

# **TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Council held at The Rhyd Hall, Tredegar on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:        Councillor    A. Williams  
   H. Trollope  
   M. Cross  
   A. Tippings  
   B. Willis  
   K. Hayden  
   S. Trollope  
   A. Cotton  
   D. Rowberry  
   T. Gregory  
   G. Woolf  
   D. Howells  
   J. Morgan**

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

**1) Apologies:                                Cllrs. P. Prosser, H. Woolf (arriving late) and  
   R. Thomas (ill)**

**Cllr. H. Trollope, spoke of the death of Cllr. Derek Morris both as a personal friend and fellow Borough Member for Tredegar, called for a minute's silence – which was well respected. Cllr. Tippings paid a tribute to a long standing member of the Labour party and a hard working Councillor for the Ashvale Area who would be greatly missed and condolences were expressed to his mother.**

## **2) THANKS AND APPRECIATION BY CLLR A. WILLIAMS, MAYOR 2009 – 2010.**

Cllr. A. Williams began by thanking her partner Matthew for his help and support throughout the year. It had been a busy year with visits to more than 70 clubs and groups ranging from floral groups to dog clubs. It was a year of anniversaries too, with the 30<sup>th</sup> Celebrations of Twinning and the Otters, which had a special mention for the fabulous work they continue to do with people with physical disabilities. She also mentioned the number of 100<sup>th</sup> Birthdays which she had attended and the four groups who were benefiting from her Appeal, stating that she had built up a rapport with the organisations and would continue to support them and help with additional funding for them.

Cllr. M. Cross thanked her for her endeavour over the last 12 months and also stated that Matthew, her fiancé deserved a lot of praise and credit. He stressed that it was important the Community part of the work of the Town Council was brought to the attention of the public in this way. He also expressed his personal thanks.

Members present, as well as honoured guests, applauded warmly.

### **3) TO ELECT A MAYOR TO SERVE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2011.**

Cllr. D. Howells proposed Cllr. H. Trollope as Mayor of Tredegar, 2010-11. Cllr. T. Gregory seconded the proposal, there were no other nominations and with a unanimous vote Cllr. H. Trollope was duly elected Mayor of Tredegar to serve until the Annual General Meeting of Council in 2011. Cllr. H. Trollope was then invested with the Chain of Office. Cllr. H. Trollope suitably responded.

### **4) DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE INCOMING MAYOR.**

Cllr. H. Trollope then read the Declaration of Acceptance and signed it.

### **5) TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATION THE MAYOR MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE COUNCIL**

Cllr. H. Trollope began by stating that his sister Jean would be his consort for the year, because his wife Sharon is also a Town Councillor and might take up the post in her own right at some stage. He also thanked both Sharon and Stan, Jean's partner, for their future role as unpaid drivers. He thanked fellow Members of Council for bestowing on him the great honour of becoming Mayor and assured them that he would continue to put the Town Council at the forefront of local groups and the Community in general. He then praised the Staff for working beyond the call of duty. He thanked Cllr. A. Williams for her lead and guidance and stated that Fr. John Davis of St. George's had agreed to be his Chaplain and would be holding a Civic Sunday later in the year. His Appeal, he stated was to be the Hospice of the Valleys and would be launched with a collection at the Civic Reception.

### **6) TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR TO SERVE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2011.**

Cllr. M. Cross proposed Cllr. B. Willis and was seconded by Cllr. A. Tippings. There being no other nominations, Cllr. B. Willis was unanimously elected as Deputy Mayor of Tredegar Town Council to serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2011. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Badge of office and suitably responded.

### **7) TO ELECT A MEMBER AS LEADER OF COUNCIL UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2011**

Cllr. A. Williams proposed Cllr. M. Cross and was seconded by Cllr. D. Howells. There being no other nominations Cllr. Cross was unanimously elected. He thanked Members for being elected and mentioned that this was the first AGM to be held outside Bedwellty House – the home of Tredegar Town Council.

### **8) TO ELECT A MEMBER AS DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2011**

Cllr. M. Cross proposed Cllr. A. Tippings and this was seconded by Cllr. S. Trollope and agreed unanimously. Cllr. M. Cross stated that Cllr. Tippings had been an able second in command throughout the previous year and passed on his personal thanks.

