

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

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Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend a hybrid meeting of the Town Council (Business Meeting) to be held at **5.00pm on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 (prior to the Annual Meeting)** at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk at the above e-mail by 3pm on 23rd May 2023 for details of how to access the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Town Clerk

AGENDA

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

Declaration of Interest

Members are 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.

1. Apologies:

Members are invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

2. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (please note this is limited to 10 minutes).

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 25th April 2023 (pages 158 – 161)

Members are 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:

4. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 25th April 2023 (pages 162 - 165)

Members are 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:

5. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 9th May 2023 (pages 166 - 170)

Members are 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:

6. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 9th May 2023 (pages 171 –175)

Members are 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:

7. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members are invited to consider the listed application(s). Members are also reminded that applications will need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

- Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (Town Centre Development Officer (*copy attached*)).

8. Town Council Insurance:

Members are invited to consider the quotations received in respect of the Town Council insurance which requires renewal on 1st June 2023:

Insurance companies / brokers contacted for quotation:

- Aviva via broker James Hallam Ltd (current provider & broker) - £4,620.10
- Community Actions Suffolk – still awaiting quotation as at 17th May 2023 (to follow)
- Forum Insurance (broker) – no quotation received
- Zurich – unable to provide quotation
- Typeform – no quotation received

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held via a hybrid meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor L Harris, Town Mayor, presiding
Councillors G Morvan; D Hillman; C Hillman; K Jones; L King & K Jenkins.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

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** to note that no such declarations 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 Councillor M Williams due to the Council Chamber having no internet access and, consequently, Councillor Williams was unable to join the meeting remotely. Councillor Jenkins apologised for not attending the schools presentation event in the Council Chamber.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Town Mayor's Communications:

The Town Mayor's communications for April 2023.

The Town Mayor informed that the Easter Eggs had been delivered to all four primary schools on a very wet and windy morning. The delivery of the Easter Eggs had been very enjoyable, and the children were very well behaved, and a warm welcome was received from all schools. The Town Mayor thanked Councillors K Jones and M Williams for their help.

The presentation of the Coronation gifts to the four primary schools took place in the Council Chamber that morning (25th April 2023) although one school was unable to attend. The Coronation gifts were presented to representatives of the schools in a very enjoyable event and the gifts were welcomed by the schools. The use of the Council Chamber was, once again, offered to the schools.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda.

Resolved to note that no questions from the public had been received.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 28th March 2023 (pages 145 – 148)

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:

The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Jenkins for chairing the meeting in her absence.

Page 146 (4a) – the Town Clerk informed that a number of the exhibition items were due to be relocated to Newport on 26th April 2023.

Page 147 (8a) – the Town Clerk informed that BCIL had been verbally informed of the current situation.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held 28th March 2023 (pages 149 - 151)

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 150 – the Assistant Officer informed that no update had been received to date and that this item was agenda'd for discussion at the Events Committee Meeting.

Page 151 – the Assistant Officer informed that this would be discussed at the Events Committee.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

6. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held 4th April 2023 (pages 152 - 153)

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 153 (4d) – s/b 'imposing'.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

7. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 4th April 2023 (pages 154 –157)

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 156 (6a) – add ‘for the purpose stated’. The Town Clerk informed that a copy of the order for the item had been received.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

8. 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) Welsh Government – (for information):

i Written statement – Electoral Administration & Reform White Paper.

Members considered the importance of the document and concluded that a training session was required.

Resolved that an appropriate training session be arranged.

ii Consultation on the recommendations of the Independent Review of the Ethical Standards Framework (Richard Penn report).

Members considered the report and concluded that this & the response to questions should be included as part of a training session.

Resolved that an appropriate training session be arranged.

b) Cwmni Urdd Gobaith Cymru – (for information):

Letter of thanks and receipt of grant donation.

Resolved to note information received.

c) Janette Knapp – (for information):

Letter of thanks and receipt of grant donation (paid to Mr Michael Knapp).

Resolved to note the information received.

9. Application to the Community Grant Fund:

Members were invited to consider the listed application(s). Members were also reminded that applications would need to be considered in conjunction with the current policy.

- International Senior Welsh Disabled Carp Team:

Members considered the application, and the following comments were made:

- The group was newly founded.
- Other grant funding had been applied for but the decision(s) was unknown.
- More specific information, particularly in respect of section 3 of the application was required.

