

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at The Library, Tredegar on Wednesday 20th October 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:	Councillor	H. Trollope
		B Willis
		M. Cross
		A Tippings
		D. Rowberry
		A. Cotton
		J. Morgan
		P. Prosser
		H. Woolf

In attendance: **Ms. C.M. Keane – Town Clerk**
Mrs. A. Jones - RFO

187) Apologies: Cllr. K. Hayden, S. Trollope, T. Gregory, A. Williams, D. Howells and G. Bowen-Knight

188) Declarations of Interest

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

189) Grants:

Thanks were noted from Saron Congregational Church

To consider and approve grants to sporting and cultural organisations.

(under the provision of the Local Govt. Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976 s.19)

Devils Martial Arts – **A grant for £150 was approved** (Letter to Assoc. Informing them money is towards squad suits only)

Tredegar and District Floral Art Society - A grant for £200 was approved.

Tredegar Round Table – **A grant for £200 was approved.** (Request in letter that our name is included in the program)

Bill Harry Court Tenants Ass. – A grant for £200 was approved.

2167 ATC Squadron – **A grant for £200 was approved.** (Include in letter a thank you for their continued support)

Tredegar Business Forum- funding to help with a contribution to the Town Centre's annual Christmas extravaganza. (Was submitted in time for last meeting but omitted by mistake) Following

some considerable discussion a vote was called for and with one vote against it was agreed to approve a grant in the sum of £200.

Grants to Churches and Chapels

None received

190) Accounts: To Consider a Schedule of Accounts paid in September 2010 and for payment in October 2010.

With the amendment for the Tredegar Business Forum grant, and the cheques and invoices having previously been checked and reconciled by the Mayor and Leader, the accounts were approved. At this stage too it was reported that the Mayors Golf Day had raised in excess of £1600 and the Mayor gave his thanks to all those who had worked so hard on the day and thanks to the Tredegar & Rhymney Golf Course for giving their services free of charge and for the help of the stewardess and her team on the day. The Golf Day would now feature as an Annual event in their calendar and the shield presented to the Club was to be kept at Bedwellty House following the restoration.

191) To verbally receive the recommendations of the Performance Review Sub- Committee of 20th October 2010.

The verbal report was received by Members and approved. The RFO was commended for her sterling work.

At 6.30pm Mrs. Jones (RFO) left the Meeting.

192) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community, Youth and International Sub-Committee of 15th September 2010.

The Minutes were received and approved as a true record. Letters to regeneration to be prioritised. Invite to Mr. Taurins to attend Presentation Evening, made.

193) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15th September 2010.

Cllr. Thomas noted that he had attended the Meeting and not been recorded. With this amendment the Minutes were received and approved as a true record.

194) Matters arising not on the Agenda.

- 1) Minute No 137. Woodfield Road Development. A Member read through the response by United Welsh to a letter sent by Mr. Nick Smith AM – the Clerk was requested to chase a response to the questions put regarding heights. Also confirmation was requested that the new pipe in the culvert is bigger than previously and that they have not ‘lined’ the current culvert.
- 2) Minute No 141 (2). Tredegar General Hospital Memorabilia. It was reported that the bust and photograph had already been moved and question were asked about the ownership of both. It was suggested that they would have originally have been purchased via the Medical Aid Society.
- 3) Minute No. 147. (2). With still no response from Mrs. Law – the question of accountability was raised – this to be checked upon.
- 4) Minute No 150. (C.i) Clock opening. It was agreed that press coverage and the event had been excellent and moves were afoot to trace a lady who had written into the Argus.

195) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Staffing and Finance Sub-Committee of 29th September 2010 and 6th October 2010.

The Minutes were received and approved as a true record. It was agreed that a press release be made to the effect that the Christmas Lighting was changing with the string light being replaced due to health and safety issues and possible damage by large lorries. The enhancement of the Clock features and the reduced running costs were also to be highlighted.

The recommendations regarding staff working arrangements were also approved.

196) Matters arising.

Members requested that Minutes should be stapled together in running order.

197) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting of Council held on 6th October 2010.

