

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

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Task & Finish Group held at 17:30pm on Tuesday 14th April
at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

A meeting to which members of the public were NOT entitled to attend

(Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

Present: Councillor L Higgins, Leader, Chair of the Events Committee, presiding.
Councillors L Harris, C Hillman, M Williams (remote), W Howls, L Emanuel, L
Higgins, M Evans, A Fryer, K Jones JP, D Hillman, D Finch.

In attendance: 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 of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no declarations of interest were made.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. Apologies were received from Councillors S Howlett and E Singleton.

Resolved to accept those apologies.

2. The Proceeds of the Sale of Salem Chapel

Members were invited to consider what plans to take in concern of the proceeds from Salem Chapels sale.

It was stated that there is still a loan being paid off in regard to Salem Chapel when it was initially purchased, but members were uncertain how long was left on this loan. Paying the rest off or continuing as things are was considered. It was also mentioned that some of Salem's costs were unbudgeted for and so there may be a little more available than planned.

Ideas were as followed:

- Carnival involving senior citizens and juniors during the Food Festival being organised by the Town Centre Manager.
- Hanging baskets located on High Street.
- While considering plans with the proceeds open a savings account.
- Update the grants system to donate more to worth organizations
- Organise a local craft and flower show for residents to take part in.
- More bins and potential composting plans?
- Update Council Chamber facilities with speakers
- Christmas dinner for pensioners served by the Councillors
- String lights along lamp posts during the Christmas period.
- Summer events such as the Cinema and Playscheme.
- Invest into the Youth Services scheme with Blaenau Gwent Youth Services.
- Produce a video showcasing Nantyglo and Blaina and the organisations and activities that are held here.
- Flag poles for Blaina square, potentially holding ceremonies there.
- Helping grass roots sports clubs, local scouts and cadet groups.
- Skate park refurbishment, assist Blaenau Gwent Borough Council to do more for local children and adults who frequent the skatepark
- Some form of congratulatory gift/certificate to Blaina RFC on winning the Division 1 cup.
- Park running event due to geographical gap in locations.
- Something could be done for Trevor Rowson Memorial Park in Nantyglo, more benches, play area etc.
- Leaflets to be designed and to attend events to better showcase what Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council do, 'Awareness Campaign'.

Meeting declared closed at 18:02pm