TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Council held at Bedwellty House on Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor

J. Morgan
A. Williams
M. Cross
A. Tippings
G. Bowen-Knight
T. Gregory
K. Hayden
D. Howells
D. Rowberry
M. O'Sullivan
R. W. Thomas
H. Trollope
S. Trollope
B. Willis
G. Woolf

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

01) The outgoing Mayor, Cllr. J. Morgan, welcomed Cllr. Hywel Woolf to his first Meeting, having been co-opted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 22 April 2009. Cllr. H. Woolf thanked the Mayor for his welcome.

02) Apologies **Cllr. P. Prosser**

03) Thanks and Appreciation.

Cllr. Morgan expressed his thanks and appreciation for all who had helped him during his year of Office, a year with many high points and one or two low, he was particularly appreciative of the work undertaken by Tredegar Comprehensive School in terms of the permanent reminders of a truly momentous year – 150th Anniversary of the Town Clock and 60th Anniversary of the NHS and a strong bong forged with UNISON. It was a long and interesting year, stated Cllr. Morgan. He reminded everyone of the now infamous Daisy drop which even got as far as the New York Times! Members congratulated Cllr. Morgan on his year and expressed their appreciation of his efforts.

04) Election of Mayor.

Cllr. H. Trollope proposed Cllr. A. Williams as Mayor of Tredegar, 2009-10. Cllr. D. Howells seconded the proposal and with a unanimous vote Cllr. Williams was duly elected Mayor of Tredegar to serve until the Annual General Meeting of Council in 2010. Cllr. Williams was then invested with the Chain of Office. Cllr. Williams suitably responded.

05) Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr. Williams read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then signed it.

06) Mayor's Announcement.

Cllr. Williams expressed her interest in young people in Tredegar and stated that her Mayor's charity for the year would be to support four organisations working with young people: Tredegar Youth Café, St John's Ambulance Cadets. Kidz R'Us and BLAZE – Tredegar Young Firefighters.

07) Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. D. Rowberry proposed Cllr. H. Trollope as Deputy Mayor until the AGM of Council in 2010. Cllr. K. Hayden seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations and Cllr. H. Trollope was elected unanimously as Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Trollope suitable responded.

08) Leader of Council.

Cllr. H. Trollope proposed Cllr. M. Cross as Leader of Council, Cllr. Tippings seconded the proposal and Cllr. M. Cross was elected Leader of Council.

09) Deputy Leader.

Cllr. M. Cross proposed Cllr. Tippings as Deputy Leader, this was seconded by Cllr. Morgan.

10) Membership of Committees.

It was agreed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader and Deputy Mayor are to be ex-officio Members of all Council Committees and Sub-Committees, with the exception of the Appeals Committee, with voting rights.

11) Standing Orders.

Subject to a later decision to amend starting times and to note that Council does not meet in August, the Standing Orders were approved.

12) The Financial regulations of Tredegar Town Council were approved.

13) Barclays Bank plc was re-confirmed as the Council's Bankers.

14) The cheque signatories are the Mayor, the Leader of Council, the Clerk and Mrs. A. Jones. This was agreed.

15) Urgent Correspondence

Cllr. B. Willis declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

1) Glenn Willis Plumbing Engineer	Costs of repairs at Southend Allotments

It was resolved to accept Mr. G. Willis' quotation for plumbing work at Southend Allotments in the sum of £35.00 plus VAT.

2) Gwent Police, Insp Tony Green	a) Ref motorcyclists at Trefil, details of off-road operations in that area in conjunction with other agencies. b) Ref. trespassers in Bedwellty Park – stating that this is a multi agency problem not solely a Police matter and that he will work with all necessary partners to address the concerns raised.

RECEIVED AND NOTED

3) One Voice Wales	Seeking two nominations for the Area Committee.

DECISION LATER IN MEETING.

Cllr. Rowberry declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

4) BGCBC	Weekly Licensing lists for w/e 26th April 2009.

The lists were noted.

16) URGENT PLANNING.

2009/0132	Mr P McGrath Rose Cottage Crown Avenue	Full application for Planning permission for extension to existing hair & Beauty Salon CK Salon Crown Avenue

NO OBJECTIONS

2009/0148	Mr. P. Morris Isaf Carreg Bica Farm Georgetown	Full application for Planning permission for construction of poultry unit (building 6)

It was agreed to request a site meeting to look at the proposals on site.

17) MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE.

It was agreed to pay the Mayor an allowance of £1000.

18) Staff Progression.

It was agreed that Mrs. Jones progresses to point 29 and Ms. Keane to point 28 of the National Scale.

