

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee held on Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Deputy Town Mayor, Presiding
Councillors R Pagett; R Abbas; L Harris; C Hillman; K Jenkins;
G Morvan; K Treharne

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

Due to the absence of the Chair of the Events Committee, it was **Proposed** and **Resolved** that Councillor D Hillman chair the meeting.

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** that Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins declared an interest in item 3a. **Further Resolved** that Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins leave the Chamber for this item.

At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor D Hillman explained the fire procedures and regulations in place should an emergency occur. Councillor Hillman additionally welcomed Councillor Pagett back to the Chamber after a spell of illness.

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 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 K Jones, G Watkins, C Bridgeman and T McKnight.

Further Resolved to accept apologies.

2. Update in respect of dates for the Primary Talent Showcase 2020:

Members were invited to consider the dates for the Primary Talent Showcase for 2020 following responses from some of the five primary schools.

Members were informed that the Clerk had received responses from local schools including Ystruth Primary, Blaenycwm Primary and Coed y Garn Primary. The responses that were received were positive, but there were some concerns that weather could be an issue before Easter time. Members discussed that weather could be a concern, but thought it was appropriate to take the wishes of the schools into consideration if they did not feel that the current format was not working.

Resolved that the Clerk investigate the possibilities of holding the Primary Talent Showcase towards the end of March, before the Easter holidays.

3. Nantyglo and Blaina in Bloom 2019:

Resolved that Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins declared an interest in this item. **Further Resolved** that Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins leave the Chamber for this item.

Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins left the Chamber at this juncture. It was Proposed and Resolved that Councillor G Morvan chair this item.

Members were invited to consider the following:

- a) The judges scoring sheets (which were distributed to members) and resolve the results.

Members were informed that the names shaded were the winners of their category and that scores had been presented as percentages to be fair to all entrants. A member queried whether the number of entrants had been the same as last year, it was confirmed that the number of entries were approximately the same, however there had been new entrants to the competition this year.

Members commented that the marks indicate the high standard and that they were very close.

Resolved that the results be ratified as per the scoring sheet. **Further Resolved** that Linda Evans be awarded overall winner due to being awarded the highest score by the judges.

Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman and K Jenkins re-joined the meeting at this juncture.

- b) An appropriate date / event at which the awards be presented.

Members wished to follow a similar format as last year. Due to the Council going into recess, it was suggested that a presentation take place in September. A member suggested that this presentation could be amalgamated into the Red Ensign Celebrations.

Resolved that a presentation for In Bloom take place on 3rd September 2019. **Further Resolved** that entrants be informed via letter.

4. Event in respect of Red Ensign Day – 3rd September 2019:

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

The Clerk informed members that she had investigated the possibility of holding this event before 3rd September. Although it was possible, it was highly recommended by Seafarers UK that this event take place on 3rd September. Members were informed that local organisations had been contacted to enquire their involvement including Scouts, local primary schools, ATC, Royal British Legion.

The Town Clerk informed members that she had looked at a draft program for the day and had identified readings which would be appropriate for the event and that light refreshments would be available after the event.

Members were informed that flag poles had been investigated, but would require planning permission depending on the style and that a practical and appropriate solution was being investigated.

Resolved that the event take place on 3rd September 2019 as detailed above.

5. Possible Event in respect of the recently purchased Memorial Benches.

Members were invited to consider and if appropriate resolve a suitable event in respect of the Memorial Benches at Nantyglo and Blaina.

Members were informed that work had begun on the siting of the memorial benches. The base at Central Park had been completed and work at the Nantyglo site had taken place the day before this meeting. Members were informed that it was a matter of waiting for the benches to be fixed in place and that this would then be completed. It was anticipated that this would be completed soon.

Members discussed this item and considered amalgamating this item with other events. It was suggested that Nantyglo's memorial bench could be combined with Civic Sunday as the location is within walking distance and would be practical. It was also suggested that Blaina's memorial bench could be combined with Armistice Day.

Resolved that Nantyglo memorial bench event takes place as part of Civic Sunday and that Blaina memorial bench event takes place as part of Armistice Day.

6. Christmas Events:

Members were invited to discuss and consider the following Christmas Events:

a) School Christmas Carol concerts:

The dates resolved for the concerts to take place are the 27th and 28th November 2019. Members were invited to consider the arrangements in respect of the concerts.

Members were invited to consider whether they wished to invited St Mary's RC School as they had recently taken part in the Primary Talent Showcase.

Resolved that St Mary's RC School be invited to take part in a Christmas Carol event.

b) Christmas Fun Nights in Nantyglo and Blaina:

It had previously been resolved that the Christmas Fun Nights will take place on 2nd and 3rd December 2019. Members were invited to consider the arrangements in respect of the nights.

Members discussed this item and wanted to keep the same formats and venues as previous years, i.e. Nantyglo to be held at Nantyglo RFC and Blaina to be held at Blaina Community Centre. Members were reminded that the Council would likely incur a charge if they were to use Blaina Community Centre.

Members wished to form a Task and Finish Group to discuss further arrangements in respect of this item and feed back to a relevant committee.

Resolved that the Christmas Fun Nights take place at Nantyglo RFC and Blaina Community Centre. **Further Resolved** that a Task and Finish group be formed to discuss further arrangements in respect of this item.

Before the close of this committee meeting, members were given a copy of a diary of events to indicate the Town Council's calendar of events for the next year.

Resolved to note the information received.