**NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting (hybrid) held at 6.20pm on Tuesday 12th July 2022 held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.**

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Chair of Finance & General purposes Committee, presiding

 Councillors C Hillman; L King; L Harris; M Williams (remote); K Jones JP and

B Lucas.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk/RFO

 Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair informed of the fire drill in the event of an emergency. **Resolved** to note the information received.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the press or public were in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Beverley Lucas to the Council and congratulated her on her successful co-option. **Resolved** accordingly.

**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 must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2d.

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillor G Morvan

**Additionally Resolved** to accept the apology received.

**2. 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) ICO – *(for information):*

 E-mail: Certificate Data Protection.

 The Town Clerk informed that the certificate was displayed in the office.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

b) Age Matters – *(for information):*

 Quarterly Newsletter from Age Cymru.

Members attention was drawn to the information regarding the digital switchover of the phone system.

**Resolved** to note the information.

c) Kids Cancer Charity – *(for information):*

 Receipt, e-mail, letter and certificate in respect of recent financial donation made.

The Town Clerk informed that the certificate was displayed on the noticeboard located outside of the Council Chamber.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

*Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in item no. 2d.* ***Resolved*** *that they remained in the meeting as the item was for information only.*

d) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council *(for information):*

 Patient’s Voice News Bulletin (issue 45).

The Chair informed that poor reviews in respect of some local G.Ps were being received as a result of public surveys undertaken.

 **Resolved** to note the information received.

e) One Voice Wales *(for information):*

 Training dates (July) and information regarding free training places and bursaries.

 Members were requested to contact the Town Clerk regarding any training requests.

 **Resolved** to note the information received.

**3. 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 months of July & August 2022.

Members discussed the need to continue making such donations to Blaenau Gwent Food bank in respect of the current financial/economic circumstances and difficulties faced by many local people.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that she had not received any recent information or correspondence from the Foodbank manager, and that a request for updated information as to how the Town Council’s ongoing financial donations were helping local people.

**Resolved** that a donation of £200 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank in respect of each month of July and August 2022.

**4. Town Council Facebook Page:**

Members were invited to consider the report attached for information*.*

The Assistant Officer informed that the Facebook page had been set up but issues regarding security checks had been encountered so the page was not yet able to go ‘live’. Members requested that the following be added to the report ‘individual councillors’ and ‘appropriate queries’.

Councillor Williams informed that a word document as a pinned post was required and the page needed to be finalised before the Facebook page was ready to ‘go live’. The Facebook page would be primarily used for information purposes and items will require appropriate checks prior to being posted.

Members voiced concerns that a Facebook page would provide some people the opportunity to make uncalled for negative comments although it was stated that there would be a facility to filter comments.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Officer and Councillor Williams for their work.

**Resolved** that the Facebook page be reviewed prior to ‘going live’ and **Further Resolved** to note the information received.

**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 might be received prior to the date of the meeting. Members were also reminded that applications would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

*Additional application received with permission of the Chair:*

a) Friends of Riverside Flats:

The Town Clerk informed that Members had been sent an e-mail of the application for consideration prior to the meeting.

The Town Clerk read out the application in full and confirmed that the applicant had not applied for or received any grant funding from the Town Council within the previous 12 months.

Members agreed that the application complied with the Town Council’s Grant Policy and discussed the level of grant funding which was agreed should be consistent with similar applications previously received.

**Resolved** that a grant donation of £100 be made to friends of Riverside Court.

**6. Salem Chapel:**

 Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

* June 2022*.*

Queries & comments were invited:

In response to a query, the Town Clerk informed that there were no obvious changes but that the condition of the building continued to deteriorate.

Members discussed the relocation of two TV screens form the Chapel to the Chamber. The Town Clerk informed that she had previously requested that this be carried out and would make the request again.

**Resolved** that the report be approved.

**7. Confidential Information:**

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

a)

**8. Other Any Business:**

Councillor M Williams informed that he will accompany Gavin Trinder (Abergavenny Garden Centre) when he judges the Nantyglo & Blaina In Bloom entries on 14th or 15th July 2022.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as 26th July 2022.

Meeting declared closed at 6.50pm.