

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at 18:13pm on
Tuesday 12th May 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(remote), M Williams(remote), W Howls, L Emanuel, L Higgins,
A Fryer, K Jones JP, S Howlett, E Singleton and D Finch.

In attendance: Mrs V Williams, Town Clerk/RFO
Mr K Rowland, Assistant Officer

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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 Councillors G Morvan, D Wright and M Evans.

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).

Resolved to note that no questions were received and **Further Resolved** that two members of the public or press were present at the meeting.

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) Update on Request of Financial Donation for Blaina Skate Park re: L Winnett (for information – copy attached):

Email with additional information regarding the upgrade of Blaina Skate Park.

The Assistant Officer provided an update that Blaenau Gwent CBC Councillors L Winnett and J Morgan were able to give a presentation on the 23rd of June at a meeting of the Full Council.

Resolved to note information received.

- b) New Nature Prescription for Blaenau Gwent – Kathryn Day (for information/consideration – copy attached):

Invitation for anyone that would be able to help in the development/design of a new Nature Prescription booklet designed specifically for Blaenau Gwent.

Member stated this could be of interest to members of the public as well as members of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council.

Resolved to note information received.

- c) Abertillery Learning Community Reduction Update (for information):

Update regarding the reduction of capacity at Abertillery Learning Community with the closure of Roseheyworth Road Campus in Abertillery.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

- d) FWD (L Higgins) Electrics St Peters Church Blaina (for information/consideration):

Regarding electrical work currently being done at St Peters Church, Town Council Contractor R Dunham request an external fitting and meter for use with Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council Christmas lights. This would be done at cost to the Town Council

Members agree this would be helpful and that a quote should be obtained so that it can be resolved accordingly.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to obtain a quote so that it can be voted upon at the next Finance and General Purposes meeting.

- e) Invitation from St Illtyd Ministry to welcome Mother Rose Hill at St Peters Church, Blaenavon (for information/consideration):

This event will take place on Sunday, 12th July at 10:30am and all Town Council members are welcome to attend.

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 May 2026.

A member proposed that instead of donating £200 to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank every month this should be split with Coed Cae House which is located directly in Nantyglo and also offer help to residents where a bag of groceries can be purchased for £1. Other members made note that while BGFB isn't located in Nantyglo and Blaina they do help many families in the area and gave a presentation that highlighted this when support was initially given. It was recommended that Coed Cae House apply for a grant initially, and the original proposal was withdrawn. Donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank were to continue at the previous amount of £200.

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

5. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members were 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 were also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

No applications were received at this date.

6. Confidential Information:

The following item(s) may contain information that is of a confidential or personal nature and is therefore exclusive to Members of the Town Council only. (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960).

a) Expenditure Report for April 2026 (copy attached)

Members were invited to consider, and if appropriate approve the Expenditure Report for April 2026:

Member queried why the precept was the same figure and why there was no forecast. This would be queried with the Temporary RFO.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to query the above with the Temporary RFO.

Additional items received with permission of the Chair:

7. Chair of Finance and General Purposes Response to Electorate Review:

The Chair shared their response that had been sent with approval of the Town Council Leader on behalf of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council as had been previously resolved. Members were all positive regarding the letter that was sent.

Also shared was a response from A Williams, Service Manager of Registration, Elections and Corporate Complaints. They state that the next stage of the review will be the publishing of draft proposals in May and that we can make further representations to these draft proposals.

The Chair proposed that when more is known from the draft proposals coming during May to have a collective meeting with Brynmawr Town Council (who will also lose several members) and to challenge the changes united, preferably involving all four Town and Community Councils in Blaenau Gwent.

8. Members update:

a) Councillor M Williams informed Town Council that the current Town Council Leader, G Morvan, had served for 50 years in the RAF with the 275 Squadron as well as 38 years with Gwent Police and 15 years as a volunteer. The Member suggested honouring Cllr Morvan with the Freedom of Nantyglo and Blaina as recognition. The member also stated that recent communication with a Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councillor they were also awarding the Town Leader the 'Chair Award' at an event in June and that this could be done at the same time.

The Chair stated that while a positive action they would need to formally nominate and then it be put on an Agenda for the Full Council to be agreed upon. Due to time this would then be organised at a separate event.

Councillor D Finch provided two updates:

- a) Councillor Finch had spent the day with a journalist who wanted to produce a positive news piece on Blaenau Gwent. The Councillor showed them various areas of interest, projects that they had helped with in the area and was hoping to see the article either at the end of the week or the week after.
- b) Councillor Finch also mentioned that Men's Den had been rebranded to 'The Shed' and that they had a number of leaflets to give to anyone interested.

Meeting declared closed at 18:55pm.