

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

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th March 2019

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Chair / Town Mayor, Presiding
Councillors D Hillman; C Hillman; K Jenkins; C Bridgeman; K Jones;
T McKnight; L Harris.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk

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. Cllr D Hillman informed that there could be a declaration of interest in respect of item 9 – advised & **Resolved** that there was no declaration of interest.

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 Councillors R Pagett, G Watkins; K Treharne; E Morgan and R Abbas. **Further Resolved** to accept all apologies.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor informed that there had not been any official engagements during February. During March a concert was held in aid of the Town Mayor's appeal at which Abertillery Orpheus Male Choir & Miss Eve Thomas performed. The evening was very successful and was attended by both the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gwent and the High Sheriff of Gwent. The funeral of former Town Councillor David Britton was held at Llys Y Capel prior to internment at Blaina Cemetery although too few local people attended. On 18th March, the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk attended by way of invite a coffee morning held at Llys y Capel whereby residents were informed of the Town Council's activities. Town Council survey forms were left for residents to complete and positive feedback was received.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 26th February 2019 (pages 140-145)

Members were 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:

p.144: to include 'entries and displays from local schools in respect of stories, poems and art etc'.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

4. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 26th February 2019 (pages 146- 152)

Members were 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:

p.146: Councillors D and C Hillman were unable to attend the event due to representing the Town Council at Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 11th March 2019 (pages 153-154)

Members were 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:

p.154: It was highlighted that the Town Council's website stated that within the Planning & Highways Committee remit was also 'significant issues'. The Town Clerk explained that this was trialled by the Town Council a number of years ago but was deemed inefficient. The Town Clerk apologised for this still appearing on the website and pledged to update the information.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 11th March 2019 (pages 155-161)

Members were 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:

p.158: should read Town Mayor not Chair.

p.158: include 'to discuss Council Charter and Well-being Plan.

p.161: should read Members ratified.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held 18th March 2019 (pages 162-163)

Members were 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 that the minutes be approved.

8. 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) One Voice Wales– (for information):

Training dates.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council– (for information):

Patients Voice News Bulletin.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

i Request to consider the funding/purchase of acid attack kits to local licenced premises.

Members discussed the request received which was considered to be a good idea.

Members requested that further information be received such as how many licensed premises are in the area and whether any of the licensees have confirmed that they will purchase a kit for their premises.

Resolved to collate the additional information and **Further Resolved** to re-agenda for consideration when additional information was received.

Additional correspondence with permission of the Chair:

ii Confirmation that there has NOT been a request for an election in the Nantyglo Ward.

Resolved to note the information received.

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

Notice of Full Council/AGM of the Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council to take place at The Parkway Hotel, Cwmbran at 9.30am on Wednesday 2nd April 2019.

Councillors D and C Hillman to attend.

Resolved to note the information received.

9. 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.

a) Llangollen 2019.

Members considered the information contained within the application together with the Welsh Medium Primary School being located within the community.

Resolved that a sum of £25.00 be awarded.

10. Summary of recent Task and Finish Group Meeting:

Members were invited to consider the summary of the recent Task and Finish group meeting held to discuss the Council's action plan.

The Town Clerk informed that three dates for a second Task and Finish Meeting had been submitted to Blaenau Gwent CBC for consideration.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the information provided was in note form not official minutes. Members considered the summary and it was clarified that it should read as 'negativity' not 'barriers'. The Town Clerk informed that Blaenau Gwent Ward Members for Nantyglo and Blaina together with the Tourism Officer and Matthew Perry had been contacted with three possible dates to attend a second Task and Finish Group meeting, although to date only one response had been received.

Resolved to note the information received.

11. Audit Action Plan:

Members were invited to consider the attached action plan and in response to queries from Members the Town Clerk clarified the following:

- All actions had been undertaken and completed (or ongoing) as stated within the report.
- It was important to clarify that any Task and Finish Group meeting agreed should then take place.

Resolved that the Audit Action Plan Report be ratified.

12. Risk Management Policy 2019/20:

Members were invited to consider the draft Risk Management Policy for 2019/20 to ensure that the contingency plans were highlighted. No other changes were required.

Resolved that the report be ratified.

13. Planning Applications:

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.

- a) Plan Application No. C/2019/0057 – Land set between 32 King Street and Gwalia Buildings, Nantyglo:

Planning application in respect of a three bedroom house with off road parking to the side.

Members commented upon the lack of a site location map.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

- b) Plan Application No. C/2019/0058 – 58 Lakeside Way, Nantyglo:

Erection of wrought iron railings with gate.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

14. Licensing Applications:

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.

Applicant: Mrs H Williams, 2 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood, Blaina

Application for a Temporary Events Notice for Sale of Alcohol for Mothers Day Hampers – 30th & 31st March 2019.

Premises: Mrs H Williams, 2 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood, Blaina.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

15. Members' Updates:

Members were invited to inform and provide updates of any recent activities and/or concerns:

Concerns were voiced in respect of a co-opted Member who had not attended one meeting or event of the Council and that this was effectively denying another person the chance to represent the Ward. The Town Clerk informed that the legal time limit would soon be triggered in respect of the legislative procedure required.

Resolved to note the information received.

16. 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).

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