TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Civic Committee of Council held at Tredegar Library on Wednesday 4th November 2009 at 6.00 pm

Present: **Councillor** **H. Trollope**
M. Cross
A. Tippings
K. Hayden
D. Howells
M. O' Sullivan
P. Prosser
D. Rowberry
B. Willis
G. D. Woolf
H. Woolf
A. Cotton
T. Gregory

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

242) Apologies: **Cllrs. A. Williams and R. Thomas**

No.		Action
243	**CORRESPONDENCE**	
	1) Tredegar Gardeners Club — Unable to assist with the Clock weeding	
	The letter was received and noted. Following discussion it was agreed to identify other gardeners and invite them to tender for the work.	**16/11**
	2) Cllr. Hywel Woolf — Details of a Town Walkover by himself and a number of other Councillors noting areas of concern.	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED. The Clerk reported that he had already written to Mr. Alan Reed on the matter.	**26/10**
	3) BGCBC — a) Weekly licensing lists for w/e 251009	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED.	
	Community Regeneration — b) Re Tredegar Townscape Heritage Initiative - seeking support letter for Heritage Lottery application by 20th November and Tredegar Conservation Area details.	

	RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to send a letter of support.	**Clerk**
	Frank Olding — c) Re buildings at risk register with information that for the General Hospital to be included it first needs to be listed, suggesting contacting CADW direct to consider the hospital for "spot-listing" with contact details.	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED. It was agreed to follow this up with CADW.	**Clerk**
	4) Bethan Cartwright — Update (dated 19th Oct) on the Christmas Event on 5th December 2009	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED. Copies were supplied to all Members. (Pass on to Events Committee.)	
	5) Kate Meakin — Fair Trade re Producer Tour and timetable 2010	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED.	
	6) OVW — NHS Wales Swine Flu Community Update Issue 1	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED. Copies sent to all Members. Cllr. S. Trollope gave some professional advice that hygiene was essential in defeating the Swine flu virus.	
	7) WAG — Consultation – LGW Measure 2009 – statutory guidance in two parts Part 1 dealing with improvement and business planning by local authorities and National Park authorities and part 2 dealing with strategic community planning by local authorities and a range of public-sector partners. Seeking response by 15th January 2010.	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED. Available for all Members who may wish to make a response.	
	8) Gwent Comm Health Council — Next meeting of BG Area Committee on Wednesday 11th November at 5.30 pm in Room 3 Civic Centre.	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED.	
	9) Barclays — a) Deposit account rates news b) Changes to Business Deposit Accounts affecting the Stepsaver Account	
	RECEIVED AND NOTED.	

		c) Additional conditions for Bacstel-IP and Secure –IP Service **RECEIVED AND NOTED.**	
	10) H M Customs & Excise **RECEIVED AND NOTED.**	Certificate of registration for VAT	
	11) Baroness Andrews **RECEIVED AND NOTED.**	Thanking John and Peter Morgan Jones for the DVD of Bevan's Tredegar and hoping to meet the Heritage Forum in Spring.	
	12) Community Council of Abertillery & Llanilleth **RECEIVED AND NOTED.**	Notification of change of address,	
	13) BBNP **RECEIVED AND NOTED. Passed on to Cllr. H. Woolf.**	a) Seeking views on UPD Guidance Note Policy ES25 subject – Renovation of former dwellings. (comments required by 18th Dec 09) b) Welcoming views on pre-application/ planning advice charges (comments also by 18th December)	
	14) Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council **RECEIVED AND NOTED. Pass to Staffing and Finance Committee.**	Details of the National Agreement Clerks Salaries and conditions plus details of the Council profiling arrangements.	
	15) Allianz **RECEIVED AND NOTED.**	Thanking us for letter of 19/10 regarding the starting date for building work at Bedwellty House.	
	16) Allianz **RECEIVED AND NOTED.**	Re David Wells advising a "wait and see" policy.	
	17) Webmaster@tredegar.co.uk **RECEIVED AND NOTED. The Clerk was instructed to find out about charges for information.**	Querying response to e-mail 30/09/2009.	**Clerk**
244	**PUBLICATIONS** BGCBC Road Works report w/c 23 & 30/10/09; Orvault Le cens pratique No 109 Novembre 2009: Gavo Autumn 2009 Newsletter: Mick Wood Gala Lights Stock Clearance: Ashwood Details of new lines		