Resolved that more and specific information in respect of the application be sought and submitted to Council for further consideration.

10. Members Updates:

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

Councillor D Hillman – Coronation Gifts to Local primary Schools:

Councillor Hillman stated that it was positive to pursue joint working with schools and the idea of a joint schools committee meetings taking place in the Council Chamber had been suggested. This would enable pupils to put ideas forward that might be of benefit to their schools. Mrs H Targett (Blaen y Cwm Primary) had stated in the event that Blaen y Cwm Primary had enjoyed holding their school council meeting in the Council Chamber on a previous occasion. The offer of holding individual school council meetings had been made once again to all four local primary schools.

Resolved to note the information received.

Councillor G Morvan – One Voice Wales Larger Councils Meeting:

Councillor Morvan informed that the OVW conference would take place on 5th July 2023 at Builth Wells.

The Financial Toolkit for Town/Community Councils had been updated in November 2022. The Town Clerk informed that she did utilise the Toolkit and would check for the recent updated version.

Recruitment & retention of Clerks was currently a huge issue throughout Wales and OVW was setting up a task group to investigate the issue. OVW would be contacting councils asking for Clerks to join the task group.

The Welsh Assembly provided funds for training in the form of 2 free places and bursaries for Councils.

OVW provided information from Audit Wales that in recent years there had been a very high number of qualified audits from many councils in Wales.

Resolved to note information received.

Meeting declared closed at 18.35pm.

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Events Committee held at the Council Chamber,
Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina. Immediately following the Meeting of the Town
Council on Tuesday 25th April 2023.**

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

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Chair of the Events Committee,
Presiding Councillors D Hillman; C Hillman (remotely); M Williams
(remotely), L King & K Jones JP

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Town Clerk informed that no members of the press or public were in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

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 to note that there was declaration of interest declared.

- 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
and **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

- 2. Questions from the public:** To receive any questions from the public on matters on the agenda.

Resolved to note that there were no questions from public received.

3. Correspondence:

Members are invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chair's permission, any urgent information that may well be received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) Quotations and plant suggestions for planters from Chair of Events (Quote, copy attached):

Quote for planters.

A discussion ensued regarding the quotes from catalogues and the number of plants required would be 20 – 25 for each planter, at an estimate total of £243.00. Pansies and marigolds were the suggested plants. Chair also, requested if miracle grow could be purchased at a cost of £13.00. All present agreed for the items to be purchased.

A discussion took place regarding where to place the old tubs when replaced with the new larger tubs. Cwmcelyn is to receive one and the others can be placed where previous tubs have been stolen.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for Chair to purchase the required plants and miracle grow for planting.

b) Email from Daniel Wheelock, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, (copy attached):

Advising that Armed Forces Day event will be held on Sunday 25th June 2023.

Chair is to diarise event for his attendance.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for Chair, then to be Town Mayor to diarise the event for his attendance.

c) Email from Ystruth Primary School. (Copy attached)

Thanking Town Council for the donation of easter eggs

Resolved to note information received.

Additional correspondence: Emailed received from Alyson Tippins at BGCBC, explaining on 5th July, the National Health Service is 75 years old. We hope you can join with us to celebrate this event and tell everyone that this corner of Wales is where it all began.

Firstly, If you want to badge any of your events as part of the celebration, I can send you the logo in a higher resolution and different formats.

Secondly, we would like to dress our town centres up, perhaps keep the coronation bunting up for an extra couple of months so. If you wish to host a window dressing competition, I can supply you with a branded trophy for the winners.

AO to ascertain what support Town Centre Manager would like from Town Council. Cllr Jones suggested that the Town Council could purchase a large rock and have it plaque with an inscription of a memorial for all those who lost their lives to Covid 19. A discussion ensued regarding the works that maybe being carried out on the square.

AO to email BGCBC to ascertain if any repair works is planned on the area.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for AO to contact BGCBC to enquire if repair work is planned for the area on the square, High Street, Blaina.

4. Compost: Chair to give an update.

Chair asked for a show of hands to help deliver the compost to the new planters and the best possible date, so AO can arrange with the local contractor to get the planters delivered.

It was suggested that AO ask the nursery if Town Council can for the compost upfront and have the delivery be made sometime in May.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** to pay for compost upfront and arrange for delivery sometime in May.

