

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

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council held Tuesday 21st May 2019.

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

Present: Councillor G Morvan, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors C Bridgeman; R Abbas; C Hillman; D Hillman; K Jenkins;
T McKnight; K Jones; L Harris; K Treharne

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk/RFO
Miss H Roberts, Assistant Officer
Invited guests

The Town Mayor welcomed guests and civic dignitaries and informed all present of the fire regulations should anything arise during the meeting.

1. **Declarations of Interest:**

Members were reminded that all Declarations of Interest must be recorded in the book provided for this purpose. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

2. **Apologies for absence:**

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Councillors G Watkins, R Pagett and E Morgan.

Further Resolved to accept apologies.

3. **Councillor G Morvan:**

The Town Mayor offered a greeting and civic welcome to members, guests and incoming Mayor.

4. **Councillor G Morvan:**

To review his Term of Office as Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Morvan reviewed his 12 months in office and gave an overview of his activities, highlighting several which have taken place throughout the year including the Primary Talent Showcase, NHS 70th anniversary celebrations at Tredegar, Ystruth Primary School Concert, Affirmation Parade, Civic Sunday, Armistice Parade, Christmas events and carol concerts, Mayor's Charity Concert and the ARC Awards.

Councillor Morvan mentioned poignant moments for him as Mayor including presenting the Freedom of the Town to Reverend Roy Watson and spending a day with his nominated charity, phoenix domestic abuse services to witness how they operate their services.

Councillor Morvan thanked everyone for their wonderful support and generosity, especially the communities of Nantyglo and Blaina and several high dignitaries who have supported the Council throughout his time in office including the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent and High Sheriff of Gwent.

Councillor Morvan thanked everyone for their generous support towards his Mayoral Appeal for 2019-20 in aid of Phoenix Domestic Abuse Service. Councillor Morvan informed all present that the grant total raised was £3061.43.

Councillor Morvan wished his successor luck for the next 12 months.

5. Councillor G Morvan:

Councillor Morvan invited nominations for the Office of Town Mayor 2019/20.

Resolved that Councillor K Jones be appointed as Town Mayor for 2019/20.

6. Councillor G Morvan:

To invite the incoming Town Mayor to join him on the dias. Councillor Morvan placed the official Chain of Office around the shoulders of the Town Mayor.

7. Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Councillor Ken Jones signed the Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Proper Officer of the Council and was thereupon appointed as the Town Mayor of Nantyglo and Blaina for the year 2019/20.

Resolved to note the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8. To receive the Mayor's Consort:

The Town Mayor introduced the Consort and invited her to join him on the dias. Councillor Jones thanked Mrs Joyce Jones for her acceptance as consort.

9. Consort Chain of Office:

Councillor Glyn Morvan, the outgoing Mayor presented the Consort Chain of Office to Mrs Joyce Jones.

Photographs were taken at this juncture.

At this juncture, Councillor G Morvan took his seat with members of the Council.

10. The Town Mayor's Address:

The Town Mayor addressed the Council.

Councillor K Jones thanked all those present and addressed the Town Council emphasising that he hopes to serve the communities of Nantyglo and Blaina to the best of his ability. Councillor Jones commented that it would be a privilege to serve the Town Council after those who preceded him and thanked the Council for the honour.

Resolved accordingly.

11. The Town Mayor:

The Town Mayor invited the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Roy Watson to lead the Council in prayer.

Resolved accordingly.

12. Vote of Thanks to Councillor G Morvan:

The Town Mayor invited a vote of thanks to the outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Glyn Morvan.

The Town Mayor addressed everyone present and informed of the very successful year acting as Deputy Mayor. The Town Mayor noted that Councillor G Morvan was very diligent in his time in office, having missed very few civic occasions and Councillor K Jones congratulated Councillor Morvan on his successful Mayoral Appeal.

Councillor Bridgeman added that it was a pleasure to hand over the chains to Councillor Morvan. Councillor D Hillman commended Councillor Morvan on his year in office, particularly for his successful ongoing fundraising towards his Mayoral Appeal.

Resolved accordingly.

13. Deputy Town Mayor:

The Town Mayor invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Town Mayor 2019-2020.

Resolved that Councillor Des Hillman would be appointed to the Office of Deputy Town Mayor. The Town Mayor offered his congratulations to Councillor D Hillman.

Councillor D Hillman thanked the Town Mayor and councillors for being nominated for this role.

14. Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition Group:

i) The Town Mayor invited nominations for the position of Leader of the Council 2019-2020.

Resolved that Councillor G Morvan be appointed to the Office of the Leader of the Council.

- ii) The Town Mayor invited information of who would be the Leader of the Opposition Group 2019-2020.
Resolved that Councillor Clive Bridgeman be appointed as Leader of the Opposition Group for 2019/20.

Appointment of Town Council Committees and Delegates to Other Organisations:

15. Members were invited to consider the appointment of Chairman and Members of Committees and of Delegates to other Organisations:

Members **Resolved** to approve the previously distributed itemised list.

16. Mayoral Appeal 2019/20:

The Town Mayor informed that the Mayoral Appeal for 2019/20 would be in aid of Citizens Advice Bureau.

Councillor Jones presented his charity for 2019-20 and commented that Citizens Advice Bureau had a long history and was quite often misunderstood as it was a voluntary organisation and relied on charitable donations. CAB hold various clinics and surgeries in the area. Councillor Jones emphasised how much CAB was needed in today's society and were able to provide guidance on anything. It was noted that the call centre which covers all of the UK was located in Bargoed and had approximately 80 members of staff.

Councillor Jones informed all in attendance that there were leaflets and advice sheets available for them at this meeting for them to take.

Resolved to note the information received.

17. Invitation for guests to join with the Mayor for refreshments.

The Town Mayor declared the business of the Council closed and thereupon invited all present to join him for a social evening with refreshments.