TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at Bedwellty House on Wednesday 15th July 2009 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor H. Trollope
A. Tippings
J. Morgan
G. Bowen-Knight
M. O'Sullivan
H. Woolf
A. Cotton
K. Hayden
S. Trollope
G. Woolf
S. Trollope

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

126) Apologies: Cllrs. M. Cross, D. Rowberry, D. Howells, P. Prosser, B. Willis, A. Cotton and T. Gregory

127) Declarations of Interest. The Mayor reminded Members to make declarations of interest at the appropriate point on the Agenda.

128) MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF 27TH JUNE 2009. It was agreed that Minute No's 98-103 would be deleted and replaced with the statement: "Confidential Item" on the published Minutes. Also Minute No's 91.16 and 91.17 be similarly amended. This was agreed and the Minutes were adopted.

129) MATTERS ARISING.

1) Minute No. 83.1 It was agreed to write to the Twinning Association for a copy of their new Constitution.

2) Minute No. 94 (iv). Cllr. Trollope, Deputy Mayor, informed Council that he had delivered the grant to Transitions.

3) Minute No. 96, 2008/0471. It was with concern that Tredegar Town Council that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council have rejected all appeals and is intent on proceeding with the demolition of Arosfa. It was agreed that Cllr. M. Cross would send a letter to the Gwent Gazette opposing this decision.

130) THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE on the Cycle Race were received and approved.

131) MATTERS ARISING.

1. The Clerk stated that Members as Stewards will be needed on the day. The especial points are the junction of Stable Lane and Tredegar Comprehensive School, crossing Queen Victoria Square, the traffic lights at the northern end of Commercial Street and the left turn at Stockton Way up to the entrance of Parc Bryn Bach. It was agreed to hold a further meeting on 30th July 2009 at 10.00 a.m. and seek the involvement of Gwent Police. Members are requested to act as Stewards.

132) THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 JULY 2008 were received and subject to Cllr. Tippings being included in the attendance list and the section in brackets at minute No. 112 deleted.

133) MATTERS ARISING.

1) Minute No. 112. Cllr. Tippings pressed the idea of an "action list" being drawn up with a list of items and who is to undertake them. Apparently this is now current in Blaenau Gwent. This was agreed.

134) THE MINUTES OF THE CIVIC COMMITTEE held on 1 July 2009 were received. Subject to the removal of the confidential items from the published Minutes : viz Minute No. 117, 20-21 and Minute No 125.

135) MATTERS ARISING

1) Minute No. 117 (1). Cllr. A. Tippings required that this Minute be amended. Cllr. Tippings further stated that the amended Minutes must be brought back to Council at the next Meeting.
2) Minute No. 117 (8). It was agreed to send Inspector Green a hard copy of the Schedule of Meetings for 2009/10.
3) Minute No. 123 (7). It was agreed to add Mr. Chris Sainsbury and Mrs. Pat Davies to the list and there were more people who had won Table Tennis caps for Wales. Discussion ensued on who should get awards and there was considerable difference of opinion on making awards for younger people. Perhaps Certificates may be given for shorter service.

136) The Accounts having been inspected by the Deputy Leader and the invoices and cheques reconciled, were approved.

137) CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor A. Tippings now requires the correspondence list to be provided for the Labour Group meetings on the Monday before the Ordinary Meeting of Council with any further correspondence being added on the Wednesday of the Meeting.

1) BGCBC C Rogers

a) Re: Revision of speed limits A4048 Bedwellty Pits – Police not fully supporting the Revision due to the fact that enforcement at this location would be difficult, but appreciating what the Authority is trying to achieve.(copied to Georgetown Members)

RECEIVED AND NOTED

R. Barbour
Chief Education Officer

b) Outline Business case for the Learning Campus as requested at the recent Town/Community council Meeting on 18th June 2009.

RECEIVED AND NOTED

c) Consultation Town Community Councils – future dates. (Copied MC, M O'S)

RECEIVED AND NOTED

d) Licensing Lists w/e 050709

RECEIVED AND NOTED

2) BG Heritage Forum

Agenda for Forum meeting on 16th July at 9.30 am In Tredegar Library.

RECEIVED AND NOTED

3) GAVO

Re: Special/Disabled Volunteer shield donated by Tredegar Town Council is in a state of disrepair and will not be issued. It will continue to be displayed.

RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to request the return of the Shield so that it may be refurbished. Members also expressed concern that Tredegar Town Council's nominees for GAVO Awards had not reached GAVO. The Clerk was instructed to check out-going correspondence.

4) Digital TV

Switchover help scheme

RECEIVED AND NOTED

5) Peter Morgan Jones

List of invitees for proposed Bevan DVD launch and proposing the idea that the Gwent String Quartet whose music is featured on the DVD play during the evening.

RECEIVED AND NOTED. Members expressed concern that the proposed date would be most inconvenient as Tredegar Town Council will be in the throes of moving and re-establishing the Council offices in the Library. There will not be sufficient time to assist with the preparations for the launch. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr. Jones.

6) A. Tippings (Email)

Press release re Armed Forces Day Parade (e-mailed to local press on 6/7/09)

RECEIVED, amended and circulated to press.

