

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at The Library, Tredegar on Wednesday 21st
July 2010 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present:	Councillor	H. Trollope
		B Willis
		A Tippings (arrived late)
		K. Hayden
		P. Prosser
		S. Trollope
		A. Williams
		M. O’Sullivan (arrived late)

In attendance: Ms. C.M. Keane – Town Clerk

109) Apologies: Cllrs. M. Cross, G. Bowen-Knight (ill), A. Cotton
T. Gregory, D. Howells, J. Morgan and R. Thomas
Mrs. A. Jones –RFO

110) Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members to make declarations of interest at the appropriate point on the Agenda.

Cllr. Tippings arrived at 6.05 pm.

111) Grants: To consider and approve grants to sporting and cultural organisations.

Thanks were received from St. James' Church.

Bedwellty Park Ladies Bowls – A grant for £200 was approved.

Tredegar (Mon.) & District Canine Society – A grant for £200 was approved.

Tredegar Camera Club – A grant for £200 was approved.

Peacehaven Tenants/Residents Neighbourhood Watch Association – **A grant for £200 was approved.**

NSPCC – A grant for £50 was approved.

Shelter Cymru – A grant for £100 was approved.

Vale View Allotments – It was agreed to defer grant until meeting of all Allotees had been arranged. (Information was received concerning a contact for Milefield Allotments)

Grants: Churches & Chapels (s.137) to approve grants to Churches and Chapels.

Saron Congregational Church – A grant for £200 was approved. It was also mentioned that Helen Shapiro – a recording star of the 60/70's – was appearing there in October, with proceeds going to the roof appeal. Interested Members to contact Cllr. Tippings.

112) Accounts: To Consider a Schedule of Accounts paid in June 2010 and for payment in July 2010. Actual against budget report.

The actual against budget report was scrutinised by Members. The cheques and invoices had been checked and reconciled by the Mayor prior to the Meeting and were approved.

Cllr. O'Sullivan arrived at 6.15pm.

A number of items for payment in July were highlighted and discussed and payments approved. A Member requested a report on the costs of Summer planting to help cost Autumn planting. It was agreed that sponsorship for the planting of the Clock be used for that specific purpose. Cost of signage and additional planting to be reported to Council.

A request for a Quarterly Performance Review Meeting was made and thanks were passed to the RFO for the reports.

113) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting on 16th June 2010.
The Minutes were received and approved as a true record.

114) Matters arising not on the agenda.

There were none.

115) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16th June 2010.

The Minutes were received and approved as a true record.

116) Matters arising not on the agenda.

Minute No. 86 (b). Trefil enhancements. It was noted that a barrier had been demolished and Members again stressed the need for consultation with Villagers.

Minute No 91 (2) Mr. Jenkins's impending birthday was noted as was the fact that he had already been honoured for his work by Tredegar Town Council.

117) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Staffing Section of the Finance & Staffing Committee on 7th July 2010.

The Clerk apologised for the typing error on the copies that had been sent to Members and confirmed that the date of the Meeting was 7th July.

The recommendation of that Meeting, that the position of RFO be offered on a permanent basis to Mrs. A. Jones, who had requested that the hours allocated for attendance at Meeting be cut from 3 to 2, for which she was commended, was agreed unanimously. It was further agreed that the post of Clerk be offered on a permanent basis to Ms. C. Keane, this was also agreed unanimously. Both staff members accepted the posts and they were congratulated by all. Copies of contracts to be drawn up and circulated to all Members.

118) Matters arising not on the agenda.

The underpayment of pension was noted and it was agreed that this should be paid in the sum of £3440.89.

119) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting on 7th July 2010.

The Minutes were received and noted as a true record.

120) Matters arising not on the agenda.

Minute No. 98. Meeting with Insp. Green. Members noted that the Inspector had attended a PACT Meeting which had clashed with Town Council, despite having been supplied with our Meeting dates previously. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Inspector asking that he should let Council know if not attending so that the Meeting could be postponed. It was also noted that PC McGuire who stood in for the Inspector, did not have the ability to respond to many queries and could only quote the Inspectors responses which had previously been received and circulated to all Members.

