

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 18:25pm at 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), L Emanuel, L Higgins, M Evans, A Fryer,
G Morvan, K Jones JP, D Hillman, S Howlett 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. No apologies were received before the start of the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr D Wright.

Resolved to note apologies accepted.

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 members of the public were in attendance.

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) New Training Dates – Wendi Patience (for information/consideration – copy attached):

Members are invited to attend training courses and to email Council Office with courses they wish to attend.

Resolved to note information received.

b) Update on additional Playscheme sessions for 2026:

During a meeting with Claire Smith, Childcare and Play Manager, we discussed the play sessions Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council resolved to fund for the Summer of 2026. Claire updated that this is not just play sessions during the summer holidays, but also provides play sessions during October half term, February half term, and both weeks of the Easter break. The sessions in the summer holidays will alternate between Duffryn Park and either Winchestown or Banner Park dependant on permissions.

Claire also updated that they run a 'Paint Your Park' scheme where volunteers can paint up a local park to give it a makeover and help it feel fresh and new. They provide expert instruction, the paints and other equipment they require community groups to assist and provide manpower. Perhaps some Councillors would like to organise a get together give one of the parks in Nantyglo or Blaina a freshen up.

Member stated that it was a good deal beforehand but now with how much more we are getting for our money its exceptional value for money.

Cllr Finch also expressed interest in the Paint Your Park scheme.

Resolved to note information received.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair.

Email from David Arnold re: The Deal update:

Mr Arnold enquiring if there were specific strategic issues members of N&BTC would raise ahead of he and David Leech's presentation of the Deal at the next Full Council meeting.

Member mentioned bringing up the Council referendum and had been disappointed that no response had been made from the BGCBC Leader S Thomas. Meetings are supposed to be held every quarter with members of BGCBC but none since January.

Resolved to note information received.

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

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

Member queried whether BG Foodbank was still operational as the website shows some sites no longer operating. Should we continue to donate if they are not? Members agreed that if the food bank is facing issues this should be investigated before a donation is given.

Resolved that a financial donation of £200.00 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist Nantyglo & Blaina residents for the month of July 2026 providing they are still operating and providing help for residents in our wards and **Further Resolved** to ask them to visit and provide an in person update.

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. Expenditure Report for June 2026 (copy attached):

Members are invited to consider, and if appropriate approve the Expenditure Report for June 2026.

Member queried the insurance cost and if it was post the sale of Salem Chapel. The Town Clerk confirmed that it was.

Resolved that the information received.

7. Application of Petty Cash to Mayoral Fund.

A small amount of undeclared money was found in the safe and the Town Clerk deposited to the Mayoral Fund to the Mayor's chosen charity.

Resolved to use the money for donations to the Mayoral Appeal.

Members provided updates with permission of the Chair.

Member mentioned the planters and asked for other members to take ownership and to water the plants, especially in the warmer weather. A few members agreed to help out where possible in maintaining the planters.

R Dunham to liaise with Cllr Hillman to place the three planters delivering them and for Cllr Hillman to fill them on delivery so that they are ready for planting.

Members agreed to set up a Task and Finish Group to discuss Salem proceeds and the Skatepark project.

Cllr Williams mentioned he had met with a gentleman called John Pope who of his own accord and time litter picks in East Pentwyn. Would be good for the Town Council to recognise his efforts.

Meeting declared closed at 18:46pm

Signed by Town Mayor _____ .