7) Local Councils Update

Issue 117 July 09.

RECEIVED AND NOTED.

8) Dr. J. R. P. Evans — Details of a review of the default retirement age now being brought forward by the Government to next year

RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to circulate this to all Members.

9) Jim Griffith – Aberystwyth Town Clerk — Seeking information and advice regarding bi-lingual delivery of Minutes, Agenda and also best/most common practices for Minute writing practices.

RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to reply.

10) P. Topping — Pointing out that the Clock has stopped and enquiring about the efforts to repair it.

RECEIVED AND NOTED. Thank Mr. Toppings for his interest. Works of rectification are already underway. Cllr. Tippings asked if the paint tins were still in the Clock. This was confirmed. It was agreed to get the mess cleared.

11) Allianz — Referred to Agenda Item 18.

138) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Road works report w/c 107/07/2009; Play for Wales Issue 29 Summer 2009, Orvault Bordereau d'envoi and Magazine 41; Minutes of the Blaenau Gwent Voluntary Sector Forum: J. Parker Wholesale Catalogue Autumn 2009; Equanet Network Solution Guide; Monmouth Town Council SLCC Branch Newsletter
AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

139) AGENDA
Meeting of the Executive Committee on Wednesday 15th July at 2pm in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale: Council Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale on Thursday 9th July at 2pm, Minutes May/June 09
AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

140) Insp A. Green — Response to letter re D. Wells.

The E-mail from Insp. Green was received and noted. It was agreed to agenda this for the next meeting with Inspector Green.

141) GRANTS

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

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

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

Catapult Football Club – **A grant for £150 was approved.**

Pageant – **A grant for £60 had previously been approved.**

Grants to Churches and Chapels – NONE RECEIVED

142) 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 REPORT**
ii. Joint Committee of Local Councils – **NO REPORT**
iii. Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales – **NO REPORT**
iv. Tredegar Twinning – **NO REPORT**
v. School Governing Bodies – **NO REPORT**
vi. Blaenau Gwent Council for the Disabled – **NO REPORT**
vii. Brecon Beacons Advisory Group – **NO REPORT**
viii. Parc Bryn Bach Management Committee- **Cllr. J. Morgan reported on the recent meeting, it was noted that because of the meeting delays a number of items were no longer current.**
ix. Tredegar Youth Café – **NO REPORT**
x. Tredegar Development Trust – **NO REPORT**
xi. Blaenau Gwent CAB – **NO REPORT**
xii. Communities First Strategy – **It was noted that Ms. Jessica Osborne has resigned. It was agreed to send her a letter**.
xiii. Blaenau Gwent Joint Liaison Committee – **NO REPORT**
xiv. Tredegar Crime Prevention panel – **NO REPORT**
xv. Tredegar Business Forum – **NO REPORT.**
xvi. Blaenau Gwent Regeneration Forum – **NO REPORT.**
xvii. Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum – **NO REPORT**

143) PLANNING

a) OFFICERS REPORT – NONE RECEIVED

b) APPLICATIONS –

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2009/0209	Mr Gareth Smith	Addition of additional extra proposed first floor bedroom and en suite bathroom

NO OBJECTIONS

c) Other Planning Matters –

2008/0471 Proposal: Demolition of existing 3 No. buildings and construction of proposed support accommodation with communal accommodation with all associated external works and drainage at 1-20 Arosfa Court Tredegar, planning permission was **GRANTED** on 2 July 2009.
NOTED

2008/0472 Proposal: Two storey extension to shop sales area covered area over existing car wash for valeting purposes single storey tool storage area & erection of 1.8m high boundary wall at Ambey Service Station Nantybwch planning permission was **GRANTED** on 2nd July 2009.
NOTED. It was agreed to write to write to Mr. Robin Morrison CEO of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council concerning this application. The current situation permitted by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Planning Committee is a total disgrace with the variety of materials being piled up and the proliferation of inappropriate notices and the mess being created at one of the gateways to Blaenau Gwent and a principal gateway to Tredegar.

144) Exclusion of Press and public by virtue of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12a, was agreed.

145) TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2009.
RECEIVED

146) LETTER FROM GARTSIDE SOLICITORS RE: MR WELLS, RESPONSE FROM ONE VOICE WALES (VERBAL).
RECEIVED. It was agreed to send the material.

147) Members expressed concerns about the move from the House. It was agreed to meet Mr. D. Watkins on Monday 20th July 2009.

148) It was agreed to send congratulations to Tredegar's rugby clubs who have all enjoyed success. Tredegar RFC have been promoted: Tredegar Ironsides RFC came second in their league and Trefil RFC won the Cyrus Davies Cup.

149) It was agreed to send congratulations to Tredegar's winners in the GAVO Awards.

150) Members expressed concern at the continuation of parking problems in Tredegar Town Centre.

151) Allotments. The report of Cllrs. Willis and Cross was received and it was agreed to invite the Southend allottees to apply for funding to various grant making bodies.

152) Members were advised of the success of the Cory Band under the direction of their conductor Jason Childs of Tredegar. It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations.

153) Following discussion a Member requested that the policy on shutters be asked for again from the Planning Department, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10 P.M.

_____TOWN MAYOR