TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at Tredegar Library on Wednesday 17th March 2010 at 6 p.m.

Present:	**Councillor**	**A. Williams**
		M. Cross
		A. Tippings
		D. Howells
		J. Morgan (arrived late)
		D. Rowberry
		B. Willis
		H. Woolf
		G. Bowen-Knight
		A. Cotton
In attendance:		**Ms. C.M. Keane – Town Clerk**
		Mrs A. Jones - RFO

414) Apologies: **Cllrs. M. O'Sullivan, T. Gregory, P. Prosser S. Trollope, H. Trollope, K. Hayden and R Thomas**

415) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Mayor reminded Members to make declarations of interest at the appropriate point on the agenda.

416) <u>GRANTS</u>

No thanks were received.

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

Tredegar Gardening Club – **A grant for £200 was agreed.**

<u>Grants to Churches and Chapels</u>

St James Church – **A grant for £200 was agreed.**

417) ACCOUNTS : To Consider a Schedule of Accounts paid in February 2010 and for payment in March 2010.
The RFO reminded Members that the figures for payroll for this month reflected the new hourly rates. It was recommended that the Council purchase a generator for future events, to be stored at the Recreation Ground, and that Cllr. Cross should pursue this matter on behalf of Tredegar Town Council.

Cllr. J. Morgan arrived at 6.15 pm.

418) TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25th February 2010
The Minutes were received and adopted as a true record.

419) MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA.

1) Minute No. 387 (1) c – Members who attended the meeting noted that the total number of Borough Councillors might be cut by 4, with two coming from Tredegar wards. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Holland seeking details of projected population figures in light of the proposed developments at Park Hill, Peacehaven etc.

420) TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS Committee Meeting held on 3rd March 2010.
The Minutes were received and adopted as a true record

421) MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

1) Minute No 398 – Nye Bevan Event – Member again expressed concern at the level of involvement of outside agencies and were anxious that the event would not be "hijacked". It was agreed to contact Unison again seeking their support.

422) TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE CIVIC Committee Meeting of Council held on 3rd March 2010
The Minutes were received as a true record. It was agreed that the next Civic Meeting on 15th April should start at 5.30 pm to allow Mr. Andy Taurins to attend.

423) Matters arising not on the agenda

Minute No 407 (2) It was agreed to amend to "all Members who supported"

424) TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS Committee Meeting of 15th March 2010
The Minutes were received as a true record.

425) Matters arising not on the agenda

1) It was noted that a BMX event was to be held at Parc Bryn Bach and that the Council had been invited to sponsor a race and that the Mayor had been invited to attend. It was proposed that two prizes be sponsored by TTC and this was unanimously agreed. Members also thanked Cllr. Tippings in her capacity as Tourism Officer for the hard work involved in getting the tournament to Tredegar.
2) Minute No 409. Walk For Life - Cllr. Willis to co-ordinate the collection of T-shirts etc.
3) Minute No 410. – Orvault – The sum of £200 was agreed for the catering costs.
4) Minute No 411 – Trains- The Clerk was asked to check the legal capacity of the upstairs rooms in the Library for this event.

5) Minute No 412 – Armed Forces Day – It was agreed that the Service should be held at 2.30 pm. It was agreed to contact Wootton Basset to send a representative and also other Royal British Legion groups throughout the Borough, as well as the Youth Mayor. It was also agreed to seek quotes for banners and tabards.
With reference to the Remembrance Service for the Canadian Bomber, Members expressed disappointment at the costs mentioned and a Member volunteered to see if he could get them reduced or source another venue.

Mrs. Jones, RFO left the Meeting at 7.05 pm.

426) TO AGENDA QUESTIONS FOR THE VISIT OF INSP. GREEN on 14th April 2010.
Already received queries relating to parking tickets and PCSO's, lack of a traffic warden and anti social behaviour in Lindsay Gardens.
It was further agreed to pose questions relating to drug use on Stable Lane, the additional telephone numbers now being used by the Police, consultation by planning authorities, deciding where mobile CCTV cameras are located re anti-social behaviour, ASBO's – are there plans to 'beef-up' the system.

427) TO AGENDA QUESTIONS FOR THE CONSULTATION meeting between Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and the Joint Committee of Local Councils on 22nd April 2010.
This item was overlooked and a written request was sent to each Member by post.

