# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday 4th April 2012 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present: Councillors B Willis**
**M Cross**
**A Tippings**
**H Trollope**
**R W Thomas**
**G. Bowen-Knight**
**K. Hayden**
**D. Howells**
**P. Prosser**
**G. Woolf**
**H. Woolf**
**A. Cotton**
**J. Morgan**
**M. O'Sullivan**
**G. Rowberry**
**D. Rowberry**
**S. Trollope**

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

**291) Apologies: Cllr T. Gregory**

**Prior to the Meeting a minutes silence was held in memory of Mr. John Waters former Councillor and Mayor of the Town on two occasions in 1986/87 and 1991/92. Members spoke warmly of the man who had been loyal and regular attender at Council and a long serving member of the Moose, and of his family Sian and Johanna who had always supported him.**

**292) To receive applications for Cultural/Sporting Grants**
**NB. As of April 2012 the Cultural & Sporting grants offered have increased to £200.00.**

Tredegar Amateur Boxing Club – **a grant of £200.00 was recommended.**
Tredegar Angling Club – **a grant of £200.00 was recommended.**

The Clerk was asked to check the status of the application by Tredegar Junior Football Club.

**<u>Grants to Churches and Chapels</u>**
No requests received.

**293) Planning**
**a) to consider an Officer's Report** – None Received

**b) to consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations-** None Received

**c) to consider other planning matters** – None Received.

**294) Correspondence**

1) BGCBC (a) Yvonne Tovey Re Consultation with JCLC – details of the Bedwellty Park expenditure.

**Received. It was noted by Members that this was just a very general overview and it was agreed that the RFO should seek more specific details.**

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

(b) Alyson Tippings, Tourism - Looking for information on public events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in the area.

**Received. It was agreed that Members should pass on any information directly.**

(c) Notice of Elections for 3rd May 2012 – displayed in notice board.

**Received. It was noted that there would be no election for the Town Council and that Councillors Keith Hayden and G. Woolf were standing down and would be replaced.**

***Cllrs. H. Trollope, D. Rowberry and B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.***

(d) (i) List of licensing applications week ending 16.3.12.
(ii) List of licensing applications week ending 23.3.12.

**Received.**

2) One Voice Wales

(a) Renewal notice for annual membership subscription 2012/13 £1785.

**Received. It was agreed unanimously to renew the subscription.**

(b) Copy of the Shared Purpose Shared Delivery Consultation and the response sent on behalf of the sector by One Voice Wales.

**Received.**

(c) Illegal Money Lending Unit Update.

**Received. It was agreed to advertise the work of the unit. Also the work of the Credit Union – currently using bases in Waundeg and Sirhowy - was brought to Members attention.**

(d) Spring 2012 edition of the Voice. Also news that they will be organising post-election training – specific requests to Paul Egan. Training needs survey coming out later.

**Received.**

3) Torfaen County Association of Local Councils

(a) The servicing and related costs of the Gwent Valleys One Voice Partnership is currently borne by TCALC and its structure including its resourcing is to be changed. Therefore they are contacting all Blaenau Gwent Councils to ask whether they wish to take over the servicing of the Committee or whether One Voice Wales should be asked to do it as it does for other area committees.

(b) R. Tucker Re:Gwent One Voice meeting – apologies to members who turned up for last night's meeting, venue & date were agreed at last meeting but Angela has been on holidays so was not aware of the meeting. Any future queries should be directed to Paul Egan who has taken on the servicing of the Committee role.

**Received. Both items taken together.**

4) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

(a) Following liaison meeting with Town & Community Councils Focused workshop arranged to determine any training required regarding process of determining planning applications

(b) Community Council Charter and Action Plan – copy of the information discussed at the meeting on 24.3.12 and invite to those unable to attend to submit their contributions to the discussed items by 1.5.12.

**Received.**

5) Michael Morgan Gwent Defibbers – Have secured funding from WAG to purchase 2 external defibs for Tredegar and training will be carried out by the ambulance service on 25.4.12 at Bedwellty House. The defibs will be sited at Wetherspoons and BETFRED so that the whole town will be covered. Requesting Council's support for this new project and inviting the Mayor to attend the training session on 25.4.12.

**Received. Members supported this project wholeheartedly and it was felt that there needed to be widespread advertising of the location of the defibrillators.**

6) Mr Goodwin Thank you for the offer of a Civic Award but feels there are far more people more worthy of the award therefore wishes to decline Council's most generous offer.

