

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

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## **Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

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

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

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

In the absence of the Chair and the Vice Chair it was **Proposed** and **Resolved** that Councillor G Morvan chair the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Morvan explained the procedures should an emergency occur.

### **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 no such declarations were declared.

### **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, C Bridgeman and T McKnight.

**Further Resolved** to accept apologies.

### **2. Expenditure Report in respect of the ARC Awards 2019:**

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

Members were reminded that the freedom scroll and frame increased the cost in this instance but saved the Council by amalgamating both celebrations of ARC Awards and Freedom of the Town.

Members congratulated the organisation of the evening and were very impressed with the entertainment. Members additionally congratulated Councillor K Treharne on her presentation for the evening.

**Resolved** that the expenditure report in respect of the ARC Awards 2019 be accepted.

### **3. Update in respect of the arrangements for the Primary Talent Showcase 2019:**

Members were informed that the following recommendations have previously been resolved by Council.

- The date of the event has been confirmed as **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.
- Coed y Garn Primary has stated that they are NOT able to take part in this year's event.
- The location of the event is yet to be confirmed.
- That the format for the evening remains as in previous years
- That Mr Des Ward be invited as technical / musical arranger
- That Councillor K Treharne act as MC for the event (subject to availability)
- That Miss Gracie Jayne Fitzgerald of Blaina (age 12 years) to perform as the guest artist
- To purchase a small gift as appropriate to guest artist and Des Ward
- Awards for performers already purchased in 2018
- Certificates to be awarded to performers.
- To request that the Schools / PTA to provide refreshments with the proceeds being divided between the PTA/school and the Town Mayor's Appeal.
- That a raffle in respect of Town Mayor's Appeal / School or PTA
- That tickets / invitations are sent out as in previous years.

Members were informed that further enquiries took place with Coed-y-Garn Primary School but unfortunately they would not be able to take part in this year's event. A member queried whether an invitation could be extended to St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Brynmawr as many children who attend that school were from the Nantyglo and Blaina wards. Members **Proposed** and **Resolved** that the Clerk approach the school to extend an invitation to the Primary Talent Showcase for 2019.

Members were informed that Blaenycwm Primary School had confirmed that they would be the host venue this year and in line with previous years, the PTA would provide refreshments and that the raffle money raised would be split equally between the Mayoral Appeal 2019/20 and Blaenycwm School.

**Resolved** to note the information received. **Further Resolved** that St Mary's Catholic School be approached to take part in the Primary Talent Showcase 2019.

### **4. Event in respect of Red Ensign Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019:**

Members were invited to consider holding an appropriate event in respect of Red Ensign Day which is to be take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.

Members were reminded that a flag was purchased in 2018 and was flown above the Cons Club in Blaina to celebrate Red Ensign Day in 2018. Members discussed this item and

requested that the flag be flown again for 2019. Members continued to discuss the possibility of purchasing a flag pole to place on Blaina Institute building or have flag poles relocated from the old Council Office building to Blaina Square. Members understood that relocating a flag pole would likely require planning permission, but members thought that this would be a versatile option. A member raised the concern that if this were to happen in Blaina that something similar should be placed in Nantyglo possible near the Wesleyan Church.

**Resolved** that the flag be raised for Red Ensign Day 2019. **Further Resolved** to explore the options of purchasing poles and brackets for the Council Offices and the relocation of flag poles from the old Council Offices to Blaina Square.

**5. Task and Finish Group in respect of other considered events for the year:**

Members were invited to consider an appropriate date and time to hold a Task and Finish Group in order to discuss the following events:

- a) Nantyglo & Blaina in Bloom:
- b) Flower, Fruit and Veg Show:
- c) Dog show:
- d) Nantyglo & Blaina's Got Talent:
- e) Community Sporting Event:

Members were reminded that the Flower, Fruit and Veg Show for 2018 was unsuccessful with no entries. Members felt that both the Nantyglo and Blaina In Bloom Competition and Flower, Fruit and Veg Show would have need to be decided as soon as possible in order to make arrangements within sufficient time. A member mentioned the possibility of incorporating a sunflower competition into this year's competition. Members **Proposed** and **Resolved** that a Task and Finish Group should take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 6.30pm at the Council Chambers.

Members discussed the possibility of having social media pages such as a Facebook page as they thought it would look more professional when advertising competitions and events. The Clerk expressed concerns in respect of Freedom of Information requests as other local town and community councils have been victims of vexatious and malicious requests.

**Resolved** that a Task and Finish Group take place Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 6.30pm at the Council Chambers. **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk investigates FOI requests in relation to Social Media.