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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Town Council held at 5:55pm Tuesday 22th September 2026 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor K Jones JP, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; C Hillman; D Wright; A Fryer; M Williams(r); L Emanuel; L Higgins; M Evans, E Singleton, L Harris, & D Finch

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair informed of the procedures to be taken in the event of an emergency. **Resolved** to note the information received.

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

1. Apologies:
Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note apologies received from Cllr's D Wright and S Howlett.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor gave an update regarding the months of August and September.

Town Mayor visited the Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council office to thank the departing temporary RFO for their assistance and wisdom with gratitude and a gift card.
The Town Mayor had also taken a walk in the grounds of St Peters and was surprised how large the ground was and they wished they could see the headstones amongst the foliage.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (please note this is limited to10 minutes).

No questions from the public were received.

Resolved accordingly

4. Minutes of the Task and Finish Group held 24th July 2026 *(pages 36 – 38)*:

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 37 correction 3rd Paragraph – Should read £1900 levy.
Pg 38 queried the method of minuting and not displaying names for discussion. Town Clerk stated that names were not required unless a name is needed for the detail of the minutes as stated in recent training undertaken by the Town Clerk and Assistant Officer. The Assistant Officer also explained that the only legal requirement in the minutes is to record the resolution of each item as needed. The Town Clerk would provide documentation into minuting meetings.

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held 28th July 2026 *(pages 39 - 45):*

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

b) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 39 - Remove Cllr S Howlett from attending Councillors, as apologies were given.

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

6. Minutes of the Events Committee held 28th July 2026 *(pages 46 - 48):*

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

7. Minutes of the Task and Finish Group held 10th August 2026 (*pages 49 - 53):*
Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

b) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

8. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held 8th September 2026 *(pages 54 - 56):*

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

9. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held 8th September 2026 *(pages 57 - 62)*

Members are invited to consider the above minutes and if appropriate to approve them as an accurate record of proceedings.

a) Matters arising, for information & clarification only:

Pg 60 Resolution that K Jones to contact OVW not correct and to remove.

Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

10. Correspondence

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

a) Emails of thanks from Grant Applications - *(copy attached – for information/consideration):*

Email's received from N Horner at the Cwtch and J Williams from Hospice of the Valleys.

Resolved to accept the information

b) Email from BGCBC Councillor L Winnett - *(copy attached – for information/consideration):*

Letter of thanks for support towards the upgrade of Blaina Skatepark.

Resolved to accept the information

c) Email from David Arnold – Residents Survey by Blaenau Gwent CBC *copy attached – for information):*

Resolved to accept the information

11. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are invited to consider the listed application(s). Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

a) Alison Lewis of Hermon Cemetery Trust *(copy attached)*:

Resolved to give a grant of £200 to Herman Cemetery Trust.

b) Gareth Brooks of Nantyglo Mini and Juniors *(copy attached)*:

Resolved to give a grant of £200 to Nantyglo Mini and Juniors.

12. Proposal from Councillor D Hillman to recognise Stephen Bower with an award *(copy attached – for consideration):*

Resolved to award Steve Bower a Mayoral Award and to also issue a Mayoral Award Certificate to BGFM and all of its employees and volunteers.

13. Members Updates:

Members are invited to inform and provide updates in respect of any recent activities and/or concerns.

The Assistant Officer gave an update regarding a meeting with Darren Joslin from Flotek who met with some Councillors to talk about the audio set up for the Chamber. Members were impressed with his knowledge. Councillor D Finch also had a contact that would visit to also provide an offer.

Councillor D Hillman update Town Council about the Electoral Review meeting. Members had been emailed a synopsis of the meeting from the Town Clerk.

The Assistant Officer provided a logo design showing six variations of the same design to show how it an be utilized. Members agreed a few more versions needed to be shown before it could be decided.

Councillor E Singleton notified that there was an issue with a water grid near the Blaina Mural and cited it as dangerous. The Town Clerk/RFO and Assistant Officer would contact Blaenau Gwent CBC to find a resolution.

Resolved to accept the information

Meeting declared closed at 19:39pm

Signed by Town Mayor _____ .