**Received, with disappointment.**

7) T. Hopkins Copy of the valuation for the replacement of the Tredegar Trophy £35,000.

**Received. It was agreed that the RFO should check the costings of insurance for the trophy.**

8) Civic Trust for Wales Open Doors registration 2012 (form downloaded to shared docs.).

**Received – to Events Committee.**

9) Superact Bandstand Marathon 9th September 2012 1pm to 5pm – live music events being held in bandstands on the same day, the event is now in its 5th year and aim to run over 500 events at the same time on the same day. Offering various packages for Local Authorities to participate.

**It was agreed to liaise with the Manager of the House and Park to see if she had any events planned. – to Events Committee.**

10) Royal Mail Notification that as of 30.4.12 the cost of postage will be increasing – 46p 1st class instead of 39p, 33p 2nd class instead of 28p.

**Received. It was noted that although some Members might be able to receive information electronically it was felt that as a Town council we should "do our bit" to secure the jobs of the local postal staff.**

11) Communicorp Local councils Update Issue 149 – March 2012 NB Information that no pay offer is to be made to local government employees for 2012/13 (third consecutive year of pay freeze).

**Received.**

**295) PUBLICATIONS**

Falcon Distribution details of a Courier and removal Service based in Cwm; BGCBC Road works report week ending 30.3.12; BGCBC Connect Magazine Spring 2012; BGCBC Road works report

week ending 6.4.12; Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council News Bulletin March/April 2012 Issue 11; Diamond Jubilee Mementoes leaflet; BBNPA Link for next agenda.
**Available for all Members**

**296) AGENDA**
Executive Committee Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 11am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale – Item No. 11.01 report & Item No. 7.03 report; Audit Committee Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale – Item No. 8 report & Item No. 12 report; Licensing Committee Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 11am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Planning Committee Thursday 5th April 2012 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale – CANCELLED; GAVO Blaenau Gwent Voluntary Sector Forum Tuesday 24.4.12 at 9.30am Newtown Community Centre, Ebbw Vale; Executive Committee Wednesday 11th April 2012 at 11am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale.
**Available for all Members**

**297) To agree stewards for the French visit to the Town Clock on Saturday 14th April 2012. Update of arrangements for the Civic Visit.**
Details of the arrangements for Saturday were relayed by the Clerk, with Caitlin playing the harp and singing and the Welsh Folk Dance Team from Bryn Bach Primary School performing for the French visitors. It was agreed that the Clock should be opened from 10am until 11.45 and then after the Civic Presentation for a short time. Cllr. A. Cotton offered his apologies and Cllrs H. Woolf, O'Sullivan and Prosser agreed to be stewards, together with the Clerk and her partner there would be sufficient to man the Clock.
It was agreed to present the performers with Town Council kit bags and each person with a certificate for climbing the Clock.

**298) Matters concerning Bedwellty House and Park**
1) It was noted that War Memorials in other towns had been cleaned and that we should try to find out who had paid for them. It was noted that there had been further correspondence in the local press relating to the War Memorial and it was agreed to issue a press statement detailing progress. The tarmac around the War Memorial which was in a poor state had already been inspected by the Borough who had accepted liability for its repair.
2) A Borough Member brought to the attention of the Council the fact that the Borough was seeking information about areas that had a high incidence of dog fouling and was asking people to supply them with details.
3) A member had been approached by a member of the public complaining about the lack of bins in town. In fact there are 12 between the Park Gates and In Trim and only three throughout town. It was mentioned that there had been a fire issue with bins in the past. There was also due to be a "walk through" of town with Borough Councillors and the Town Centre Manager.

**299) Matters of Local Interest and concern.**
**Thanks were expressed to Councillor H. Woolf and Deputy Mayor Andrew Cotton for the amount of effort they had put in to the Walk for Life. The Deputy Leader detailed the story of a lady that she had met at the Park who had travelled from Hay on Wye. It was suggested too that next year people who were walking in memory of lost friends or relatives might bring a picture with them on the day.**
**Following this discussion it was remembered that the new hospital in Ebbw Vale was reported as having a docking station where mobile dialysis units could be used. To date it was noted that**

**this had not happened. It was further noted that patients at the hospital were being taken to Nevill Hall for many different treatments. It was agreed to write to Mrs. Bobby Bolt asking for an update on facilities at the new hospital.**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.55pm. The Mayor invited all those present to join him at the Presentation Evening which followed in the Carriage Room.**

**_____ Chair.**