TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Civic Committee held at Bedwellty House on 1st July 2009 at 6.00 pm

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

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

115) In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr. H. Trollope, Deputy Mayor moved into the Chair.

116) Apologies: Cllrs. A. Williams, T. Gregory, R. Thomas and M. O'Sullivan

117) CORRESPONDENCE

1) Confidential Item

2) Tredegar Comprehensive a) Apologies for delay in response, now too late for school to be involved but would appreciate the chance to take part in the next event.

RECEIVED AND NOTED.

b) Invite for Council to attend Art Exhibition of AS & A2 work at Main School Hall on Thursday 2nd July 2009 between 4.30 & 7.30pm

RECEIVED AND NOTED.

3) Peter Morgan Jones Re Bevan DVD seeking Council help to organise a proper launch early in August.

RECEIVED. It was agreed to support this initiative in either Tredegar Library or Tredegar General Hospital.

4) BGCBC

A. Tippings (Tourism Mgr.) a) Re Armed Forces Day – a press release and photo.

RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to send out our own Press release and photo and thanks to participants.

Licensing b) Weekly lists for w/e 14/06/02009
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

5) Kidney Wales Foundation Thank you card, brochure 2009/10 & receipt for £500
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

6) John Morgan Receipt for "Tredegar sign" from Nigel Ward & Co sum of £55.75
RECEIVED AND NOTED. This had previously been agreed.

7) Allianz Insurance Insurance schedule to 1.6.10, additional premium £89.30 charged
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

8) Insp. Green Apologies for missing 3.6.09 meeting (on annual leave). Requests a list of meeting dates to enable him to plan his Schedule.
RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to provide Inspector Green with a list of Civic meetings to plan his attendance.

9) OVW a) National Training Programme for Community and Town Councils in Wales offering three modules. Application form attached.
It was agreed to circulate this with the Minutes.
b) Larger Local Councils Forum. Agenda and date of next meeting Friday 31st July 2009 at 10 am in the Media Resource Centre, Llandrindod Wells. Please note change of date and venue.
Leader and Deputy Leader to attend.
c) AGM of Gwent Valleys OVW to be held on 7th July at 7pm at the Council Offices Croesyceiliog. To be followed by an Ordinary Meeting – Nomination form enclosed for Chair/Vice.
It was agreed that the Leader, Cllr. M. O'Sullivan and the Clerk attend this meeting and lend our support to Cllr. Derry Tucker, Nantyglo and Blaina for Chair of Vice.

10) Chris Rundle Information regarding Cadet Forces 150 Years Celebrations and wishes to arrange a meeting to discuss areas best suited for new tree planting as part of the celebrations.
RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to contact Mr. Rundle to arrange a meeting to discuss the tree planting scheme.

11) Local Health Board Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board Briefing No 4 June 2009.
RECEIVED AND NOTED.

12) BBNP Planning Applications Consultation Review – hoping to implement an electronic format for discussion, but realising that some communities have broadband issues – now have a workshop on 15th July at 2pm and are inviting 1 representative to the National Park Offices.
RECEIVED AND NOTED. Information passed on to Cllr. Hywel Woolf.

13) Alzheimers Soc Details of the Memory Walk to be held in Bryn Bach Park on September 27th at 11 am

RECEIVED AND NOTED. Members queried if this is to be a sponsored walk.

14) Andrew Cooke Email Copy of Final Certificate

RECEIVED AND NOTED. Copy and pass on to CADW.

15) Clerks & Councils Direct Issue 64 dated July 2009.

RECEIVED AND NOTED.

16) Ombudsman Annual Report 2008/09

RECEIVED AND NOTED.

17) H Trollope a)Objections to change of use at 29 Commercial St

RECEIVED AND NOTED.

b) Objection to demolition of Arosfa – due to the lack of parking facilities and the significant historical importance of the building to the people of Tredegar.

RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to take these as other planning matters.

18) Mrs K B Kempster Thank you to Dr Evans for help trying to trace her relatives, enclosed a stamped envelope to be forwarded to Jane Ward if we have her address

RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to contact Ms. Janet Kahn at Tredegar Library.

19) Peter Watkins-Hughes Seeking letter of support for the University of Wales Newport project for an on-line community television project.

RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to support this initiative and to invite Mr. Watkins-Hughes to a meeting to discuss his project.

20) OVW Re Legal defence letter (re Wells) advising that Ken is on hols and asking if the matter can wait.

To be taken under confidential cover.

21) Ombudsman Details of letter of complaint by David Well against Cllr Trollope

To be taken under confidential cover.