The Minutes were received and approved as a true record. It was agreed that the Presentation by Deanne Griffiths, Principal Civil Contingencies Co-ordinator and Neil Hughes, Transport & Highways Principal Officer had been excellent and it was agreed to write and thank them both. The news that Borough Council workers were to be encouraged to attend their closest place of employment in severe weather was welcomed as well as the clarification about the myths relating to clearing the path outside your property. A copy of the presentation was requested.

198) Matters arising not on the agenda.

- 1) It was noted that a phone call had been received from Mr. Alan Watkins regarding the costs of displaying boards stating Tredegar Town Council's sponsorship – and that there would be no charge incurred. Council were advised to look at the boards currently on display at the Recreation Ground or Tredegar Sports Centre.
- 2) Minute No. 166. Members who had attended the Larger Local Councils Meeting of One Voice Wales earlier in the day reported back on the presentation made by Insp. Warren, regarding community policing in Cwmbran. It was agreed to request a copy of the presentation and that this should be played at the next meeting with Insp. Green. Details of the recent theft and vandalism around the Clock were relayed to Members who then put forward an extra question for the Inspector regarding the liability of the parents involved, also an additional question relating to thefts of tiles from Arosfa and the threat of something similar at the General Hospital.
- 3) Minute No. 170. Members raised the question of the Chartist Mosaic that had been installed in the Long Shelter and whether it would be re-instated. Clerk to contact Mr. David Watkins.
- 4) Minute No. 172. Mayor's Concert – the location of the concert at Venue 1 was discussed and agreed because of the ease of access and that the stage arrangements were better suited to a number of acts.
- 5) Minute No 172. Twinning – It was noted that the Spirit of Bevan group had been approached to cost the model, which could be taken to Orvault next May.
- 6) Mr. Patrick Thomas – it was agreed to invite Mr. Thomas to the next Presentation Evening.

199) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the ad-hoc Meeting of the Community, Youth and International Sub-Committee of 13th October 2010 with Tredegar Twinning Association.

The Minutes were received and approved as a true record. The recommendation of a one-off payment in the sum of £500 to support an annual visit was discussed and agreed unanimously.

200) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting of 13th October 2010.
The Minutes were received and approved as a true record.

201) Matters Arising.

- 1) Minute No 177. Members with connections with other organisations and youth groups agreed to look into details of any lantern making workshops being held
- 2) Minute No 183. It was noted that a Member had contacted the Gwent Gazette for help.
- 3) Minute No 180. Cllr. Tippings reported that she had been in contact with one of the sons of an airman killed in the Wellington crash. She spoke movingly of his reaction to her contact and his agreement to take part if possible, in some way. Also of contact with another relative in New Zealand.

202) Correspondence.

- 1) BGCBC *Cllrs. B. Willis, D. Rowberry and K. Hayden declared an interest in items a,b and c and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.*

(a) Licensing Applications Week Ending 17/10/10

RECEIVED

(b) Gambling Licensing Applications Week Ending 17/10/10

RECEIVED

(c) General Licensing Applications Week Ending 17/10/10

RECEIVED

(d) Frank Olding – Regarding Tredegar General Hospital, building being used as the centralized medical centre for Tredegar, Proposals to demolish the building would require conservation area consent from the local Planning Authority. There is no active threat to the General Hospital

RECEIVED. Mention was made of Caerphilly Miners Hospital and the recent actions taken to save it. Following discussion it was agreed contact be made with the Chief Executive of the Hospice to ascertain whether they would consider using the Hospital also to put a question to Insp. Green regarding the theft of roof tiles in the immediate area. Also to contact Bobby Bolt at Aneurin Bevan Health Board to see if we could store the artefacts from the Hospital.

(e) Bethan Cartwright

(i) Financial contribution towards the cost of a quarter page colour advert in the Gwent Gazette and potentially 6 other Regional papers, Promotion of all Town Centre Activities across 5 Towns In Blaenau Gwent seeking £50 contribution from each of the key partners such as the Tredegar Town Council who arrange the local Switch-On.

