TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at Bedwellty House on Wednesday 17th June 2009 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor A. Williams
M. Cross
A. Tippings
J. Morgan
P. Prosser
D. Rowberry
H. Trollope
B. Willis
G. Woolf
H. Woolf
A. Cotton

In attendance: Dr. John R.P. Evans – Town Clerk

80) Apologies: Cllrs. T. Gregory R. W. Thomas

81) Declarations of Interest. Cllr. Williams reminded Members to make those declarations of interest at the appropriate point on the Agenda.

82) THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL held on 20th May 2009 were received. Cllr. H. Woolf stated that he was in attendance and was added to the list. Cllr. Tippings stated that the amendment in Minute No. 37 should have been included in the text. This was agreed. Cllr. G. Woolf stated that he had been misquoted in Minute No. 61 and it was agreed to amend the Minute to delete "it would constrain him" to "there could be a conflict of interest". This was agreed. The Minutes as amended were approved.

83) MATTERS ARISING.

1) **Minute No. 40 Twinning. It was agreed to follow up the request for a copy of the new Constitution.**
2) **Minute No. 46. Members expressed concern at the lack of contact from Inspector Green and it was agreed to write to him again about 28th June 2009.**
3) **Minute No. 47.25. Cllr. J. Morgan stated that the material points in the letter should have been included in confidential matters. This was agreed.**
4) **Minute No. 52. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllrs. M. Cross and B. Willis inspect the fence at Rhyd Terrace.**
5) **Minute No. 61. A Member requested that references be used when legislation is quoted. This was agreed.**

84) THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE of 27th May and 20 June and the verbal report of the 17th June 2009 were received and approved.

85) MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising at this point.

86) THE MINUTES OF THE CIVIC COMMITTEE OF 3rd JUNE 2009 were received. Cllr. Morgan drew attention to Minute No 71. (1) and he requested that the words "by person or persons unknown and at an unknown date" be deleted and replaced with "at some time in the past". This was approved. Minute No 74. It was noted in 2) the name of the garage was "Youngs" not "Glyn". The School is Bryn Bach Primary Minute No 75.6, it was Cllr. Tippings who brought to Council's attention Penn Pharmaceuticals. It was agreed to amend the Minutes. The Minutes, as amended, were approved.

87) MATTERS ARISING.

1) **Minute No.68. 4(e). It was reported that Tredegar Town Council's approach for a grant towards Christmas Lights was rejected.**

2) **Minute No.68. 4(d). It was agreed to schedule a meeting with the Business Forum for 5.00 pm on 1st July 2009.**

3) **Minute No. 68.16. A Member complained at the delay in getting this information to Members. Following discussion it was agreed to invite Mr. Topping to a meeting and to apologise for the delay in replying.**

88) THE MINUTES OF THE CIVIC SUB-COMMITTEE OF 3RD JUNE 2009 were approved as a true record. The grant applications were approved.

89) REPORT OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE.

Fr. John Davies was in attendance. A number of items were discussed in relation to Armed Forces Day. The procedure for the casket is for the Parade to halt at Bedwellty Park and the Mayor to hand over the casket to Ricky King.

90) ACCOUNTS

The Accounts having been inspected by the Leader and Deputy Mayor were presented for approval. Cllr. J. Morgan queried the difference between the NI/PAYE for May and that for June. These are estimates and the amended figures are provided by the Service Provider at the end of each month. The Accounts were approved.

91) CORRESPONDENCE

1) Eisteddfod Tickets for the Proclamation Ceremony.
RECEIVED AND NOTED. Members who have ordered tickets to collect them from the Clerk.

2) BGCBC a) Tredegar Old People's Welfare Committee rep is Cllr. B. Thomas Glanhowy Street.
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

b) Licensing Lists w/e 070609
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

c) Pre Meeting Consultation in Room 5 Civic Centre
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

3) CADW Requesting details for final payment
RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to request the Final Certificate from Capita Symonds.

4) Spirit of Bevan Concept Paper
RECEIVED. It was agreed to send a letter of support and to obtain copies for all Members.