118) PUBLICATIONS

Cockers Rose Catalogue; Night Out Newsletter June 2009; BGCBC Road works report 19& 26/6;

AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

119) AGENDA

Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 23rd June at 4pm and Monday 29th June at 2.30 pm (Draft statement of Accounts 2008/09) both in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale; Executive committee meeting 24th June at 2pm in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale; Special Audit Co 17th June; Education & Leisure Scrutiny 16th June: Licensing Committee meeting to be held in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale on Tuesday 7th July at 11am

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120) MATTERS CONCERNING BEDWELLTY HOUSE AND PARK

1)Verbal report of the Clerk. On Monday 29th June 2009, the Clerk challenged a perpetrator trying to break into Bedwellty House via the store room door. On being challenged the offender ran off, but covered his face from the CCTV cameras. He was last seen cutting left from the main drive into the park land. The Police were called and Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to secure the damaged door. Duoguard were also called so that the Police could view the CCTV coverage. The Police believe that the images could be enhanced to identify the burglar. The House was finally secured at 6.00 p.m. Members expressed concern that this had occurred in broad daylight with staff on the premises. It was recognised that the security of the building whilst Tredegar Town Council is off site needs to be carefully considered by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

1) **Council was informed that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council required Tredegar Town Council to vacate Bedwellty House by 31st July 2009. Concern was expressed that this would leave the House vulnerable and it was agreed to request a meeting with Mr. D. Watkins and his team.**

121) GRANTS

<u>Cultural and Sporting Grants (under the provision of the Local Govt. Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976 s.19</u>

Friends of Tredegar Twinning. **This was a new application and was deferred to the next Civic Meeting.**

Bill Harry Tenants Assoc. **– A grant for £200 was recommended**

Tredegar Amateur Boxing Club – **A grant for £150 was recommended**

Catapult Football Club – **A grant for £200 was recommended**

Cllr. D. Rowberry declared an interest in the following matter and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon
Pageant – **A grant for £60 had previously been recommended (Minute No.104)**

Grants to Churches and Chapels – NONE RECEIVED

122) PLANNING

a) OFFICERS REPORT – The Officers Report was received and noted. It was agreed to seek a site meeting on the Arosfa development and to continue Tredegar Town Council's objections on the inadequacy of the parking provision on site.

b) APPLICATIONS –

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2009/0202	Miss Pollard & Miss Edwards 7 Bryn Meadow Close	Side Conservatory extension

NO OBJECTIONS

2009/0203	Mr. Philips 14 St James Park	Demolition of garage and erection of 2 storey extension for disabled access and bathroom.

***Cllr J. Morgan declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon*. – There were no objections**

2009/0205	Mr Aldwyn Jenkins 106 Drysiog St Ebbw Vale	Change of use from wallpaper shop (A1) to coffee shop (not café) A3 at 29 Commercial Street

In considering this application, regard was had to Cllr. Trollope's letter. It was agreed that the application would contribute to saturation of this type of facility. It was noted that the provision would be business hours only.

c) Other Planning Matters

2007/0547 4 Agricultural Buildings (retention) at Carreg Bicca Farm – **REFUSED** planning permission on 5th June 2009. **– The refusal was noted.**

2009/0037 Conversion to a single dwelling and erection of detached garage at Former CAB Victoria Street – **GRANTED** planning permission on 10th June 2009. **– The grant of permission was noted. The Clerk drew attention to potential for conflict between an existing use "In Trim" and this proposed development.**

2009/0076 – An **appeal** has been lodged to WAG by Mr Davies against the refusal of the following application by BGCBC - change of use from garage to a bungalow on land at rear of 70 Park View. Details of how to make a representation available from the Clerk. **– The appeal was noted. It was agreed to seek Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Planning guidance on shutters on commercial premises.**

123) MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST AND CONCERN.

1. **It was brought to Council's attention that Mrs Eva Steed of 28 Stockton Way will be 100 years old on 3rd August 2009. If the Mayor is not available the Deputy Mayor agreed to take her a bouquet. It was agreed to inform Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.**
2. **Representation exchanges. Cllr. Bernard Willis from Georgetown to Central & West, Cllr. Hywel Woolf from Central & West to Georgetown. This was agreed. It was also agreed to inform Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.**
3. **Planning Committee. Cllr. K. Hayden agreed the need to call a Planning Committee Meeting. This is to be in liaison with the Clerk.**

4. **Web Site. It was again agreed to seek the address of Mr. Lewis and write to him on the subject. There were a number of issues to consider.**
5. **Events Committee. It was agreed to appoint Cllrs. A. Cotton, S. Trollope, and H. Woolf on to the Events Committee.**
6. **It was agreed to appoint Cllrs. J. Morgan and A. Cotton on the SAG meetings.**
7. **Presentation Evening, 15th July 2009.**

   The following to be invited:-

   a) **Brian Winter, 50 years as a butcher**
   b) **Ryan Denby, Welsh Cap Table Tennis**
   c) **Peter Watkins Hughes, film maker**
   d) **P.C. Tony Davies**
   e) **P.C. Dave Smith**
   f) **Rev. Fr. John Davies**

It was agreed to send any other nominations to the Clerk a.s.a.p.

124) It was agreed to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the Meeting by virtue of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12a.

125) 1) E-mail from One Voice Wales. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Ken Burton a.s.a.p.

2)*Cllr. H. Trollope declared an interest in this matter and withdrew from the Chamber.*

Cllr. M. Cross was appointed to Chair this item. The information from the Ombudsman was noted and the Council declared its confidence in Cllr. H. Trollope.

Cllr. H. Trollope returned and closed the Meeting at 8.00 p.m.

_____ TOWN MAYOR