RECEIVED. It was agreed to contribute towards the advert with the inclusion of the Town Council Logo.

(ii) Sale of glow sticks at the Switch-On event on 26th November 2010, Fun Fair Wales would be interested as an “official seller” at the event- all products meet H&S requirements.

RECEIVED. It was agreed to contact Ms. Cartwright to check if Fun Fair Wales would be making a contribution towards the Mayors Appeal or running costs of the event.

(iii) Three poster for Tredegar Town Council Light Switch-On.

RECEIVED. It was agreed to ask staff to design our poster, but to thank Ms. Cartwright.

- (f) Deanne Griffiths – SAG pre Meeting to discuss Town Lights 1.30pm 21st October 2010 Followed by SAG meeting 2.00pm

RECEIVED. The Clerk together with Cllrs. Hayden and Trollope to attend.

- (b) Christine Singler – Agenda question request passed onto Dave Watkins for the next Meeting of Bedwellty Park Management Board.

RECEIVED.

- 2) One Voice Wales Larger Local Community Councils Committee Meeting. Held Wednesday 20th October 2010 at Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6AH. 10.00am for 10.30am.

RECEIVED. Cllrs. Trollope and Cross to attend.

- 3) Countryside Council for Wales

Funding Newsletter Issue September 2010

RECEIVED.

- 4) Welsh Assembly Government

- (a) Community action for climate change network, To Celebrate the community action already taking place in Wales and the announcements of the Wales Green List for 2010 – 22nd-23rd November 2010

RECEIVED.

- (b) Community and Town Council Survey 2010

RECEIVED. Clerk to complete.

- 5) Brecon Beacons National Park

Deposit Local Development Plan, Local Development Plan (Wales) Regulation 17 (2005)

RECEIVED.

- 6) Wales Air Ambulance Annual review of 2009, Successfully launched two “New Generation”helicopters, reached 10,000th mission after eight years in operation.

RECEIVED.

- 7) Victim Support Cymru

Update on the support we are currently offering to victims and witnesses of crime in Tredegar.

RECEIVED.

- 8) Caerphilly County Borough Council

Notification that the Examination in respect of the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan (LPD) is now formally closed

RECEIVED.

- 9) Sling Shot Street Band

Information on “The Modern American, Street style, Marching Band”

RECEIVED. Grant form to be sent.

10) Clerks & Councils Direct

Locals Councils Update – Renew Subscription

RECEIVED. It was agreed to renew subscription.

11) Bobath (Children's Therapy Centre Wales)

Needs to raise £800.000 to keep the Centre Open and provide ongoing therapy to over 310 children in Wales who have Cerebral Palsy

RECEIVED.

12) Western Power Distribution

Temporary Unmetered Connections for Festive Lighting Christmas 2010 – Commercial Street & Castle Street The Circle Mpan Number 2100040191607 (copied to J. Marshall)

RECEIVED.

13) Tredegar Thespian Players

Presents A Christmas Cracker at the Little Theatre Tredegar, Wednesday 1st December 2010 – Saturday 4th December 2010 Doors open 6.30pm

RECEIVED. Poster displayed.

14) Alun Davies (AM) Meetings with Council on a regular, annual, basis.

RECEIVED. It was agreed to meet with Mr. Davies AM regularly.

15) Tredegar Christmas Lights Switch-On

(a) Friends of Deighton Primary – Has 30 children that will be coming along to the Lantern Parade.

RECEIVED.

(b) Tredegar Little Theatre – Unable to perform due to own play schedule but would like to attend the function in fancy dress.

RECEIVED. It was agreed to thank the Little Theatre and wish them success with their production.

16) Blaenavon World Heritage Site

Halloween Fright Night – Saturday 30th October 2010 5pm – 8pm

RECEIVED.

17) Royal British Legion Remembrance Services – Sunday 14th November 2010

RECEIVED. Cllr. T. Gregory put forward his apologies – unable to attend.