**9) TO APPROVE THAT THE MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR, LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER ARE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES WITH VOTING RIGHTS.**

Approved unanimously.

**10) TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE STANDING ORDERS OF TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL.**

This was agreed.

**11) TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL.**

The Financial Regulations were approved.

**12) TO APPOINT BARCLAYS BANK PLC AS THE COUNCIL'S BANKERS (EXISTING)**

Agreed

**13) TO AUTHORISE THE MAYOR AND THE LEADER OF COUNCIL WITH THE CLERK AND RFO TO SIGN CHEQUES ON BEHALF OF TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL.**

This was agreed

**14) TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT CORRESPONDENCE.**

Correspondence had been received from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council with reference to planning application C/2009/0389 regarding the catering trailer at Parker Motors and that action had been instigated.

*Cllr. D. Rowberry declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.*

**15) TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Application 2010/0158 had been received from Mr. R. Hughes of 29 Field Rd Tredegar in respect of a new shop front, alterations and improvements at No. 8 Morgan Street.

**Having been previously inspected by the Leader there were no objections.**

**16) TO SET THE MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE (£1000) AND TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT OF THE ALLOWANCE.**

This was agreed.

**17) TO APPOINT A CIVIC COMMITTEE (ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL)**

Agreed.

**18) TO APPOINT A PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MEET QUARTERLY (ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL)**

Agreed.

**19) TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING SUB-COMMITTEES AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THEM UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2011.**

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

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

**b) EVENTS COMMITTEE**

(With plenary powers for costings up to £250)

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

**c) HERITAGE - Plenary Powers up to £500**

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

**d) FINANCE & STAFFING**

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

**e) APPEALS COMMITTEE**

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

**f) POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE – All Members of Council**

**g) COMMUNITY, YOUTH AND INTERNATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader  
A. E. Tippings – Dep. Leader  
H. Trollope – Mayor  
B. Willis – Dep. Mayor  
D. Rowberry  
Hywel Woolf  
T. Gregory  
A. Williams  
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

**THE CHAIR OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES TO BE ELECTED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THAT COMMITTEE/SUB-COMMITTEE.**

**20) TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MR C JAMES AS THE INTERNAL AUDITOR UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2011.**

This was agreed.

**21) TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:**

**a) JOINT COMMITTEE OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader  
H. Trollope – Mayor  
M. O'Sullivan  
B. Willis

**b) GWENT VALLEYS ONE VOICE WALES**

Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader  
M. W. O'Sullivan  
H. Trollope  
The Clerk

- c) TREDEGAR TWINNING
  - Cllrs. D. Rowberry
  - A. Tippings
  - B. Willis
  
- 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
  - J. Morgan
  - T. Gregory
  
- f) BRECON BEACONS ADVISORY GROUP
  - Cllrs. R. Thomas
  - H. Woolf
  
- g) PARC BRYN BACH 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. T. Gregory
  - Cllr. A. Cotton
  
- k) COMMUNITIES FIRST STRATEGY
  - Cllrs. D. W. A. Howells
  - P. Prosser
  
- l) BLAENAU GWENT JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE
  - Cllrs. M. Cross – Leader
  - H. Trollope – Mayor
  - M. W. O’Sullivan
  - B. Willis
  - The Clerk

m) TREDEGAR CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

Cllr. R. W. Thomas

n) TREDEGAR BUSINESS FORUM

Cllrs. H. Trollope  
B. Willis

o) BLAENAU GWENT REGENERATION FORUM

Cllr. J. Morgan

p) BLAENAU GWENT HERITAGE FORUM

Cllrs. P. Prosser  
B. Willis

q) PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

r) HARPS

J. Morgan

**22) TO AGREE THE PRESENTATION OF THE ANEURIN BEVAN PRIZE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH TREDEGAR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL.**

Agreed a prize of £100 to the Tredegar pupil with the highest marks going on to read Medicine.

**23) TO CONFIRM THE PATTERN AND TIMINGS OF MEETING OF COUNCIL.**

It was agreed to continue the previous patterns and timings.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 6.30 pm and flowers were presented to Mrs Jean Gregory, the Mayor's Consort, Cllr. Andrea Williams the outgoing Mayor and also to Cllr. Sandra Trollope.

The Mayor, Councillor Haydn Trollope, then invited everyone to join him in refreshments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Town Mayor