5. ARC Awards: Town Council Members to discuss the format of Arc Awards. *(Copies of categories and application from attached).*

- a) ARC categories
- b) ARC Application Form

Cllr D Hillman abstained from any part of the topic as he stated he cannot remember any discussion that members weren't able to be voted for any categories within the ARC awards. Cllr C Hillman also, confirmed that she cannot recall any discussion that members weren't permitted to be voted, Cllr C Hillman went on to say that she can only recall that members weren't permitted to compete in the In Bloom Competition.

Cllr C Hillman asked for the copy of the minutes where the discussion took place for no members to be voted within the ARC awards.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for minutes to be presented of when the discussion took place for Town Council members not to be voted in any category for the ARC awards nominations.

6. In Bloom: Town Council Members to discuss In Bloom competition and to consider judges for independent marking. *(Copy attached of application form).*

- a) Application Form

Chair thanked AO for the poster.

A discussion ensued regarding judges for the competition and suggestions put forward were to invite Nadine again from BGCBC and the manager from Aberbeeg Garden Centre.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** to invite Nadine from BGCBC and Garden Centre manager from Aberbeeg.

7. **Coronation:** AO explained that 3 application forms returned, despite several emails sent out. Cwm Celyn House, Llys Y Capel and Riverside Flats have taken up the offer, Cwmcelyn with 24 residents, Llys Y Capel 32 and Riverside Flats 27 residents.

Cllr L Harris and Cllr K Jenkins asked if they could go around each of the sheltered accommodations and introduce themselves. AO will ask each complex and let Cllr I Harris know.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** to enquire with accommodations to see if Town Mayor and Councillor Jenkins are able to visit the coronation parties.

Meeting declared closed at 19:35

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Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held via a hybrid meeting at 5:30pm on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor K Jones JP, presiding, Chair, Planning & Highways Committee
Councillors: G Morvan, D Hillman, L Harris & K Jenkins, C Hillman, L King & M Williams.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes - Town Clerk
Mr W Evans – Manager, Blaenau Gwent Foodbank

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that there were no members of the public in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

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 received.

To receive: Mr R. Wayne Evans, Blaenau Gwent Foodbank.

Members were reminded to note the Standing Orders relating to guest speakers:

1. Members to receive the presentation.
2. Questions were invited at the end of the presentation.
3. Members were requested to ask only one question each – if time allows AND with permission of the Chair, a second question may be asked.
4. Members were reminded that there was to be no discussion or exchange of points of view between Members and that all dialogue was to be directed through the Chair.

The Chair welcomed Wayne Evans to the meeting and introductions were made. The Chair informed that the Town Council were very interested in and appreciative of the work carried out by Blaenau Gwent Foodbank.

WE: Mr Evans distributed information handouts to all present). BG Foodbank has been in the

area for approximately 35 years. Mr Evans explained that he had previously worked in several branches of Lloyds Bank including Brynmawr branch and that he had retired in 2008 and then joined the first foodbank in Wales that same year.

Covid and the cost of living crisis had made circumstances very difficult for many people. BG Foodbank was part of Blaenau Gwent Community Aid and the Trussell Trust which comprises of 450 centres UK wide. BG Foodbank provides 3 days of nutritionally balanced food for people in crisis and also tries to help people resolve whatever issues they might be experiencing. Prior to Covid there were 6 centres in Blaenau Gwent which has since reduced to 2 with 15 volunteers, although it was planned that new centres were to be opened and BGCBC were to recruit a salaried operational manager. Currently, food etc was for delivery only although it was hoped that collection would soon resume. The Foodbank also has a warehouse courtesy of Continental Teeves, Ebbw Vale.

Referral to BG Foodbank was only via professional agencies such as social workers and health visitors, Tai Calon and Department for Work & Pensions etc, who would be given a voucher for the Foodbank. The Foodbank would then contact the person to determine requirements such as dietary, toiletries, cleaning items and pet food etc.. People who were homeless could be provided with items such as tents, sleeping bags and appropriate foodstuffs. BG Foodbank only provides non-perishable items and always within date (except for items that people could help themselves to). The food is received from local supermarkets including Waitrose in Abergavenny. Donations are also received from schools, churches and business although donations from the public have reduced due to the cost of living crisis. Food was sorted and date checked by volunteers.

