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Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2019.

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

Present: Councillor K Jones, Chairman, Presiding
Councillors R Abbas; D Hillman; C Hillman; K Jenkins; T McKnight

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk/RFO

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** that none 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 Councillors G Morvan, R Pagett, E Morgan and C Bridgeman.

Further Resolved to accept apologies.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

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

The Town Mayor thanked Deputy Mayor, Councillor D Hillman for attending the Primary Talent Showcase on his behalf. Members were informed that the Primary Talent Showcase was a successful evening and that there were a variety of performances this year.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 30th April 2019 (pages 182-184)

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 requested that the agenda items be numbered. The Town Clerk apologised for this error and informed members that future agendas would be numbered.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

4. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 30th April 2019 (pages 185- 192)

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 185: To include that the meeting was held at Winchestown OAP Hall, Nantyglo.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 13th May 2019 (pages 193-195)

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 193, 2a): Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman attended the event at Gwent Archives.

Page 195: To include 'plus with the approval from the Chair of Events.'

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 13th May 2019 (pages 196-200)

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 196: A member noted that there was an omission. To include: Councillor D Hillman in attendance

Page 199, 6): To include 'and the Chair advised members to retain their copy for the Task and Finish Group.'

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held 21st May 2019 (pages 1 – 4)

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 4, 14ii): Members discussed the term 'opposition group' and felt that it was a very negative term. Members **Proposed** to change this term to the name of the party/group who are in 'opposition' at that time.

Resolved that the minutes be approved. **Further Resolved** to name the 'opposition' group rather than use current terminology.

8. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 10th June 2019 (pages 5-8)

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 7, 5): To include 'With approval from the Chair of Events, the following items were **Resolved**.'

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

9. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 10th June 2019 (pages 9-13)

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 9: To include Councillor D Hillman in attendance. Councillor Clive Bridgeman had been named twice in attendance.

Page 10, 2iii): Online training, to read 'CEO of One Voice Wales commented that registration impacted....'

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

10. 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:

Basic On-line learning modules.

Members commented that as this supplemented the face-to-face meeting, it would not be useful unless both meetings were attended.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Ross Townley, Cwmcellyn Angling Committee:

E-mail response in respect of queries.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

i E-mail response in respect of civil parking queries.

The Town Clerk informed members that she had enquired about map books. Members were informed that a local resident had visited the offices showing concern for the new enforcement regulations particularly in the areas of Queen Street and King Street, Nantyglo. The member of public expressed that they understood the necessity for the new regulations however thought it might be difficult for residents and suggested whether a residents parking permit scheme would be viable.

Members discussed this issue expressing concerns over a permit system and suggested that this item be forwarded to the Principal Council and Mr Ian Coles, Engineer in Traffic Management and Road Safety in Community Services at BGCBC.

Resolved that this comment be forwarded to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

ii. Invitation for representatives to attend an Annual Public Service Board Stakeholder event at 1pm on Monday 15th July.

Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and R Abbas expressed an interest in this item. Members were instructed to inform the Town Clerk should they wish to attend this meeting.

Resolved to note the information received.

iii. Invitation to attend a workshop in respect of Revised Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy.

Members were informed that this workshop would take place on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 10.30am. Members were instructed to inform the Town Clerk should they wish to attend.

Resolved to note the information received.

d) Declaration of Vacancy:

Copy of the Declaration of Vacancy in respect of the recent vacancy within the Blaina Ward.

It was clarified that this vacancy was in respect of former Councillor Sharon Smith's position.

Resolved to note the information received.

e) Tredeggar Town Council:

E-mail confirming that Tredeggar Town Council has agreed to second Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council's proposed motion at One Voice Wales Annual Meeting/Conference.

Members were informed that the motions were to be put forward imminently and that the Town Council would be informed in July whether the motion would be agreed to go forward.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with the permission of the Chairman:

f) Community Health Council

- i. Meeting of Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council at Greenmeadow Golf Club, Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 5.30pm.

Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins informed members that they intend on attending this meeting.

Resolved to note the information received.

- ii. Special Full Meeting at Parkway Hotel, Monday 1st July at 10am.

Resolved to note the information received.

11. 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 would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

- a) Creative Minds

Resolved that a donation of £50 be made.

12. Update of the recent Liaison meeting with Blaenau Gwent (Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jones):

Members were invited to consider the draft copy of the Charter of Common Agreement; the Terms of Reference in respect of the Clerks Support Network and the Agenda Item Request Form. Councillors D Hillman and C Hillman to provide an update of the Liaison Meeting held on 12th June 2019.

The Town Clerk informed members that she gave her apologies for this meeting.

Members were informed that the meeting overall was informative and that there was an overview of the Local Development Plan, members were able to go through the draft charter and there was also an overview of the well-being approach from Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council. Members were additionally informed that BGCBC were pushing their app services and online 'My Services'

Members were informed that Community Asset Transfers were queried particularly in respect of small play areas and that these were still the responsibility of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

Members were informed that the draft charter was worked over three meetings and would work if all parties uphold their end of the agreement. Members were additionally informed that the requests to add items to agendas for the quarterly liaison would change slightly.

Resolved that Town Mayor signs the Charter on behalf of the Town Council.

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) *None received to date.*

Resolved accordingly.

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: Mr Peter Morris – 15 Parson's Row, Blaina

Details: Application for a temporary 1 day Street Trading Consent for Brynmawr Food Festival (22/06/2019)

Premises name & address: Brynmawr Food Festival, Market Square, Brynmawr

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

Applicant: Nantyglo Football Club CIC – Duffryn Park, Blaina

Details: Application for a club premises certificate for the supply of alcohol and regulated entertainment (Licensing Act 2003)

Members queried how this licence would be used, whether it would be solely for events or whether it would be for day-to-day use. Members queried whether this would have an effect on the Bowls Club.

Resolved that above representations be made.

15. Members' Updates:

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

Councillor D Hillman informed members of his activities including deputising at the Primary Talent Showcase in absence of the Town Mayor. Councillor Hillman informed members that it was a very enjoyable evening and that both the High Sheriff of Gwent and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant enjoyed the evening. Councillor Hillman commended the performers, particularly the comedian and young pianist and also commented that Mr Stephen Bower performed his role well. Councillor Hillman had thanked those involved on the night.

Councillor Abbas raised concerns about the poor condition of Blaina High Street including potholes and empty premises. It was suggested that the owners of the shops could be contacted to reduce rents. It was also suggested to paint boards on closed shops to brighten the town. This has been investigated by Councillor Morvan, having contacted two local schools whether they would be interested in taking part in such an activity.

Members also suggested that the local college, Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone in Ebbw Vale and secondary schools could be contacted.

Members continued with the theme of beautifying the area and commented on the possibility of hanging baskets and banners (similar to surrounding towns) throughout Nantyglo and Blaina.

Councillor Jenkins informed members that he attended a meeting in respect of Blaenau Gwent revised local development plan issues and vision stakeholder workshop at the Civic Centre on 6th June 2019.

Councillor Jenkins informed that a brief background to the revised LDP was provided and workshop session as held regarding the issues/challenges faced by BGCBC and what its vision was in respect of the LDP, i.e. highways, town centres, education, housing and trade. There were discussions in respect of expansion plans and a proposal that Ebbw Vale be the 'hub' for Blaenau Gwent, although this proposal was met with opposition at the workshop. Councillor Jenkins additionally informed that a second workshop was planned for July which he hoped to attend.

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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