5) BG Heritage Forum Agenda for meeting to be held 18th June 9.30 am Tredegar Library.
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

6) Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council a) Re- allotments – don't have any
RECEIVED AND NOTED

b) Town Mayor 2009/10 Cllr. D. Mitchell Dep. Mayor Cllr. J. Anstee.
RECEIVED AND NOTED

c) Response to request for copy of accounts received from Cllr. K. Hayden
RECEIVED AND NOTED. A copy had been sent to Cllr. Hayden.

7) Comm Council Abertillery & Llanilleth a)Response to allotments letter.
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

b)Chairman 2009/10 is Cllr. A Thomas Vice Chair is Cllr Mrs. M. Lowman
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

8) Brynmawr Town Council Details of allotments.
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

9) Journeys Mental Health First Aid training at Bridges Community Centre Monmouth 7/8 July.
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

10) OVW Invitation to attend a workshop on the draft Flood and Water Management Bill
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

11) Gwent NHS Trust Details of changes in the substance misuse service
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

12) BBNP Re Planning Consultation Review.
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

13) Local Councils Update Issue 116 June 2009.
RECEIVED AND NOTED. Copies circulated to all Members.

14) GAVO Invites to Voluntary Sector Achievement awards
RECEIVED AND NOTED. Mayor to attend.

15) Community Council of
Abertillery & Llanilleth Copy of letter sent to Cllr Hayden with accounts
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

16) Confidential Item

17) Confidential Item

92) PUBLICATIONS
BGCBC Road works report w/c 5 & 12/06/09, Rouledge
AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

93) AGENDA
Social Care & Inclusion to be held 25th June 2009 at 3pm in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale.Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny now 23rd June at 2pm in Council Chamber Ebbw Vale.Bedwellty Park Management Board to be held on Wednesday 24th June at 5pm in the Assembly Room Bedwellty House. Planning site visit 13th July Mill Farm postponed to 16th July at 11 am Planning Meeting also postponed to 1pm in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale.Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny 17th June postponed new date tba Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Co meeting to be held in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale on 17th June 2009 at 2pmEnvironment & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee meeting at the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale on Thursday 18th June 2009 at 2pm Bedwellty Park Management Board meetings for 12 months: 24th June 5pm at Bedwellty Park; 30th September 5pm venue tba; 13th January 2010 at 5pm venue tba; 31st March 2010 5pm venue tba.Consultation with Town & Community Councils agenda for meeting on 18th June 2009 at 10.30 in Council Chamber Ebbw Vale. (Copies to Cllrs)Social Care & Inclusion meeting on 15th June postponed to 22nd June at 3pm in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale. Social Care & Inclusion Scrutiny Co 15th June 2009 2pm Council Chamber EV Executive – Item 4.02Finance Improvement and Performance Scrutiny Committee meeting to be held on 9th June at 2pm in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale.
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94) GRANTS

Thanks were received from Blaenau Gwent Otters
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Cultural and Sporting Grants (under the provision of the Local Govt. Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976 s.19

The grants recommended by the Civic Sub-Committee were approved.

Heads of the Valleys Gateway Club – a grant of £200 was agreed
Friends of Deighton School – a grant of £200 was agreed.
Carp Crunchers Community Disco – a grant of £200 was agreed.
Transitions – a grant of £200 was agreed. – An invitation had been issued by Transitions requesting Members to be present when the cheque is presented. Cllr. A.Williams, H. Tippings and H. Trollope stated that they were going to attend.