BG Foodbank also listens, helps and 'signposts' people to other sources of help and advice as required. It was noted that some people could become too dependent upon the Foodbank and not access the help and support that was needed. Sometimes people abuse the help provided by the Foodbank and are, in some cases, banned for misuse. The Foodbank has a duty of care to those in genuine need and to the people and businesses/organisations who donate to the Foodbank.

During 2022/23, BG Foodbank fed a total of 4,862 people (including 1741 children) but indirect help would increase this figure threefold. 46 tons of food was collected, and 55 tons distributed. 40 active referral agencies, key agencies being Tai Calon, DWP Jobcentres and BG Community hubs. Most common reasons for referral to BG Foodbank was due to low income and benefit delays. BG Foodbank helped 191 families in Nantyglo comprised of 329 adults and 211 children (4860 meals) and 124 families in Blaina comprised of 199 adults and 62 children (2349 meals). In March 2023 BG Foodbank distributed 6.2 tons of food but only 4.3 tons of food was received in donations. The Foodbank was currently experiencing many more people in need and was very grateful to the Town Council for the regular financial donations as it directly helped those in need from Nantyglo & Blaina.

The Chair thanked Mr Evans for an excellent and informative presentation and Questions were invited:

Q: Were many referrals to the Foodbank made by Councillors?

A: Not many, Councillors usually advised and signposted people to other agencies for assistance.

Q: Did BG Foodbank receive any other funding?

- A: Extra funding had been received from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. No direct funding was received from the Welsh Government, but directly from local authorities. There was a working party/forum set up with the Welsh Government. Following a meeting with Jane Hutt of the Welsh Government at which she viewed the operation of the Foodbank, the Welsh Government provided a large financial amount to assist with gas and electricity help for people via vouchers. The Foodbank also provided help via a sim card which provided 6 months of free calls, texts and data to assist people in need with health and job appointments etc.
- Q: Did the Foodbank have any involvement with the local AM & MP?
- A: yes, both Alun Davies AM and Nick Smith MP were very supportive as were other Blaenau Gwent CBC Councillors.
- Q: How was the financial donations made by the Town Council used?
- A: It was used to purchase items not received via donations and were in short supply for people within Nantyglo & Blaina.
- Q: Was any help/assistance received from other town councils within Blaenau Gwent?
- A: Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council assist with another agency and Tredegar Town Council assist in a different way. Some help may have previously been received from Brynmawr Town Council although it was only Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council that provided regular financial assistance.
- Q: How many people were helped with tents etc? St Peter's Church in Blaina operated a warm hub.
- A: Many other places also operated warm hubs. BG Foodbank provided help to many homeless people, and it appeared that many of these were coming to Blaenau Gwent from areas such as Newport and requesting help. A partner agency provided a drop-in centre and issued tents and sleeping bags. Mental health issues including suicide was a big problem within Blaenau Gwent.
- Q: How often could a person access help from the Foodbank?
- A: Usually 3 times within a six-month period but the Foodbank also signposts other types of appropriate help and advice.
- Q: Was BG Foodbank looking to increase the number of centres it operates?
- A: Yes, at the Eden Centre, Aberbeeg and at Castle Street, Tredegar although this was not quite ready so another appropriate location needed to be identified. . The areas most in need of the Foodbank within Blaenau Gwent is from Cwmtillery southwards.
- Q: Was BG Foodbank still recruiting volunteers and was there any restrictions regarding ages of volunteers?
- A: Volunteers were always required, mainly in the warehouse and centres although the recruitment procedure was unknown as this was carried out higher up in the organisation. There was currently no age restriction for volunteers (only during the Covid pandemic) and the organisation lost many of its volunteers since the Covid pandemic.

Mr Evans offered Members the opportunity to visit the Foodbank and requested that they contact the Foodbank in the first instance.

The Chair thanked Mr Evans for his very helpful and informative presentation and stated that the Town Council could be certain that the financial donations made were being made to a safe and worthy organisation.

Mr Wayne Evans left the meeting and Council Chamber at this juncture.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Mrs N Horner (Assistant Officer)

Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Questions from the public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda. There was a 10 – minute allocation time for any questions from the public.

No public in attendance and no questions put forward.

Resolved accordingly.

3. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any additional correspondence received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) Email from Rebecca Ward - Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for information):

BG & LNP Partnership meeting Wednesday 24th May, 10am to 12pm.

