

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at The Library, Tredegar on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

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

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

Also Present: A number of members of the public.

135) Apologies: Cllr. K. Hayden. T. Gregory, A. Williams and G. Bowen-Knight

136) Declarations of Interest

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

137) An additional item of Matters of Local Interest and Concern was introduced at this point and members of the public present were given the option to speak.

A number of members of the public were present to raise queries and concerns regarding the Woodfield Road Development. Concerns raised were:

- 1) Cracks in walls of nearby houses
- 2) The height of the base.
- 3) Lorries blocking entrances
- 4) Offloading of equipment in Glyn Terrace
- 5) The original entrance to the site had been made unusable because of the increase in height of the base of the building and access to the site was now via Woodfield Cross, which meant that access to the Community Centre by disabled people was being restricted.
- 6) Contaminated topsoil had not been removed from site.

They expressed concerns regarding the potential hazard to schoolchildren from lorries using the site. It was noted that they had been advised that problems should be submitted at the end of the building process and that as problems arose they were being dealt with in a piecemeal fashion. They also were being passed from person to person both by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and the developer. It was felt that they needed a single contact to liaise with. Members from the Georgetown area had visited the site on a number of occasions and spoken with the people in the area and fully

supported their concerns. A site meeting had been arranged previously. It was agreed that letters would be written to BGCBC (Planning, Highways, Technical Services, Building Control and Safety Division) as well as the Health and Safety Executive in Cardiff highlighting the problems and seeking responses and that Ms. Cathryn Kelman would be the residents contact with Council and vice versa.

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

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum – **A grant for £200 was approved.**

Friends of Tredegar Twinning Association - **A grant for £200 was approved.**

Heads of the Valley Gateway Club – **A grant for £200 was approved.**

Tredegar Badminton Club – **A grant for £150 was approved.**

Tredegar Ironsides RFC – **A grant for £150 was approved.**

Tredegar Town AFC Seniors – **A grant for £150 was approved.**

Grants to Churches and Chapels

None received

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

A number of items were highlighted and Mrs. Jones responded to queries.

The cheques and invoices had been checked and reconciled by the Members prior to the Meeting and were approved. Mrs A. Jones, RFO, was thanked for resolving a number of problems.

Mrs Jones left the Meeting at 6.45 pm.

140) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21st July 2010

The Minutes were received and adopted as a true record.

141) Matters arising.

1) Minute No 116 re Minute No86 (b) Trefil enhancements.

A Member raised the point again that villagers had not been consulted with regard to the barrier and that it had made access by the disabled to view the scenery impossible. It had served only to move problems elsewhere. It was also noted that it may be a health and safety hazard, restricting access by emergency services to the mountainside.

2) Minute No 122 (4) Tredegar General Hospital Memorabilia – concerns that the large photograph and bust of Nye Bevan as well as other items were being moved to the new hospital in Ebbw Vale were expressed. It was felt that the originals should stay in his home town of Tredegar and that copies should be sent to Ebbw Vale.

It was suggested that the BBC be contacted to help.

142) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Events Committee held on 21st July; 4th August and 8th September 2010

The Minutes were received and adopted as a true record.

- 143) Matters Arising**
1) Minute No 129 – there had been some discussion as to whether the plaque on the cairn was correct. It was agreed that if not this could be replaced as part of the wreath laying ceremony.
2) Minute No 130 – it was noted that the winner of Valleys Idol, Ms. Jordan Dann, would be asked to Switch-On the Lights.
- 144) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18th August 2010 – meeting with the Aneurin Bevan Health Board Locality Officer Ms. Bobby Bolt and Ms. Joanne Absalom.**
The Minutes were received and adopted as a true record.
- 145) Matters arising not on the agenda.**
Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Prosser and his colleague from the Archive Group who had visited the Hospital on behalf of Tredegar Town Council. It was agreed to send a copy of the Minutes to the Hospital Linen Guild who had attended the Meeting.
- 146) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting of Council held on 1st September 2010.**
The Minutes were received and adopted as a true record.
- 147) Matters arising not on the agenda**
1) Minute No 135 (6) Tredegar General Hospital – It was agreed that the Hospital be featured on the Web site.
2) Minute No 135 (7) It was again noted that Mrs. Law had not agreed a date to visit and it was suggested that she be contacted again and that a date be sought once more.
3) Minute No 135 (13) It was noted that the artefacts uncovered during the earthworks were to be donated to a museum.
- 148) To receive and adopt the minutes of the Finance section of the Staffing and Finance Committee held on 8th September.**
The Minutes were received and adopted as a true record.
- 149) Matters arising not on the agenda.**
There had been developments since the above Meeting which necessitated a meeting with Mr. John Marshall of BGCBC Street Lighting. It was agreed that a further meeting of the Finance section of Staffing and Finance be arranged following these discussions.

At 7.30pm Cllr. H. Woolf arrived.

150) CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) BGCBC (a) 2011 Census Councillor Handbook – copied to all members
RECEIVED

- (b) G.Morgan RE: Youth work team will be working in Tredegar On Wednesday and Friday evenings with other partner agencies for the next three months

RECEIVED AND NOTED

- (c) Alyson Tippings
 - (i) Open Doors Event form
 - (ii) Link to Civic Trust for Wales showing Town Clock open day entry 25/09/10
- (b) B. Cartwright- Will include details of the Christmas Lights Switch On at the next business forum meeting and minutes of which will be circulated to all businesses.
- (e) Licensing Applications Week Ending 29/08/10

ALL RECEIVED AND NOTED. Stewards for the Opening of the Clock were agreed.

2) One Voice Wales

- (a) Welsh Green Heroes 2010, nominations needed for Town Councillors, deadline 17th September 2010.
- (b) New Chief Executive Mr Lyn Cadwallader – Letter introducing himself
- (c) Standards Conference Wales 10

ALL RECEIVED AND NOTED

3) Tredegar Hospital

- (a) L.Osbrone, WAG correspondence receipt for letter sent to Alun Ffred Jones. Aim to respond within 17 working days
- (b) National Monuments Records of Wales Library- have copied our letter to their Survey and Investigation branch who will contact us shortly They will also check their records for information regarding the building

RECEIVED

- 4) ICO Confirmation of registration and entry on the register

RECEIVED

5) HM Revenue & Customs

Confirmation that the VAT return periods have been changed to fall in line with our year end

RECEIVED

Cllr. A. Tippings declared an interest in the following and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon

- 6) A. Tippings Harvest Thanksgiving and Flower Festival will take place 3rd -5th October at Horeb & Sardis Church at Trefil. Theme for the flower festival will be Moses. Enquiry as to whether Town Council wishes to sponsor a floral display this year (£30)

RECEIVED. This was agreed as in previous years.

- 7) A. Cotton
 - (a) Will arrange for P.A system to be collected for proper checking and suggests we may need a mixing desk
 - (c) Poster for Oxjam rocks the Rhyd 9/10/10- copied to all members and displayed at library

RECEIVED

- 8) Help for Heroes Thank you letter, donation will go towards provision services and facilities to help the wounded back into the next phase of their life.

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- 9) Tredegar Communities First

Invite for organisations to help coordinate or provide information to the Tredegar Youth Week Festival starting 19th-25th February 2010 for 11-25year olds. Holding the first meeting on 1st October 2010 at 1pm venue to be confirmed.

RECEIVED. To be copied to Cllr. Cotton for info.

- 10) Fairtrade Last minute places available at the Big Food Debate in Abergavenny 16th September

RECEIVED

- 11) Disability Wales Offering 2010-11 membership at £45 which will include membership pack and directory, monthly E Bulletins policy briefings and invitations to consultation events

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- 12) Brecon Beacons National Park

Confirmed minutes of the meeting 10th June 2010- forwarded to Cllrs H. Woolf and R.Thomas

RECEIVED

- 13) Bert Westacott Offering picture used in clock exhibition as gift to Town Council

RECEIVED. It was agreed that Mr. Westacott be invited to the next Presentation to make the gift in person, also to nominate him for a Civic Award for the work he has done with Nantybwwch Senior Citizens.

- 14) R. Price Living churchyards events/open days

RECEIVED

- 15) Hewitt Local Government Pension Scheme Employer Briefing: September 2010.

RECEIVED

- 16) Commicorp Local Councils update issue 131 September 2010 (relevant items copied to Members)

RECEIVED

- 17) Aneurin Bevan Health Board

Have arranged three open days to the new hospital prior to opening open days are 4th – 6th October between 10am and 3.30pm the tour will take approximately 30minutes. Contact details have been supplied if you wish to make a visit.

Members agreed to visit on Monday 4th October at Noon – absent Members to be informed.

151) PUBLICATIONS

Maxim Lamps Christmas lights replacement coloured bulbs; BGCBC Road works report 3/9/10-10/9/10; Mayhew catalogue of items; Ville d' ORVAULT le cens pratique No 117 September 2010; BGCBC Road work report 10-17/9/10; Spinal Injuries Ass. Christmas cards

AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS

152) AGENDA

Special Education & Leisure Scrutiny Committee Thursday 30th September at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale; Licensing Committee, Tuesday 7th September, 11am Council Chamber, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale; Social Care & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee, Monday 6th September, 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum meeting held Wednesday 22nd September 9.30am Tredegar Library; Planning Committee, Tuesday 2nd September, 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale (Report On former Steel Works Site); Regeneration and housing scrutiny committee meeting, Council Chambers, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale Wednesday 15th September 2010; Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee, Council Chambers, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale Tuesday 14th September 2010: Meeting held 22nd September 2010 Council Chambers, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale 10am: Meeting held at 2pm 22nd September 2010 not held at 10am; Brecon Beacons National Park meeting on Thursday 2.9.10 at B.B.N.P. Headquarters – email forwarded to Cllr H. Woolf but not posted to Cllr Thomas as pasted date. Special meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre Ebbw Vale on Tuesday 26th October 2010 at 10am; Finance Improvement and Performance Scrutiny Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale on Friday 17th September 2010 at 10am; Crime and Disorder and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale on Monday 20th September 2010 at 2pm.