Members had raised again the powers held by PCSO's in Tredegar and a list had been received by a Member. The continued poor advertising for Police Surgeries at the Youth Café was highlighted again and Members with connections to Cefn Golau and Waundeg offered to host Surgeries in their areas.

Minute No 99 (2) a – Cllr. Prosser also put forward his name for training.

Minute No 99 (7) Members noted that the Extraordinary Meeting of this organisation had been held and that there were still many issues. The fact that meetings were being held outside Tredegar also raised concern.

121) Clerks Report on the “Co-operation partner meeting in Gulbene”

The report of the Clerk was received and it was agreed that this be presented to a Meeting of the International Committee for further discussion.

122) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC (a) Regeneration Partnership Board – next meeting 26/7/10 at 11am Vitcc
(e-mail forwarded to Cllr. J. Morgan)

RECEIVED

- (b) Licensing Applications Week Ending 18.07.10

RECEIVED AND NOTED

- 2) One Voice Wales

Notification of an announcement by Carl Sargeant AM Social Justice and Local Govt Minister introducing the Proposed Local Government Measure. - See NAW below.

- 3) National Assembly for Wales

Consultation on proposed Local Govt (Wales) Measure. NB as part of the consultation exercise they will contact One Voice Wales who can, if Council wish, represent our views.

Items 2 and 3 – both RECEIVED. It was agreed to await contact further contact from One Voice Wales with their response.

- 4) Mrs. Megan Fox Expressing concern at the memorabilia housed in Tredegar General Hospital, including a Karch portrait of Aneurin Bevan.

RECEIVED – It was agreed to write to Mrs. Fox to let her know what steps Tredegar Town Council were taking to safeguard the artefacts.

- 5) Cllr. K. Hayden Cartref Aneurin Bevan – report on the Executive’s decision to close the home without first having funding in place for a replacement.

RECEIVED. Members again queried the validity of moving people from one home without en-suite facilities to other homes that also had no such facilities and the trauma being caused to residents.

- 6) BBNP a) Local Development Plan – assurance that Summer recess will be taken into account, will give sufficient notice of Deposit Consultation period and Planning Aid training Details of the Plan available from www.breconbeacons.org

RECEIVED

- b) Request for the Chief Executive of The BBNP Authority, together with Director of Planning to visit Council.

RECEIVED

- 7) Shelter Cymru Leaflet entitled “Are you at risk of losing your home?” Displayed in Library.

RECEIVED

- 8) SARA Severn Area Rescue Assoc – Newsletter – NB this also covers the Ebbw and tributary rivers of the Severn.

NOTED

- 9) WAG Public Transport Users’ Committee for Wales – looking to Appoint Chair & 8 Members also Chair of Flood Risk Management Wales

RECEIVED. Interested Members to contact Clerk.

- 10) Louise Tovey – GAVO

Re Heads of the Valleys Scheme – request for feedback concerning disabled access.

RECEIVED. Issues concerning safe access from Waundeg South were highlighted together with new access for the Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate.

- 11) Woodlands Sports & Social Club

Responding the Mayor’s request to hire the Club for a concert in April 2011 to raise funds for the Mayor’s Appeal –Hospice of the Valleys – and agreeing to give the concert room free of charge, in appreciation of their care of her husband Bernard Hillman who died in March this year.

RECEIVED – to the Mayor’s correspondence.

- 12) Powys CC Inviting comments on the councils Delivery Agreement for the Powys Local Development Plan and Affordable housing for Local Needs Supplementary Planning Guide. By Friday 20th August.

RECEIVED – comments to be made direct.

- 13) Allianz Advising that the Claim of Ms. Rachel Smith has now been settled at a cost of £464.13.

RECEIVED. It was agreed to write to Blaenau Gwent Planning Department to make enquiries about a hand rail in time for the next Heritage Open Day.

- 14) Local Councils Update Issue 129 dated July 2010 – Available for Members

RECEIVED

123) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Road works report week commencing 9.7.10& 16-23/7; Hospice of The Valleys Annual Report 2009; Ville D'Orvault Newspaper cutting from May & June 2010; Living Churchyards Newsletter Issue 5 Summer 2010; Ville D'Orvault Magazine Issue No. 45 July/August/September; Glasdon; Living Churchyards Events & Training update; Ashwood Gifts.

AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS

124) AGENDA

Special Meeting Monday 26th July 2010 at 11am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale;
Special Education & Leisure Scrutiny Committee Thursday 22nd July 2010 at 11am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Executive Committee Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale – agenda item 6.02 report; Special Planning Committee Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 11am on site at land opposite Nos. 26-33 Pen-y-graig Terrace, Brynithel; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum meeting on Thursday 22nd July 2010 at 9.30am Tredegar Library; Executive meeting Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale – report for agenda item 10.01; Social Care & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee Monday 19th July 2010 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Executive Meeting Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale: Consultation with Town & Community Councils 2.30 Thursday 22nd – premeeting at 2pm Council Chamber Ebbw Vale; Education & Leisure Scrutiny Tuesday 27th July 2pm Chamber EV; Crime & Disorder and Safer Communities Monday 26th July 2pm Chamber EV; Finance Improvement & Performance Scrutiny Friday 23rd July 10am Chamber EV; Special Education & Leisure Scrutiny Thursday 22nd 11am Chamber EV

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125) 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- **Request for photos and write up on Armed Forces Day for the Orvault magazine.**
- v. School Governing Bodies – **St. Joseph's – it was noted that Miss Fitzgerald had now retired after 34 years service and she was suggested for a civic award. Parc Bryn Bach – it was also noted that Mrs. Williams had retired.**
- vi. Blaenau Gwent Council for the Disabled – **It was noted that Mrs Hilda Barwell had recently had a very special birthday and a party.**
- vii. Brecon Beacons Advisory Group– **NO REPORT**
- viii. Parc Bryn Bach Management Committee – **Meeting deferred.**
- ix. Tredegar Youth Café – **NO REPORT**
- x. Tredegar Development Trust– **NO REPORT**
- xi. Blaenau Gwent CAB– **NO REPORT**
- xii. Communities First Board – **ongoing issues being addressed.**
- xiii. Blaenau Gwent Joint Liaison Committee– **NO REPORT**
- xiv. Tredegar Crime Prevention Panel – **recent activity by the Panel had seen crime drop in the area and attempts were being made to get Peacehaven made the first “No Cold Calling Zone” in Blaenau Gwent.**
- xv. Tredegar Business Forum – **August event being advertised**
- xvi. Blaenau Gwent Regeneration Forum– **NO REPORT**
- xvii. Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum– **NO REPORT**

126) PLANNING

a) OFFICERS REPORT – Special Planning Meeting 26/7 – Nothing for Tredegar

b) APPLICATIONS –

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2010/0234	Mr Singh 5 Scwrfa Road, Tredegar	Roller shutter, Dukestown Stores, 5 Scwrfa Rd
No Objections in principal – but would rather have more perforations in the shutter.		
2010/0236	Mrs L Parker 23 Arnold Place, Tredegar	Proposed replacement garage and wall, 129 Charles Street
No Objections		
2010/0240	Mr P George 59 Pochin Crescent Tredegar	Retention of private dwelling & domestic garage (Revised scheme), Plot 2 East of Whitworth Terrace
No Objections		
2010/0248	Mr. Omar Khan 10a Castle Street	Retention of use as Flat
No Objections as such since this was retrospective, just concerns that the building conform to fire regulations etc.		

c) Other Planning Matters

2009/0328 Residential development at Pentre Parc, Tredegar, land adjacent to Park Hill –

GRANTED 7.7.10

2009/0329 new development for 143 dwellings, land adjacent to Park Hill, Tredegar - **GRANTED 7.7.10**

127) MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

- a) Members had raised concerns relating to over 16 education, closure of Cartref Aneurin Bevan and Communities First which had already been dealt with.
- b) PA System – it was agreed that Cllr. A. Cotton would check our present equipment.
- c) Staffing – it was agreed to contact the Future Job Fund and arrange interviews – it was agreed that the Leader and Mayor together with the Clerk and RFO liaise.
- d) Tredegar Fire Station – rumours were still abounding regarding the possible closure of either Tredegar or Brynmawr stations. Members agreed that the Clerk should contact Fire Service HQ for further information.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 PM

_____ **Chair**