Resolved to note information received.

b) Email from Rhys Rigby – Welsh Government on behalf of PEDW Infrastructure@gov.wales:

DNS Application by Pennant Walters Ltd for Proposed Development: Wind farm of up to 8 turbines and infrastructure.

Resolved to note information received.

4. Planning Applications:

Members were invited to consider any further applications that may be received prior to the date of the meeting:

Additional planning applications received with permission of the Chair:

a) C/2023/0099 – 35 Dale View, Nantyglo:

Single Storey side extension, change of use of land to garden curtilage and fence enclosure.

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

b) Plan application no. C/2023/0100 – Land adjoining Greenfield Cottages, Golf Road, Winchestown, Nantyglo:

Outline application for 3 no. dwellings with parking provision and vehicle access from Golf Road.

Members commented that plans for housing on this plot of land had been discussed for a number of years but none had been approved to date.

The application appeared to have previously been in respect of four properties which had now been reduced to 3 properties.

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

5. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to note the application(s) **for information only:**

- a) Applicant: Daniel Newman, 54 Drysiog Street, Briery Hill, Ebbw Vale
Details: Temporary event notice for the sale of alcohol on 15th July 2023 between 2pm and 10pm. Duffryn Park Playing Field and Club, Blaina. (Licensing Act 2003).

Resolved to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 6.33pm

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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held via a hybrid meeting at 6.35pm on Tuesday 9th May 2023, Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, presiding, Chair – Finance & General Purposes Committee
Councillors G Morvan, K Jones JP, C Hillman, L Harris, K Jenkins, L King & M Williams.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that there were no members of the public in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair informed of the fire procedures in the event of an emergency. **Resolved** to note the information received.

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 must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept.

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Mrs N Horner (Assistant Officer)

Resolved that the apologies be accepted.

2. Questions from the Public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda (limited to 10 minutes total).

No public in attendance and no questions received.

Resolved accordingly.

3. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that might be received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) One Voice Wales – (for consideration)

E-mail re: Training Sessions – April & May 2023.

It was noted that the module no. 16 in respect of IT, Websites and Social Media could prove beneficial for the Town Clerk and Cllr M Williams.

Resolved to enquire about module 16 as detailed above.

b) Macmillan Cancer Support – (for information):

Thank you letter and receipt of financial donation received.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Blaenau Gwent CBC – (for consideration):

Formal Consultation Document proposal to improve provision & build capacity for Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Pupils across the County Borough.

Members considered the document and it was noted that there were no drop in centres located within Nantyglo & Blaina. It was also commented that such a centre was needed within Nantyglo & Blaina.

Resolved to submit the comments made.

d) Town Centre Manager, Blaenau Gwent CBC – (for consideration):

E-mail request for financial donation towards Superhero Event to take place in Blaina on 3rd June 2023.

In response to a query, it was confirmed that it was a public event.

It was also commented that other towns seemed to receive more help from the TCM than Nantyglo & Blaina in respect of the recent Coronation. The Town Clerk informed that NBTC did receive £200 towards bunting for the area.

Members agreed that an application form to apply for the funding would need to be completed.

Resolved that an application form to apply for funding be sent.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

e) Blaen y Cwm Primary (for information):

Two letters of thanks in respect of the recent financial donation made. One letter was from the pupils of Blaen y Cwm Primary and the other from Mrs H Targett (staff member). It was requested that the details of One Voice Wales Defibrillator Officer be passed to Blaen y

Cwm Primary. Members commented on seeing pupils using the Coronation commemorative bags provided to all schools, along with a photo and notice of thanks on the main school door.

Resolved to note the information received.

f) Ystruth Primary School (for information):

Letter of thanks in respect of the gifts distributed to Ystruth Primary School to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Resolved to note the information received.

g) Coed y Garn Primary (for information):

Letter of thanks in respect of the gifts distributed to Coed y Garn Primary School to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Members were informed that the newsletter would be sent out in the next agenda.

Resolved to note the information received.

h) Mr Nathan Bull – International Disabled Fishing Team (for consideration):

E-mail providing additional information (as requested) in support of a grant application.

Members considered the additional information provided and agreed that the event would be held locally and benefitted local people with the hope of local members increasing.