19) To appoint a Civic Committee (all Members of Council)
AGREED

20) To confirm the following sub committees and to appoint Members to serve on them until the Annual Meeting of Council 2010, and to appoint one Member to act as Chair of each Sub-Committee until the Annual Meeting of Council in 2010.

a) CIVIC-SUB (To receive requests for Grant Applications)

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
A. E. Tippings – Dep. Leader
A. Williams– Mayor
H. Trollope – Dep. Mayor
R. W. Thomas
T. Gregory
D. Howells
B. Willis

b) EVENTS COMMITTEE
(With plenary powers for costings up to £250)

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
A. E. Tippings – Dep. Leader
A. Williams– Mayor
H. Trollope– Dep. Mayor
B. Willis
J. Morgan
T. Gregory
H. Woolf

c) HERITAGE - Plenary Powers up to £500

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
A. E. Tippings – Dep. Leader
A. Williams – Mayor
H. Trollope – Dep. Mayor
J. Morgan
D. Howells
S. Trollope
D. Rowberry
P. Prosser
K. Hayden

d) APPEALS COMMITTEE

Cllrs. K. Hayden
M. O'Sullivan
P. Prosser
G. Bowen-Knight
B. Willis
T. Gregory
H. Woolf
S. Trollope
R. Thomas

e) FINANCE & STAFFING

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
A. E. Tippings – Dep. Leader
A. Williams – Mayor
H. Trollope – Dep. Mayor
G. D. Woolf
D. Rowberry
J. Morgan
D. Howells

f) POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE – All Members of Council

g) COMMUNITY,YOUTH AND INTERNATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
A. E. Tippings – Dep. Leader
A. Williams – Mayor
H. Trollope – Dep. Mayor
D. Rowberry
Hywel Woolf
T. Gregory
R. Thomas
J. Morgan
S. Trollope

h) To appoint Members to represent Tredegar Town Council on the BEDWELLTY PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Cllrs. D. Rowberry
M. Cross

i) PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
A. Tippings – Dep. Leader
J. Morgan
B. Willis
K. Hayden

21) It was agreed to re-appoint Mr. C. James as Internal Auditor.

22) To appoint Members to serve on the following outside bodies:-

a) **JOINT COMMITTEE OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
A. Williams – Mayor
M. O'Sullivan
Reserve: J. Morgan

b) GWENT VALLEYS ONE VOICE WALES

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
M. W. O'Sullivan
The Clerk
Reserve: A. Tippings

c) TREDEGAR TWINNING

Cllrs. D. Rowberry
A. Tippings
H. Woolf

d) SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Bryn Bach – Cllr. D. Howells
Georgetown – Cllr. B. Willis
Deighton – Cllr. S. Trollope
St. Joseph's – Cllr. M. W. O'Sullivan
Glanhowy infants and Juniors – Cllr. M. W. O'Sullivan

e) BLAENAU GWENT COUNCIL FOR THE DISABLED

Cllrs. H. Trollope
S. Trollope
G. Bowen-Knight
T. Gregory

f) BRECON BEACONS ADVISORY GROUP

Cllrs. R. Thomas
H. Woolf

g) BRYN BACH PARK MANAGEMENT

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
R. W. Thomas
J. C. Morgan
G. D. Woolf
T. Gregory

h) TREDEGAR YOUTH CAFÉ

Cllr. R. W. Thomas

i) TREDEGAR DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Cllr. H. Trollope

j) BLAENAU GWENT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

Cllr. G. Bowen-Knight
Cllr. H. Woolf

k) FORUM OF MAJOR PARTNERS

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
M. W. O'Sullivan
A. E. Tippings (Reserve)

l) LOCAL FORUM

Cllr. G. Bowen-Knight

m) COMMUNITIES FIRST STRATEGY

Cllrs. D. W. A. Howells
P. Prosser

n) BLAENAU GWENT JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
A. Williams – Mayor
M. W. O'Sullivan
The Clerk
J. Morgan – Reserve

o) TREDEGAR CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

Cllr. R. W. Thomas

p) TREDEGAR BUSINESS FORUM

Cllrs. H. Trollope
J. Morgan

q) BLAENAU GWENT REGENERATION FORUM

Cllr. J. Morgan

r) BLAENAU GWENT HERITAGE FORUM

Cllrs. P. Prosser
B. Willis

23) The Aneurin Bevan Prize. Agreed a prize of £100 to the Tredegar pupil with the highest marks going on to read Medicine.

24) It was agreed to confirm the pattern of Meetings of Tredegar Town Council but to amend Standing Orders to permit a start time of 6.00 p.m. for both Ordinary Meetings and Civic Meetings of Council.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.30 P.M. AND THE MAYOR INVITED ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO JOIN HER IN REFRESHMENTS.

_____ TOWN MAYOR