

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

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Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Deputy Mayor, Presiding
Councillors

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

Due to the absence of Councillor Jones, it was **Proposed** and **Resolved** that Councillor D Hillman chair this meeting.

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 Miss H Roberts declared an interest in item 8. **Further Resolved** that Miss H Roberts remain in the Chamber.

Due to the presence of a member of public in this meeting, Councillor Hillman read the regulations surrounding the admission of the public and press. **Resolved** to note the information 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 K Jones, G Watkins, C Bridgeman and T McKnight

Further Resolved to accept apologies.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

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

Due to the absence of the Town Mayor, Councillor D Hillman informed members of his activities in his role as Deputy Mayor. Councillor Hillman spoke about a recent event, Building Musical Bridges which took place in Blaina Community Centre. Councillor Hillman commented that this event was excellent and that several dignitaries and representatives from different organisations were in attendance.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 25th June 2019 (pages 14-18)

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:

Admission of Miss H Roberts in attendance, to be included.

Alter Chair of the Council to Mayor of the Council.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

4. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 25th June 2019 (pages 19- 27)

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:

Admission of Miss H Roberts in attendance, to be included.

Alter Chair of the Council to Mayor of the Council

Page 21, item 7a: Change to 'minority group'

Page 23, item 12: Change 'worked' to 'reviewed and amended'

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 8th July 2019 (pages 28-30)

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.

6. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 8th July 2019 (pages 31-34)

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 33, item 4: Change 'Chair, Vice Chair' to 'Mayor, Deputy Mayor.'

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) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council

- i. Patients Voice News Bulletin (July 2019).

Resolved to note the information received.

- ii. Invitation to local meeting on 13th August 2019.

Resolved to note the information received.

- iii. Details of community engagement events being held during August 2019.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Information Commissioner's Office

Renewal certificate for 2019/20 in respect of the Town Council.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

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

Resolved to note the information received.

- ii. Poster informing of Family Playday (National Playday 2019)

Resolved to note the information received.

- iii. Poster informing of Play in the Park Summer programme.

Resolved to note the information received.

- iv. E-mail response in respect of licensing queries.

Resolved to note the information received.

d) One Voice Wales

Information in respect of the Annual Conference – Saturday 5th October 2019.

Members were reminded that the Town Council has sent a motion for this conference which had been seconded by Tredegar Town Council. If this motion were to be accepted, members were informed that someone from the Council would have to attend. The prices noted were currently the early bird prices. Members were informed that the Town Council should hear whether this had been passed on for the conference before the close of the early bird dates.

Resolved that the Town Council pay for a place at the Annual Conference and send someone if required.

e) GAVO

E-mail in respect of the recent financial donation made by the Town Council.

Members were informed that the logo had been sent.

Resolved to note the information received.

f) Anita Banks

E-mail in respect of Waste / fly tipping at Chapel Farm, Coalbrook, Nantyglo.

Members were informed that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council had received this query and were dealing with it.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with the permission of the Chairman:

g) 1st Brynmawr Girl Guides

Thank you letter in respect of recent donation

Resolved to note the information received.

h) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

Email in respect of LDP community engagement events.

Resolved to note the information received.

i) Nick Smith, MP

Email in respect of Christmas lighting at Forge Lane, Blaina

The Town Clerk informed members that she had been dealing with this enquiry for a while and additionally confirmed that the Contractor required equipment to remove the lights which he was unable to acquire at this time. Members were informed that the Contractor had been contacted and that the Christmas lights would be removed Sunday following this meeting. The Clerk informed members that she had responded to the MP.

Resolved to note the information received.

j) Brynmawr Town Council

Email in respect of JCLC meeting to be held on Wednesday 24th July 2019.

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.

Resolved that Miss H Roberts declared an interest in this item. **Further Resolved** that Miss H Roberts stay in the Chamber.

a) BGfm Community Radio

Resolved that a donation of £100 be made.

9. **Members Allowances:**

Members were invited to consider the attached report and recommendations; and to resolve if appropriate.

Page, Determination 40: This had been previously resolved to be paid in three instalments. However, members were reminded that the allowance was taxable this financial year and would have to be processed through the Council's payroll system. Depending on circumstances, members were informed that they may eligible and thus pay National Insurance contributions.

Resolved that these payments be made three times a year in arrears.

Members were reminded that they could opt out in writing, i.e. an email or written letter, however an opt out form was shown to members which could be used for this purpose also.

Resolved to adopt the opt out form.

Page 2, Determination 42: Members were informed that the Town Clerk had spoken to the Town Mayor about this item and determination and that he was happy with the report.

Resolved that payments be made in three instalments in arrears.

Page 2, Determination 47: Members were reminded that the budget was determined prior to this report being published.

Resolved that the maximum payment to the Town Mayor would be £800.

Page 2, Determination 48:

Resolved that the maximum payment to the Deputy Mayor would be £500.

10. Appointment of the Internal Auditor to the Council:

Following the report of the Internal Auditor presented to the Council in June 2019 and the Council's subsequent review of the internal audit system, Members were invited to consider the appointment of an Internal Auditor to the Town Council for the financial year 2019/20.

Members were in agreement that they felt that Mr S Bees, the current Internal Auditor had served the Council well and were happy with his performance in this role.

Resolved that Mr Stuart Bees be appointed as Internal Auditor for financial year 2019/20.

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) *None received to date.*

Resolved accordingly.

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: Tia Joyce Roberts – 43 Attlee Road, Nantyglo

Details: Application for a new Personal Licence (Licensing Act 2003).

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

Applicant: Marc Raymond Jelly – Alpha Bungalow, Rock Hill Road, Pontypool

Premise Name: Golden Wok, 80 High Street, Blaina

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

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:

Councillors C and D Hillman informed members that they had recently attended a Local Development Plan workshop. There was mention of Nantyglo being combined with Brynmawr as a hub, Councillors Hillman objected this and stated that this was supported by the recent publication of the proposed boundaries by the Boundaries Commission.

Councillors Hillman and Councillor Abbas additionally informed members that they had attended the Public Service Board meeting and mentioned that there was a presentation from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council in respect of what is happening in the area and other organisations within Blaenau Gwent.

Councillor Abbas informed members of his recent activities and was involved with Coed y Garn Primary School's intergenerational event which had a Hawaiian themed beach day. Members were informed that an event was taking place at the Little Theatre in Tredegar which was open to all aged 60+.

Councillor D Hillman read an article which was found in a newspaper local to Llanelli which was in respect of their local Town Council. He emphasised that they concentrated on being a non-political administration and wished to share this with members as they had a similar mission. This was received positively by members.

Resolved to note the information received.

14. Summer Recess:

Members were informed that the Town Council will be in recess for the month of August. Members were further reminded that as per the Town Council's Standing Orders, delegated powers were awarded jointly to the Leader of the Council and the Town Clerk.

The next meeting of the Town Council (Committee Meetings) would take place on Monday 9th September 2019).

Resolved to note the information received.

15. 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).

The member of the public who was in attendance was asked to leave.

Member of the Public left the meeting at this juncture.

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