203) PUBLICATIONS

Road Works Report 8.10.2010-15.10.2010; W&S Ltd. Hi- Viz Jackets and Equipment; Ville 'd Orvault September issues 2010

AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

204) AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale on Wednesday 13th October 2010 at 11.30 am; Special Finance, Improvement and Performance Scrutiny Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre on Thursday 14th October 2010 at 3.00pm; Special Finance, Improvement & Performance Scrutiny Committee Meeting Thursday 14th October 2010 at 3.00pm. Council Chambers Civic Centre Ebbw Vale; Social Care &

Inclusion Scrutiny Committee Meeting held in Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale on Monday 18th October 2010 at 2.00pm; Finance, Improvement and Performance Scrutiny Committee Meeting held at Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale on Tuesday 19th October at 2.00pm; Special Planning Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre Ebbw Vale at 2pm Thursday 21st October 2010; Executive Committee Meeting Thursday 4th November 2010, Executive room, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale 3.30pm not 2.30pm; Education & Leisure Scrutiny Committee Meeting held in Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale on Tuesday 26th October 2010 at 2.00pm; Special Meeting of The Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale on Tuesday 26th October 2010 at 10.00am

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205) 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 – **Spoke earlier about the presentation by Insp. Warren.**
- iv. Tredegar Twinning – **No Report**
- v. School Governing Bodies – Tredegar Comprehensive – the traffic problems outside the School were discussed. There was also discussion concerning the transport of students to the new facility at the Works. It was agreed to schedule a question for the JCLC.
- 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– **No Report**
- x. Tredegar Development Trust– **No Report**
- xi. Blaenau Gwent CAB– **No Report**
- xii. Communities First Board – New Chair and Vice to be selected shortly.**
- 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 – **Excellent reports on the recent Day School.**
- xviii. Blaenau Gwent HARPS Project – **Progressing well at the moment and making sure that allocated monies stays within the locality.**

206) Planning:

a. To consider an Officer's Report – None Received.

b. To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2010/0345	Mr. S Edmunds Glastonbury Charles Street,	2 nd storey rear extension for use as play room/ study directly above ground floor dining room extension.
No Objections		

2010/0347	Mr. S. Williams, The Cambrian Hotel, The Circle, Tredegar	Refurbishment of existing premises single storey extension, with decking and handrails to first floor area
No Objections		
2010/0350	Mr. Paul Schofield 34 York Terrace, Tredegar	Two Storey Rear extension for use as ground floor kitchen/Shower room & First Floor Bedroom and bathroom. Also detached garage.
No Objections		
2010/0352	Centrica PLC, Millstream, Maidenhead Rd, Windsor, Berkshire, England	Change of use of delivery bay of property from mixed B1 (a) and D1 to B8 (storage and distribution) use. (Innova One Tredegar Business Park)
No Objections		

c. To consider other planning matters – None Received

207) Matters of Local Interest or Concern

- 1) A Member re-iterated concern about sixth form transport.
- 2) It was noted that Mr. Nick Smith MP had been made Private Parliamentary Secretary to Douglas Alexander and it was agreed to send a letter of congratulations. Also to Owen Smith MP Shadow Secretary of State for Wales. It was noted that there was a possibility of a visit to the House of Commons further details and timings to be advised.
- 3) A Member queried the status of the road north of Top House at Trefil and it was agreed to write to the Rights of Way and Estates Officers of Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Cllr. T. Gregory left the Meeting at 8.20pm.

- 4) Queries were raised regarding rumours of a move to Tredegar by Tesco.
- 5) A question regarding the security of the Arosfa building was raised – see previous Minutes regarding slate theft – queries were raised as to whether United Welsh were policing the site effectively.
- 6) The following requests were made for Civic recognition – Jackie Mills – this was agreed; Amy Gregory – it was agreed to find a more relevant token of thanks and to nominate for a GAVO Award in 2011; Shannon Draper – also to find a more relevant token; Ben Jenkins it was agreed to find a more relevant token of thanks; Colin James – it was agreed to make a Civic Award; Ralph Corbett – also agreed to make a Civic Award.
- 7) Cllr. Roger Thomas informed the Meeting that “Claire’s Day” had raised over £9000.

THREERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM

_____ Chair.