

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Events Committee held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 6.55pm on Tuesday 23rd April 2024.

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

Present: Councillor L Harris, Chair of the Events Committee,
Presiding: Councillors D Hillman; K Jenkins, C Hillman, K Jones JP,
M Williams (remote) & J Bond

In attendance: Mrs Tracy Hughes, Town Clerk
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer
Mr M Brooks, Member of the public

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.

Resolved to note that no declarations were received.

1. **Apologies:** Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Cllr G Morvan and **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

2. **Questions from the public:** To receive any questions from the public on matters on the agenda.

Resolved to note that Mr M Brooks was in attendance and no questions from public were received.

3. **Correspondence:**

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

- a) Email from Karen.williams@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk (for consideration):
E-mail request from the Town Centre Manager (Blaenau Gwent CBC) for support in respect of a Superhero event held on Tuesday 28th May at St Peters grounds, Blaina.

Members agreed to a £100 donation to support the superhero event in Blaina.

It was suggested to ask the Town Centre Manager what help is required from Town Council members on the day of event.

Resolved that a financial donation via s.137 of £100 be made and **Further Resolved** to ascertain what help is required from Town Council Members for the Superhero Day in Blaina.

- b) Newton Flags - Certificate of Grateful Recognition 6th June 2024:

Certificate from Newtown Newton Flags for supporting D-Day 80 years anniversary.

Certificate is displayed on noticeboard.

Resolved to note information received.

- c) Email from Sabrina.Cresswell@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk Access Strategy & Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) workshops:

Workshops held in person or online via Teams.

A discussion ensued regarding how informative the Rights of Way Improvement Plan workshops are.

Resolved to note information received

Additional correspondence received – with permission of the Chair:

Email from Daniel.Wheelock@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk ARMED FORCES DAY - Sunday, 30 June 2024 – read out as below:

Armed Forces Day event to be held on Sunday, 30 June 2024. Each year, Tredegar Town Council hosts this event here in Bedwellty Park to celebrate the Armed Forces, using the day to raise funds for various associated armed forces charities and appeals (the charity/appeal recipient for the proceeds raised at the event has yet to be agreed by Council). The event would commence at 12.00 noon, with a range of activities within Bedwellty Park and varied entertainment throughout the day, including a performance by the Royal Welsh Regimental Band, and concluding at approximately 5.00 p.m.

I would be most grateful, therefore, if you could note this event in your diary accordingly. If your organisation wishes to support this event - either by making a donation or displaying a stall at the event **(a small charge of £5.00**

is levied per 'pitch' in support of the appeal) - please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Members suggested that the event could be attended by the Town Mayor as his first event and by Councillor Morvan, as the Town Council's Armed Forces representative

AO explained the event is open for members to attend.

Resolved to note information.

4. Members to Resolve the following items that was suggested at the Task and Finish group 27th March 2024 for appropriate and achievable events for up to 2025.

a) Cinema Showings:

Members were invited to consider the options from quotes received for indoor and outdoor cinema projects and through much discussion it was suggested that Brynmawr cinema provided the best value for money & would also be 'weatherproof' in the event of inclement weather. It was clarified that the showing would take place at Brynmawr Cinema and that the quotation received was based on £3.50 per ticket and that a minimum of 40 seats could be booked at the cinema up to a maximum of 192 seats.

Members considered that tickets for 1 adult 2 children (3 tickets per family residing in Nantyglo and Blaina) to be given on first served basis and that the event be advertised on the Town Council's website & Facebook page.

Members considered the recommendations made by Task and Finish group on 27th March 2024 and **Resolved** the following:

- Town Council **Resolved** to fund one weekly cinema showing for 4 weeks during the main school summer holidays.
- **Resolved** that Cinema showings to take place at and be provided by Market Hall Cinema, Brynmawr.
- **Resolved** that the Town Council to purchase and make available 150 tickets for each showing at a cost of £3.50 ticket.
- **Resolved** that maximum of 3 tickets (free of charge) to be made available per household in Nantyglo & Blaina.
- **Resolved** that tickets to be supplied on a first come first served basis.
- **Resolved** to advertise the cinema showings on website and Facebook.
- **Resolved** that Cllr Williams design the artwork for posters and tickets.