428) CORRESPONDENCE

1) L. Price	Email	Request to inform Council of the Public Meeting re: Old Red & White Garage, Woodfield Road on Wednesday 17.3.10 at 7.15pm Georgetown Community Centre. Also thanks for letter of support and confirms that they managed to negotiate the hall hire to half price.

RECEIVED

2) TredBMX		Invite to Mayor to open first Welsh BMX Open Race on 1.3.10 at Parc Bryn Bach – copied to Cllr Williams. Also opportunity for Council to sponsor a race for £50 and to have a trophy engraved with Tredegar Town Council for presentation. – Emailed Mr Ransom for futher details and he confirmed that sponsorship would go to running costs of the events as no cash prizes are given, each category as a trophy for 1st place and a medal for 2nd & 3rd place.

This matter had previously been discussed by the Events Committee and it was agreed that Tredegar Town Council should sponsor two prizes.

3) BGCBC (a) Licensing
(i) W/Ending 28.2.10 Licensing List.
(ii) W/Ending 7.3.10 Licensing List.
(iii) W/Ending 14.3.10 Licensing List.

RECEIVED

(b) Re: Out of Hours service. Reply to letter sent to Alan Reed. Have experienced problems but have been working with new company to resolve these issues.

RECEIVED

(c) Blaenau Gwent Regeneration

(i) Blaenau Gwent Regeneration Partnership Board Meeting Friday 23.4.10 at 11am in the VITCC, Tredegar – Copied to Cllr J. Morgan.

RECEIVED

(ii) B.G. Regeneration Strategy Action Plan – Consultation. Comments, corrections and suggestions are invited on the Draft Action Plan by 30.4.10 – copied to Cllr Morgan

RECEIVED

(d) Special Planning Committee on Friday 19.3.10 at 10am Former Bus Depot Site, Woodfield Road Tredegar.

This item had been taken at the beginning of the Meeting to allow Cllr. Morgan to attend the Public Meeting (Cllr. Morgan left the Meeting at 7.05 pm)

(e) List of Bus Shelters in the Borough.

RECEIVED – AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

4) Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales

Copy of letter and notices sent to Mr Morrison BGCBC Re: Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Blaenau Gwent.

RECEIVED

5) One Voice Wales

(a) Update on Welsh Language Policy & Legislation – principal impact on our sector would appear to move away from Welsh Language Schemes to the introduction of standards (allowing for local variation. Standards subject to consultation before implementation.

RECEIVED

(b) Online Q&A Fairtrade in your council 16th-18th March 2010 and Local Authorities Guide.

RECEIVED. It was noted that lots of events were planned in local schools.

6) Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council

Draft Charter for Council to discuss and if approved in principal that Council will award delegated powers to their members to attend the Joint Council to agree a Draft Charter for submission to BGCBC.

It was agreed that the draft charter should be copied to all Members and that this matter should be put on the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting in April.

7) CADW Final Grant payment of £1348 been paid direct into the bank.

RECEIVED and thanks were noted to the RFO.

8) Dai Davies M.P. Will be attending Walk for Life on Sunday 28.3.10.

RECEIVED

9) Trish Law A.M. Will NOT be attending Walk for Life on Sunday 28.3.10.

RECEIVED.

10) St Johns Ambulance Booking forms for Walk for Life event and Armed Forces Day.

RECEIVED. It was agreed that there was sufficient first aid cover provided amongst Councillors attending the Walk for Life Event and that St. John would not be required. However it was agreed to have full attendance at the Armed Forces Day Event. The Clerk was instructed to complete the form to engage them.

11) Brecon Beacons National Park

(a) Dates & venues of Local Development Plan Training by Planning Aid Wales, booking form to be completed by 19.3.10 – Copied to Cllr H. Woolf.

RECEIVED

(b) Confirmed Minutes 10.12.09 – copied to Cllr H. Woolf.

RECEIVED

(c) "The Green Valleys" community action day at George Hotel, Brecon 2pm – 5pm on Saturday 27.3.10. Booking form included.

RECEIVED

12) H. Lewis Details of new website access and what is currently available for viewing.

RECEIVED. It was agreed that all Members provide information for the site and that the site should be updated asap.