245	**AGENDA** Advance notice that the Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting to be held at the Beaufort Ballroom on Monday 9th November 2009 at 10 am: Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny Co to be held in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale on Thursday 29th October 2009 at 2pm: Special Education & Leisure Scrutiny Committee meeting to be held at Council Chamber Ebbw Vale on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at 4pm: Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee meeting Wednesday 28th October at 2pm: Joint Scrutiny Committees meeting to be held Monday 9th November2009 at 10am in the Beaufort Ballroom: Licensing Committee meeting to be held in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at 11am: Executive Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 5th November 2009 at 2pm in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale: Item 10.01: Planning Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 5th November 2009 at 2pm in the Council Chamber Ebbw Vale.	
246	**MATTERS CONCERNING BEDWELLTY HOUSE AND PARK** **It was noted that the Contractors had commenced work and the notices had been removed from the Memorial Gates.**	
247	**GRANTS** The letters of thanks were noted. **Cultural and Sporting Grants (under the provision of the Local Govt. Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976 s.19** Draw Tickets. Members decided to support Children with Leukaemia – a number of tickets were sold. _____ NSPCC – A grant of £50 was recommended. Hospice of the Valleys – A grant of £500 was recommended. Nantybwch Senior Citizens Association –A grant of £200 was recommended. **Grants to Churches and Chapels** Saron Congregational Chapel – A grant of £200 was recommended.	
248	**PLANNING** **a) OFFICERS REPORT – RECEIVED (no items refused)**	

b) APPLICATIONS –

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2009/0328	Tredegar Investments Ltd C/O George Tomos Penseiri Cyf Machynlleth	Application for outline planning permission for 150 Residential units and associated works on land at Park Hill

Council was minded to re-iterate its concerns of inadequate play space within the development.

2009/0334	Mr. William Anthony Lewis 2 Mydrim Place	Householder application for potting shed.

NO OBJECTIONS

2009/0343	Mrs Lorna Griffiths Ty Isaf Farn Blaen Rhymney	Application for planning permission to renovate the exterior of The Little Theatre Upper Coronation Street

NO OBJECTIONS

2009/0345	Mr John Davies 115 St James Way Georgetown	Householder application for domestic garage, wooden boundary fence and gate and change of use of public land to private garden

NO OBJECTIONS

c) Other Planning Matters

Appeal by Pennant Wind Energy Ventures Ltd for construction of a wind energy project of 4 wind turbines and associated equipment and building works at Mynydd James near Blaina to be dealt with by means of Public Enquiry. Representations by means of written representation by 20 November full details available from office.

NOTED.

249 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST AND CONCERN

1) Cllr. Tippings stated that the web-site needs updating and further stated that the additional time given to the clerical staff was for the maintenance of the web-site and could be withdrawn. Concern was also expressed at the non-availability of Mr. Hywel Lewis – his e-mail address did not work and he is not available during 9-5 on weekdays. It was agreed to write to Mr. Lewis and ascertain what is happening.

2) Cllr. Cross brought to Council's attention the state of the white lines recently painted in Charles St. It was agreed to contact Mr. Alan Reed. — **Resolved**

3) Cllr. Cross brought to Council's attention the fact that a number of advertising banners had been erected on lamp-posts on Sirhowy Hill. It was agreed to inform Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. — **Clerk**

4) Congratulations to go to Cllrs. J. Morgan, B. Wills and T. Gregory. — **Clerk**

5) Friends of Tredegar Twinning have had their Communities First grant application rejected. It was agreed to investigate the matter. — **Clerk**

	6) Council was advised that once again cars were being displayed for sale on Sirhowy Hill. It was agreed to contact Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. **7) It was agreed that the wreath for the World War II bomber crash site would be laid on Saturday November 7th 2009.** **8) Staff attendance at Remembrance Day Parade. Cllr. Tippings stated that she expected staff to attend. The Member was informed that one member of staff was on holiday, another would be told of this.** **THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.45PM.** **_____ TOWN MAYOR**	**Clerk**