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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2019.

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Chairman
Councillors K Jones; G Watkins; K Jenkins; R Abbas; L Harris

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk
Miss H Roberts, Assistant Officer

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 of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that Councillor Abbas declared an interest in item 8a.

1. Apologies for absence:

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, C Hillman, D Hillman, K Treharne, E Morgan, C Bridgeman and T McKnight.

Further Resolved to accept apologies.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor to inform of his activities during April 2019.

The Town Mayor informed members that April had been relatively quiet due to the holidays. However, the Town Mayor had informed members that a raffle was held in aid of the Mayoral Appeal 2018/19 at Blaina ICC and drawn on 26th April 2019. Members were informed that £166 was raised for the appeal.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 26th March 2019 (pages 164-167)

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.

4. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 26th March 2019 (pages 168- 173)

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.

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 8th April 2019 (pages 174-176)

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:

Page 176: Councillor Abbas informed members that he had received a reply from Mr Ian Cole, BGCBC acknowledging his letter. Mr Cole's response was that parents could use the school's car park however residents were not happy with that response as parents continue to block the road.

Another member raised concerns with parking in Blaina Town Centre and in community buildings when clubs and meetings are taking place, querying whether the policing of car parking has changed. Members discussed this item and it was established that the policing would be the responsibility of an external organisation and that enforcement officers would be visible in several weeks' time.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 8th April 2019 (pages 177-181)

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:

A member queried whether the Clerk had received a response from the Town Council's solicitors in respect of ICT equipment. Members were informed that the solicitor who dealt with the enquiry initially had left the company, so this work had been allocated to another solicitor and that the Council were waiting for a response. Members were informed that the query had been acknowledged by the solicitors.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. 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

- i OVW/SLCC Joint event – 15th May 2019 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea.

Resolved to note the information received.

- ii News bulletin

Resolved to note the information received.

- iii Gwent Valleys area agenda and minutes

Councillor Morvan informed members that he had submitted his apologies for this meeting due to the clash with the Full Council meeting.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Your Local Health News

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

E-mail in respect of the Acid Attack Launch in Blaenau Gwent.

Councillor G Morvan informed members that he would be attending this event on behalf of the Crime Prevention Panel. Councillor K Jenkins said that he would represent Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council at this meeting. A member commented that there were no premises in Nantyglo and Blaina which had bought a kit, but this could be clarified in the upcoming meeting. A member suggested that if a premise would like to purchase a kit, perhaps the Town Council could match fund the initiative.

Resolved that the Council match fund premises in Nantyglo and Blaina which choose to take part in this initiative.

d) Welsh Government

Planning Officers' Society for Wales request views regarding the planning service within the Local Authority via a short electronic questionnaire.

A copy of the questionnaire was made available for members. Members requested that the Town Clerk respond on behalf of the Town Council.

Resolved that the Town Clerk respond to the questionnaire on behalf of the Town Council.

- e) High Sheriff of Gwent
Letter to the Town Mayor in respect of the recent ARC Awards.
Members were pleased that these links would continue into the new civic year.
Resolved to note the information received.
- f) Abertillery & Blaina Rotary Club
Poster informing of charity concert to take place on 17th May 2019 at St Peter's Church, Blaina.
Resolved to note the information received.
- g) Councillor John Mason
Letter informing of opinion in respect of planning application C/2019/0071 submitted by the Town Council.
Resolved to note the information received.
- h) Councillor R Abbas
E-mail invitation to all Members in respect of 'Building Musical Bridges' (musical event) to be held on 20th July 2019 at Blaina Community Centre.
Councillor Abbas gave members a background to this item and further information in respect of this item.
Resolved to note the information received.
- i) Gwent Police
Details of forthcoming local Police Surgeries within Nantyglo and Blaina.
Members were reminded that they could join these meetings as Council representatives.
Resolved to note the information received.
- j) Rev'd Roy Watson
Thank you card in respect of the award of Freedom of Nantyglo & Blaina.
Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with the permission of the Chairman:

k) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Blaenau Gwent Revised Local Development Plan – diary marker.

Members had been previously informed of this item and were invited to inform the Clerk if they wished to attend.

Resolved to note the information received.

l) One Voice Wales

Invitation to Wales and West Utilities annual stakeholder workshops, May 2019.

Members were invited to inform the Clerk should they wish to attend this event.

Resolved to note the information received.

m) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

Members were informed that they would only be able to attend as observers.

Resolved to note the information received.

n) GAVO Wales

Opportunity to sponsor Blaenau Gwent Volunteer Achievement Awards

Members requested that a further email in respect of nominations be sought and as such this item was requested to be placed on a future agenda. In addition to this, members discussed that as GAVO were requesting for money that they follow the same procedure as everyone else and fill in a request for a Community Grant.

Resolved that this item be placed on a future agenda. **Further Resolved** to give GAVO a Community Grant form.

o) Shaw Healthcare

Invitation to National Care Home Open Day

Councillor Jones confirmed his attendance to this event.

Resolved to note the information received.

8. 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) Blaenau Gwent Rhythm & Ukes

Councillor R Abbas declared an interest in this item. **Resolved** that Councillor Abbas remain in the Chamber, but not take part in the discussions.

Resolved that a donation of £50 be made.

b) Aberystroth History and Archaeology Society

Resolved that a donation of £50 be made.

c) Blaina Institute Modern Dancing Club (Blaina Monday Night Dance Club)

Councillor Jenkins informed members that he had attended this club once, but was advised that he would not need to declare an interest due to this being a one-off event.

Resolved that a donation of £25 be made.

Additional grant request received with the permission of the Chairman:

d) Blaina Heritage Action Group

Resolved that a donation of £100 be made.

9. 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.

Members considered last year's proposed Flower, Fruit and Veg Show and were reminded that there was no response. A member suggested that children from the areas of Nantyglo and Blaina could have a sunflower growing competition and that the Town Council could provide pots, seeds and compost. Members also informed that there would be another Task and Finish Group on 8th May 2019 at 6.30pm.

Resolved to note the information received.

10. Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Blaenau Gwent:

Members were invited to consider the attached final recommendations for electoral arrangements in Nantyglo and Blaina. Members were informed that the full copy of the report was placed in the Chamber.

Members noted the proposals and were happy that the application supported that areas such as Lakeside and ASDA were kept in Nantyglo rather than becoming a part of the electoral arrangements for Brynmawr. Members congratulated the Clerk on the correspondence.

Resolved to note the information received.

11. 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/2019/0063 – 5 Parrot Row, Nantyglo:
Revised plans

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

12. 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: Mr Ying Zhou, 97 King Street, Nantyglo

Details: Application for the transfer of a premises licence (Licensing Act 2003)

Premises name and address: Tasty Garden, 97 King Street, Nantyglo

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

Additional licence application received with the permission of the Chairman:

Applicant: TDYC Pubs Limited, c/o 1 Foundry Bridge, Abertillery, NP13 3BX

Details: Application to transfer a premises licence (Licensing Act 2003)

Premises name and address: The Yew Tree, 8 Railway Terrace, Blaina

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

13. Members' Updates:

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

Resolved that none recorded.

14. Confidential Information:

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

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