TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Civic Committee of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday 4th January 2012 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors B Willis
M. Cross
A Tippings
T. Gregory
R. Thomas
D. Howells
M. O'Sullivan
K. Hayden
H Trollope
S. Trollope

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

197) Apologies Cllrs G. Bowen-Knight, P. Prosser and J. Morgan

198) To receive applications for Cultural/Sporting Grants (under the provision of the Local Govt. Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976 s.19
Tredegar RFC – having noted the fact that the Club had previously been styled as "Starlight t/a" It was agreed to contact the Club and invite them to meet with Council.

Grants to Churches and Chapels No grant requests received.

***Cllrs Willis and H. Trollope declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon*. Cllr. M. Cross took the Chair**

199) Planning
a) To consider an Officer's Report
2011/0273 Change (part constructed) hot food takeaway to general store & change existing general store to hot food takeaway, Land at Ysgurbowen, Sirhowy, Tredegar – Recommending permission is granted.
Noted

Appeals update
Appeal 515355 Urgent works notice to listed building, Tredegar Co. Shop, Shop Row – Verbal update at Committee
Noted, it was agreed to agenda this matter for discussion at the next Consultation Meeting between the Borough and the JCLC.

List of Delegated items determined between 19th November 2011 and 14th December 2011.
2011/0314 Inset roof terrace with associated balustrade, Poplar Heights, Gladstone Place, Tredegar - approved.
Noted

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

App No	Applicant	Proposal
2011/0374	Mr D Steed 2 Garnlydan Farm Llangynidr Road, Ebbw Vale	New dwelling – retaining wall design & garage land at The Nook, Harford Street, Tredegar

No Objections

2011/0373	Mr V Thomas Ex Plymouth Arms Merthyr Road, Tredegar	Garden land for residential use, renewal of current approval 2009/0106, land adjacent to The Ex Plymouth Arms, Merthyr Road

No Objections

c) To consider other planning matters – there were none.

Cllr. Willis then re-took the Chair.

200) Correspondence

Cllr. A. Tippings declared an interest in item 1(a) and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.

1) BGCBC (a) "Make yourself heard days" being held at Abertillery Library 10.1.12, Tredegar Library & Ebbw Vale Learning Action Centre 11.1.12, Brynmawr Library 12.1.12. Chance for people to suggest Welsh hidden gems to promote to visitors.

Received, Members were encouraged to attend and put forward their suggestions.

(b) LDP 2006-2021 update (6) December 2011.

Received

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

(c) List of Licensing Applications, week ending 18.12.11

Received

2) A. Tippings Amendments to War Memorial update for website – copied for all Members.

Received – Thanks were expressed to Councillors and the Clerk for the way this matter had been dealt with. It was agreed to make copies available and to send an update to the Royal British Legion (Tredegar) Branch.

3) T. Hopkins If we email times/dates he will be happy to present the Cup to Council.

Received. It was agreed that the RFO should check the insurance implications of housing the Cup be checked prior to a presentation being agreed.

4) Tredegar Heritage Group

Holding a week long "Tredegar Heritage Festival" during April 2012 to fulfil some of the group's stated objectives. Seeking help and support in developing a programme of events and/or providing venues.

Received. Members were invited to put forward suggestions and invite organisations to attend. It was noted that a further meeting with the WAG Heritage Minister was scheduled and that there had been no invite to Council or Mayor. It was agreed to approach the Heritage Group.

5) Historical Promotions & Event Management
Offering Historical, Cultural, Diamond Jubilee & Olympic themed entertainment for events during 2012.

Received. It was noted that this company also supplied equipment etc for Armed Forces Day and other military themed events. It was agreed to contact with regard to available equipment and to forward to Events. A further company was also suggested.

6) Alzheimers Society Flyer for the Carers Information & Support Programme event being run over 4 consecutive weeks at Ysbytyr Tri Chwm Hospital starting 21.2.12. It's a free event which is open to carers of people diagnosed with dementia within the last 2 years. Registration essential as limited places.

Received. It was agreed to post this information to the web-site.

201) PUBLICATIONS

Ashwood January 2012 sale leaflet; BGCBC road works report week ending 6.1.12; Ville D'Orvault Le Cens Pratique No. 131 January 2012 & Orvault ma Ville Jan-March 2012.

Available for all Members

202) AGENDA

Social Care & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee Monday 9th January 2012 at 3pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale.

Available for all Members

203) To submit questions to be put to Chief Inspector Marc Budden at the meeting on Wednesday 1st February 2012.

204) Replacement on the Business Forum

It was agreed to write to all Members to seek a volunteer.

205) Matters concerning Bedwellty House and Park

1) Members were informed that this is the 100th Anniversary of the handover of the Bandstand. The actual date of Sunday 3rd June had already been suggested as the start date for the Annual Concerts – it was agreed to contact the Town Band to open the Concert. It was suggested to hold an exhibition of the history of the Bandstand and the Band and to contact the House Manager to co-ordinate. It was further agreed to book all Sundays in June and July and to check the date of the Queens Jubilee.

2) Updates were requested on the state of the ponds and fountains.

3) Members were concerned at the lack of fencing near the Hospital near Market Street and it was further noted that in this area, quite close to the small children's play area, a quantity of cannabis had been retrieved by one of the local Neighbourhood Police Officers in the presence of the Mayor. It was agreed to contact House Management regarding security in this area.

206) Matters of Local Interest and concern (by prior notice)
1) Members noted that the Quiz Wizards programme was to start shortly.
2) It was noted that the Welsh Government were about to begin a consultation exercise regarding the proposed organ donation scheme and with the close links between the Town Council and Kidney research Wales it was agreed that Town Council should formulate a response.
3) Bryn Bach School – a Governor of the school informed Members that it was rumoured that the speed bumps outside the school were going to be removed and that the Governors had not been informed. It was further noted that planning notices had been posted to reduce the speed around the school to 20mph. It was agreed to write to confirm.
4) A Member brought up the condition of the wall opposite Mydriam Place, overlooking Mechanic Square. It was agreed that a physical inspection should be made by Borough Members and appropriate action taken.
5) Thanks were expressed to all those who had taken part in the Mayor's Christmas visits – it was noted that the visit to Llys Glyncoed in Ebbw Vale, where many residents from Cartef Aneurin Bevan had been relocated, was very well received. Apologies from Cllr. O'Sullivan were noted. It was agreed to write to the local press thanking all those who took part with special thanks to Mr Tony Cowdell, The Youth Café, Town Band and Elite Travel. It was suggested that next year the Orpheus be approached to send along members to boost the singing and to include Peacehaven. It was agreed to agenda these items for the Events Committee.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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