- **Resolved** that Parents/carers to be responsible for children at all times, and that the Town Council and Market Hall Cinema would not assume any responsibility.

Resolved as detailed above.

b) Play Sessions provided by BGCBC The early years team, Childcare & Play Team for activities for ages between 4 – 14 years:

Members considered the information and recommendations from the Task & Finish Group in respect of the information regarding the delivery of play sessions within Nantyglo & Blaina provided by Blaenau Gwent CBC.

- **Option 1:** A 2hr session delivered in local community (Venue to be agreed)
Cost £150.00
- **Option 2:** This is our multi-pack of open access play sessions option 1 x 4 (delivered as you chose). Cost £500.00 (*saving £100 from option 1*).
- **Option 3:** This is our 'Mini Play Den' option incorporating a 4 hour open access family / play day (Venue to be agreed). Cost £600.00

Members agreed that option 2 was the better value for the children of Nantyglo and Blaina and that it was requested that BGCBC be contacted to enquire if 2 play sessions could be held in Nantyglo and 2 in Blaina (from the option 2).

Members considered the recommendations made by Task and Finish group on 27th March 2024 and **Resolved** the following:

To purchase Option 2 as detailed above of a multi-pack of open access play sessions at the cost of £500 and **Further Resolved** to query if the sessions could be divided into 2 halves for 2 sessions to be held at Nantyglo and 2 at Blaina, during the main summer school holidays.

Resolved as detailed above.

c) David Watkins Blue Plaque:

Members considered the suggestion to recognise the accomplishments of David Watkins, a celebrated Welsh Rugby Player who was born in Blaina. It was suggested to find out where David Watkins had lived and ask for permission to have plaque placed on the property. AO explained that Colin Wall (local resident) might have this information as she was sure that he was looking into having a memorial statue for the square in Blaina. AO to speak with Colin Wall regarding his ideas and to liaise with Blaina Rugby club to see if a brick could be purchased for David Watkins.

Resolved that the recommendations to be ratified.

A Members informed that he had spoken to a relative of David Watkins who confirmed that David's house had been knocked down.

Town Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with Colin Wall today (23rd April 2024) and explained that he had been unwell and there were no updates

as yet but would be in touch soon as he received any information from Salford Rugby League (whom David Watkins played rugby for).

Members considered the recommendations made by Task and Finish group on 27th March 2024 and **Resolved** the following:

- AO to liaise with Blaina Rugby Club to ascertain the cost of a memorial brick for David Watkins.
- To continue to investigate an appropriate manner in which to commemorate the achievements of David Watkins.

d) Nantyglo & Blaina In Bloom:

Members considered the recommendations made by the Task & Finish Group meeting held on 27th March 2024 and it was **Resolved** that the event to continue and **Further Resolved** to advertise the competition in May for judging to take place towards the end of July 2024.

Members **Resolved** to use the same poster and form as last years, with amendments to dates and times.

e) ARC Awards:

Members considered the recommendation made by the Task & Finish Group and agreed that, unfortunately at the present time the ARC Awards was no longer suited for its purpose and therefore, members agreed to recognise individuals as and when appropriate.

Resolved that the Recommendations to be ratified i.e. that the ARC Awards do not take place and that the Town Council recognises and celebrates the achievements of individuals as appropriate.

5. Planters:

Members to consider the purchase of summer plants for planters around Nantyglo and Blaina.

Members agreed that all planters throughout Nantyglo & Blaina but particularly the larger planters were in bloom and looked wonderful

Resolved that appropriate plants were to be purchased in respect of the planters owned by the Town Council throughout Nantyglo & Blaina and **Further Resolved** that prices for such plants be submitted to the next meeting of the Events Committee.

6. Events Planner:

Members to consider the suggested forth coming events.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** that the Events Planner be updated with the Events resolved at this meeting when the appropriate information had been received.

7. Facebook:

Members to consider if they would like Town Council agendas displayed on Facebook, in the hope to encourage members to join meetings. Members considered this and agreed that the listed agenda for meetings (not supporting documentation) should be displayed on the Town Council's website page for both residents' information and in the hope of encouraging new members to the Town Council.

Resolved that the listed agendas of Town Council meeting (not supporting documentation) be displayed on the Town Council Facebook page.

Meeting declared closed at 7.40pm