Resolved that a donation of £100 be made.

i) Llys y Capel Social Fund (for information):

Thank you card in respect of the Coronation donation and bunting.

The Town Mayor informed that herself and her Consort, Cllr C Hillman visited the Coronation events at Cwmcelyn House, Riverside Flats and Llys Y Capel which were hugely enjoyable by all with many different activities having taken place. The Town Council's contribution towards their celebrations was much appreciated and needed.

Resolved to note the information received.

4. **S.137 donations (Local Government Act 1972 & Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:**

As previously resolved, Members were invited to consider making further financial donations to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank to assist residents of Nantyglo and Blaina for the month of May 2023.

Members considered the information received from Mr W Evans, Blaenau Gwent Foodbank Manager and concluded that the project was, unfortunately still essential within Nantyglo & Blaina.

Resolved that a payment of £200 be made to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank for May 2023 to assist Nantyglo & Blaina residents.

5. 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 might 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.

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

6. Salem Chapel:

Members were invited to consider the attached inspection report:

- April 2023:
Questions and queries were invited:

The Town Clerk informed that 2 x TVs, 2 x film boxes and 2 x framed newspapers were now located in the Council Chamber. The exhibition items had now been relocated to Newport. Some items still remained in the Chapel which would need to be housed etc.

Resolved that the report be approved.

7. Confidential Information:

The following item(s) might 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). **Resolved** that the motion be approved.

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Mrs T Hughes - Town Clerk/RFO Mrs N Horner - Assistant Officer

Community Grant Application Form 2023/24

Please contact the Town Clerk if you require any information or assistance in completing the application form.

Section 1: Contact Information

Applicant Name/Group Name:

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Contact Name:

Karen Williams

Contact Address:

General Offices

Steelworks Road

Fhhw Vale

Contact Email Address:

Karen.williams@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Daytime Telephone Number:

Your position in the group:

Town Centre Development Officer

NANTYGLO & BLAINA

Section 2: Tell us about your group

15 MAY 2023

What category does your project fall into (please tick all relevant boxes): TOWN COUNCIL

Children/Education

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Arts & Culture

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Health & Wellbeing

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Elderly

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Environment

☐

Active Lifestyles

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Other

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Please provide a brief description of the activities you/your group undertake:

I have organised a Superhero day in The Cwtch community centre on the 3rd of June, this is a family event with the intention of drawing the community together and hopefully to encourage footfall in to the Town Centre.

There will be a superhero trail with posters placed in shop windows for the children to complete.

In the community centre there will be Superhero's, music, facepainting and a bouncy castle.

In what year was the group founded?

Local Authority

Are you a registered charity?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please provide the registered number:

If your application relates to sport

Is the team a member of /or affiliated to a recognised sporting body?

Yes

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No

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If yes, which one?

If your application relates to a children's group

Have all the relevant DBS checks been completed?

Yes

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No

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Please provide details of your organisations bank / building society account (if your application is successful, the grant will be paid directly to this account):

Name of bank/building society account:

To be confirmed – I believe the details may already be held by yourselvesx

Name of bank or building society the account is held with:

Sort code:

Account number:

Section 3: Tell us about the community activity you wish to support

Are you applying for, or receiving funding from another source?

Yes

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No

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If so, where from and how much?

Please explain what the community grant support will be used for?

The grant will assist with providing extra entertainment at the event and will assist with the prizes that I will purchase to distribute to the children on completion of the Superhero trail.

There is no obligation to agree to the grant, I believe that my role is closely linked to the Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council and I am happy to include the Town Council on all the posters/publication for events I organise. It helps promote the work of the Town Council which is important.

How will your project benefit Nantyglo and Blaina?

I feel it is important to ensure that activities are carried out in Blaina and Nantyglo to ensure that there is inclusiveness for every person residing in the area.

The event is free it really provides a fun day out for families' that are struggling due to the current economic pressures.

Section 4: Independent Reference Details

Please give the name of someone who can provide an independent reference on behalf of you/your group:

Not applicable – Local Authority

Job title/occupation of referee:

Referee contact address:

Email address:

Daytime phone number:

Relationship to the group

(if any):

Section 5: To be completed for all applications

Please tick here to confirm that you have read and accepted the grant selection criteria:

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Signed on behalf of (if you are applying on behalf of a group)

Karen Williams

Signature:

K Williams

Date:

16/05/2023