13) Hospice of the Valleys

Invite to Cllrs and Council Staff to Preview & launch of Fine Art Exhibition by Eastern Valleys Artrists, 4pm to 8pm on Friday 19th March 2010 at Parc Bryn Bach – copied to All Cllrs 17.3.10.

RECEIVED

14) GAVO Details of Funding Fayre event at Newton Community Centre, Ebbw Vale on 21.4.10.

RECEIVED – DETAILS AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

15) Community Health Council

As of 1.4.10 it will be replaced by Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council. No change of contact details or address.

RECEIVED

16) Red Kite Travel Grant request to help promote their holiday locating service for Disabled and senior citizens in Wales.

RECEIVED

17) Falcon Distribution Local courier company introducing their services.

RECEIVED

18) Clerks & Councils Direct March 2010 Issue 68.

RECEIVED

19) Communicorp Local Councils Update Issue 125.

RECEIVED

429) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Road works report week commencing 5.3.10; Lite Architectural LED Lighting Brochure; Glasdon Bins/Bollards Brochure; KEY Industrial/safety equipment catalogue; Ville D'Orvault Le Cens Pratique No 113; BGCBC Road works report week commencing 12.3.10; Derek Vaughan European Update Spring 2010, quarterly newletter; Ashwood Product catalogue.

AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

430) AGENDA
Executive Committee Wednesday 10.3.10 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale;
Community Health Council Meeting Wednesday 10.3.10 at 5.30pm Miners Institute, Llanhilleth;
Special Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Wednesday 17.3.10 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale.
AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

431) 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 **– Discussions on the Draft Charter – see Correspondence item. Agenda Ordinary Meeting April**
iii. Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales – **No Report**
iv. Tredegar Twinning – **Previous correspondence was noted regarding the reduction on charges for the hall rental.**
v. School Governing Bodies **– It was noted that Bryn Bach had an inspection coming up; The Gazette had reported good results for the Comprehensive and that applications for a new Headteacher at Georgetown had been received.**
vi. Blaenau Gwent Council for the Disabled – **No Report**
vii. Brecon Beacons Advisory Group – **No Report**
viii. Parc Bryn Bach Management Committee – **No Report**
ix. Tredegar Youth Café **– It was noted that funding had been received.**
x. Tredegar Development Trust – **No Report**
xi. Blaenau Gwent CAB – **It was agreed that the representative should be changed in the next term, because meetings were held during working hours.**
xii. Communities First Board – **It was reported that more information was being given, targets set and formal reporting procedures introduced. This was all welcomed.**
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**
xviii. Blaenau Gwent HARPS Project – **No Report**

Cllr. D. Rowberry declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.

432) PLANNING:

a) **To consider an Officer's Report (if received)** – Received – no refused applications.

b) APPLICATIONS –

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2009/0328	Tredegar Investments Ltd C/o. George Tomos Penseiri Cyf 12 Heol Penrallt, Machynlleth	Revised Plans. Outline application for 150 residential units and associated site works at land at Park Hill, Tredegar

Objections were made due to the lack of recreation space for children.

2009/0329	Tredegar Investments Ltd C/o. George Tomos Penseiri Cyf 12 Heol Penrallt, Machynlleth	Revised Plans. Erection of 143 dwellings and provision of new vehicular and pedestrian access to site off Park Hill

Objections were made due to the lack of recreation space for children.

2010/0098	Mr S Verma Station 1 Nantybwch, Tredegar	Retention of storage shed, Ambay Service Ambay Service Station Nantybwch, Tredegar

Objections were made due to the adverse visual impact this site had on an important gateway into town and doubts were raised about the structural safety of the building.

2010/0102	Mr L Gunter C/o. The Little Theatre Upper Coronation Street Tredegar	Realign the roof structure by raising the ridge & hip approximately 400mm, to provide suitable sized rafters of The current wall plates, The Little Theatre, Upper Coronation Street

NO OBJECTIONS

c) Other Planning Matters

C/2009/0148 Construction of a poultry unit & C/2009/0149 retention of a building to be used for egg packaging/storage/poultry rearing at Carreg Bica Isaf, Georgetown, Tredegar – The Planning Inspectorate decision is to dismiss both appeals.

NOTED

433) MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN (by prior notice)

There were none.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 PM.

_____ Town Mayor