

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

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Minutes of the Events Committee held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019.

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

Present: Councillor K Jones, Presiding
Councillors C Bridgeman; K Treharne; T James; D Hillman; C Hillman;
R Abbas; G Morvan; K Jenkins

In attendance: Miss H Roberts, Assistant Officer

Before the beginning of the meeting, members were informed that Councillor T McKnight had given notice to the Town Clerk of his resignation. It was explained that this would be formally resolved in the Full Council meeting following this evening's Events Committee. Due to this absence, it was **Proposed** and **Resolved** that Councillor K Jones chair the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor K Jones explained the fire procedures and regulations in place 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** that none were 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 L Harris, G Watkins and Mrs T Hughes. **Further Resolved** to accept apologies.

Councillor Jones welcomed Councillor T James to the Town Council. Councillor James addressed members and commented that he would aim to the best for the community and looks forward to working with the Town Council.

Resolved to note the information received.

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

Members were informed that following discussions with the primary schools, four of the five schools together with Mr Des Ward have confirmed their availability to take part in the Showcase on Wednesday 25th March 2020.

Members were informed that the outstanding school was Coed y Garn Primary School. A member requested that the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Gwent be notified of this event to give substantial notice for their attendance.

Resolved that the civic dignitaries be invited earlier than previous years.

3. Remembrance Sunday 2019:

The Remembrance Sunday Parade will take place on Sunday 10th November 2019 and would leave from Garn Cross, Nantyglo at approximately 2pm. Buses had also been arranged to transport people from Blaina to Nantyglo. A dedication in respect of the recently sited memorial bench at Central Park, Blaina will also take place at this time. Refreshments would be available from Nantyglo RFC following the service.

Councillor Bridgeman informed members of an email received from the Armed Forces Covenant that they request pictures of the recently sited memorial benches for their magazine.

It was mentioned that several pictures were taken as part of the Civic Sunday and memorial bench dedication service and that it may be possible to use several of these.

Members were reminded that refreshments were paid for by Borough Council members as in previous years and that the memorial bench in Blaina would be part of this service also. Members were informed that Reverend Watson would officiate on the day and that the local ATC band would perform as in previous years. A salute would take place outside the Cooperative Store which would be formed of the Town Mayor and other dignitaries, i.e. the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff of Gwent.

Members were informed that the buses would leave at 6pm to return to Blaina.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. Christmas Events:

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

a) School Christmas Carol concerts:

i The dates resolved for the concerts to take place were the 27th and 28th November 2019 with the following concerts taking place as follows:

- Wednesday 27th November 2019: Ysgol Bro Helyg at 2pm; Ystruth Primary at 6pm and would be held at Wesley Church, Nantyglo
- Thursday 28th November 2019: Blaen-y-cwm at 2pm; Coed-y-garn at 6pm and would be held at Gladstone Street Chapel, Blaina.

It was confirmed that Rev'd Gareth Edwards would lead the services.

Members were also informed that St Mary's RC were not able to participate in this year's Carol concerts.

Councillor K Jenkins joined the meeting at this juncture.

Members were reminded to help where possible with these events.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Christmas Fun Nights in Nantyglo and Blaina:

It was previously resolved that the Christmas Fun Nights will take place on 2nd and 3rd December 2019. Members were invited to consider the practical arrangements arrangements and format in respect of the fun nights, such as:

- Venues – Nantyglo RFC has been provisionally booked for Monday 2nd December and St Peter's Church, Blaina has been confirmed for Tuesday 3rd December.
- Provision of refreshments
- The position of Santa
- Santa's Grotto
- Stalls
- Entertainment
- Opening and closing times
- Sleigh (please see attached e-mail and invoice in respect of Christmas 2018)

Members were additionally reminded that it is advisable to arrange a Task and Finish Group meeting to ensure the above arrangements can be facilitated adequately.

Members discussed several points on this item, including that they were satisfied with the venues which had been booked. Members noted that the provision of refreshments would be different for each location, the Coed Cae Interact Club and St Peter's Church would provide refreshments respectively.

A member requested that the Town Clerk contact Mr Des Ward in respect of the availability of a PA system. It was confirmed that Councillor Treharne would arrange the entertainment and just the PA system was needed.

A member queried Councillor Hodgins' invoice asking whether a donation was given last year. The Assistant Officer responded that she would ask the Town Clerk to investigate this and clarify this with the Council at the next meeting.

Resolved that the Town Clerk contact Mr Des ward in respect of a PA system. **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk investigate donation payments in respect of the sleigh for 2018. **Additionally Resolved** that a Task and Finish Group be formed.

Councillor K Treharne left the meeting at this juncture.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Treharne', written in a cursive style.