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153) Delegates: To receive and consider reports from Delegates to Outside Bodies and the recommendations of Sub-Committees/working Parties.

- i. Bedwellty Park Management Board – **a meeting had been held to decide on a “brand” for the House and Park and it was announced that the House would need a new roof. Members were informed of a letter that had been sent by a Borough Member regarding the Bowls Club and provision of the new pavilion.**
- ii. Joint Committee of Local Councils – **No Report**
- iii. Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales – **No Report**
- iv. Tredegar Twinning – **it was noted that a cheese and wine evening and a Christmas Buffet had been suggested**

Cllr. D. Rowberry left the Meeting at 8 pm.

- v. School Governing Bodies – **It was announced that Mr. Peter Baker had been made Chair of Governors at Georgetown.**
- vi. Blaenau Gwent Council for the Disabled – **No Report**
- vii. Brecon Beacons Advisory Group – **No Report**
- viii. Parc Bryn Bach Management Committee – **A written report was presented by Cllr. H. Trollope. Copy attached.**
- ix. Tredegar Youth Café – **It was noted that their 15th Anniversary was imminent and thanks had been expressed to Cllr. Williams for the amount of funding she had sourced for the project.**
- x. **Tredegar Development Trust**
- xi. Blaenau Gwent CAB – **No Report**

- xii. Communities First Board– **No Report**
- xiii. Blaenau Gwent Joint Liaison Committee– **No Report**
- xiv. Tredegar Crime Prevention Panel– **No Report**
- xv. Tredegar Business Forum – **It was noted that dates of meetings were not being received.**
- xvi. Blaenau Gwent Regeneration Forum – **Comments that other parts of the Borough had received more attention than Tredegar had been noted and future projects for Tredegar were being sought.**
- xvii. Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum – **a recent event had been poorly attended and not well advertised.**
- xviii. Blaenau Gwent HARPS Project – **No Report**

Cllrs. B. Willis and H. Trollope declared an interest in the following and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.

154) Planning:

- a. To consider an Officer's Report -

2009/0334 Retention of single storey extension, 2 Mydrim Place Tredegar- **Approved**

4/8/10 2010/0201 Retention of smoking shelter, The Oak Club Row, Dukestown Tredegar-

Approved 15/7/10 2010/0217 Conservatory extension, 66 Charles street tredegar,- **Approved**

26/7/10 2010/0062, Retention of 4 bedroom detached dwelling, Land to east of Whitworth Terrace, Tredegar- **Approved 6/8/10**

2010/0205 Lawful development for residential flat, 5a The Circle Tredegar, - **Approved 23/7/10**

2010/0214 Single story extension at rear elevation, 88 St. James way, Georgetown, Tredegar-

Approved 26/7/10 2010/0203 Lawful development for residential flat, 4 The Circle Tredegar, -

Approved 23/7/10 2010/0204 Lawful development for residential flat, 4a The Circle Tredegar, - **Approved 23/7/10**

2010/2040 Retention of private dwelling and domestic garage, Plot2 East of Whitworth Terrace, Tredegar- **Approved 10/8/10 - items listed on Members paperwork were noted. However it was noted that the report on the Company Shop had been omitted.**

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

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2010/0296	Mr Anthony Edwards 8 Glanhwy Street, Tredegar	New build 4 detached house with integral garage Plot 24 Lakeside
NO OBJECTIONS		
2010/0292	Mr Paul Bevan, The Croft Victoria, Ebbw Vale,	5 bedroom detached house, Land formally 4 Pit Houses Off Thomas Ellis Way, Tredegar
NO OBJECTIONS in principal, however it was felt that the design and materials should reflect the previous buildings on site.		

Cllr. J. Morgan declared an interest in the following matter and left the room.

2010/0293	Mrs Rebecca Richards Nant-y-Rhyd, The Rhyd	Conversion of Bungalow into 2 storey dwelling and double Garage, Nant-y- Rhyd
NO OBJECTIONS		

Cllr. Morgan then returned.

2010/0294 Mr Andrew Jenkins
85 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar

Construction of detached
dwelling with integral garage,
Plot 2 Georgetown Hill Site off
Pretoria Terrace Tredegar

NO OBJECTIONS

2010/0301 Mr Derek Sullivan,
6 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar

Residential development on former
allotment site land adjacent to Fairfield
Tredegar.

NO OBJECTIONS

c)Other Planning Matters - None received

155) Having moved Matters of Local Interest or Concern forwards to allow public discussion, further items were now raised.

1)Web-site – several Members congratulated the staff involved – the Clerk stated that all credit was due to Mrs. Jones – the RFO. It was suggested that Members have their photos taken at their favourite places for their pages of the site.

2) Legionnaires Disease. It was noted that the information being issued by the Government was sketchy.

3) It was noted that Mr. John Curten had retired from BGCBC and it was noted that his enthusiasm would be missed. Members noted that he had been instrumental in the sighting of CCTV cameras in many areas in Tredegar – and would be missed.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

_____ Chair