for the month of February 2026.

Resolved that a financial donation of £200.00 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist Nantyglo & Blaina residents for the month of March 2026.

5. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are invited to consider the listed application(s), plus with the Chairman's permission any additional applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) *None received to date*

6. Easter Eggs:

An update was provided regarding obtaining Easter Eggs to give to children in the schools of Nantyglo and Blaina.

Thanks to Cllr D Finch and S Howlett the Easter Eggs have been purchased and will be distributed during the last week of school before the Easter Holidays. The total needed for all 4 schools in the area was 1054. After a count we believe we have 1063 after Town Leader Cllr G Morvan obtained 4 extra as we thought we had 1050. The total cost was £1581.

Additional Item taken with permission of the Chair.

7. Update regarding the current situation with a Temporary RFO.

Town Council Leader G Morvan updated the current situation in terms of hiring a temporary RFO. The RFO of Tredegar Town Council had been approached about working as RFO for Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council for a limited time until a permanent Town Clerk/RFO was in position to take over the role. It was unknown if the current Town Clerk would be able to return to the role due to illness and members agreed a temporary RFO would help immensely. It was queried if there was an issue with passwords relating to any accounts had come up as of yet but the AO stated there currently had been none.

Resolved to proceed with hiring for RFO position and **Further Resolved** to Ratify at the next Full Council meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 18:44pm