Grants to Churches and Chapels – NONE RECEIVED

95) DELEGATES: TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES:

i. Bedwellty Park Management Board – **NO MEETING**
ii. Joint Committee of Local Councils – **NO MEETING**
iii. Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales – **NO MEETING**
iv. Tredegar Twinning – **NO REPORT**
v. School Governing Bodies – **Deighton School – Cllrs H & S Trollope and A. Williams attended the 25th Anniversary celebrations**.
vi. Blaenau Gwent Council for the Disabled – **The AGM took place and Cllr. B., Sutton, Brynmawr was elected as Chair.**
vii. Brecon Beacons Advisory Group – **NO MEETING**
viii. Parc Bryn Bach Management Committee- **NO MEETING**
ix. Tredegar Youth Café – **NO REPORT**
x. Tredegar Development Trust – **CLLR. H. TROLLOPE REPORTED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION AND STATED THAT THE REPORTS IN THE GWENT GAZETTE AND ON MR. TOPPINGS WEB-SITE WERE INCORRECT.**
xi. Blaenau Gwent CAB – **NO REPORT**
xii. Communities First Strategy – **CLLR. PROSSER ATTENDED AND THE MEETING WAS DOMINATED BY TDT MATTERS**.
xiii. Blaenau Gwent Joint Liaison Committee – **NO MEETING**
xiv. Tredegar Crime Prevention panel – **NO REPORT**
xv. Tredegar Business Forum – **CLLR. H. TROLLOPE REPORTED THAT THE FORUM REQUIRES A MEETING WITH TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL AT OUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**
xvi. Blaenau Gwent Regeneration Forum – **CLLR. J. MORGAN REPORTED AND IN THAT HE STATED THAT BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES ARE THE WORST IN THE U.K. STRATEGIES WERE DISCUSSED TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM.**
xvii. Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum – **NO REPORT**

96) PLANNING

a) OFFICERS REPORT – NONE RECEIVED

b) APPLICATIONS –

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2008/0359	Mr & Mrs R McPherson 28 Coed Cae Rassau	Full application for planning permission on land between Brynheulog Darm & No's 1 & 2 Crown Avenue for 3 bed detached bungalow and detached garage.

NO OBJECTIONS

2008/0471	Mrs Janet Sheldon UWHA	Full application re 1-20 Arosfa Court Demolition of existing 3 No. Caerphilly buildings and construction of proposed supported accommodation with communal accommodation with all associated external works and drainage.

Neighbour notification for above

Tredegar Town Council objects to the demolition of Arosfa and is of the opinion that the proposed development detracts from Bedwellty House and Tredegar Hospital. Also this is a conservation area and demolition is not an option. The car parking arrangements are unsatisfactory and there is a question of whether Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council received the best value for this land.

2009/0180	Siloam Baptist Church Tafarnaubach	Full application for construction of private carpark including new vehicular access.

Concern was expressed at the possible loss of the Baptismal Pond.

2009/0182	Mr. Alistair Waldron Waldron Commercials Glyn Garage	Full application for construction of commercial vehicle repair, servicing and testing workshop together with vehicle wash facility and hard standing/parking area on land adjacent to 29 Tafarnaubach Ind Est.

NO OBJECTIONS

2009/0186	Rhyd Developments Ltd Windsor Villa The Rhyd	Outline application for 2 No dwellings on land at Marion Close off Queen Victoria St.

Concern was expressed about the stability of this land and water drainage.

2009/0187	Mr. J. James Gwent Barfitters 10 Marion Close	Full application for planning permission to reinstate No 8 Castle St to 1st & 2nd floor self contained flats, entrance and parking from Upper Salisbury St. (permission granted some 4/5 years previously but not implemented)

NO OBJECTIONS

2009/0188	Mr. J. James Gwent Barfitters	Full application for planning permission to reinstate No 9 Castle St to 1st and 2nd floor self contained flats, entrance and parking from Upper Salisbury St. (permission granted some 4/5 years previously but not implemented)

NO OBJECTIONS

2009/0189	Mr. J. James 10 Marion Close	Full application for planning permission to incorporate beauty salon into hairdressing salon at Waverley Hair Salon 7 Castle St with separate front door entrance.

NO OBJECTIONS

c) Other Planning Matters – There were NONE.

97) The Press & public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting by virtue of the matters to be discussed under the provisions of LGA 1972 Schedule 12a.

98) Confidential Item

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103) Confidential Item.

104) URGENT MATTER – Cllr. Rowberry has received a request from The Gambia for financial or physical support for a project that Tredegar Town Council has supported in the past. It was agreed to make a grant of £60 and that this be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 P.M.

_____ TOWN MAYOR