TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 13th July, 2016 at 6.00 p.m. (6.10 p.m. start)

Present: **Councillors** **T. Smith (CHAIR)**
A.E. Tippings
D.W.A. Howells
P. Prosser
D. Rowberry
H. Trollope
S. Trollope
R. Thomas
B. Willis

In Attendance: **Town Clerk – Mrs. C. Price**

079) Apologies. **Councillors J. Thomas, O. Price, G. Bowen-Knight, S. Baker, G. Meredith, J.C. Morgan, M. Turner and R. Watkins**

080) Declarations of Interest.
The Chair reminded Members to make their declarations as and when necessary.

081) To receive Conference feedback in respect of:
Society of Local Council Clerks in association with One Voice Wales, Wales Training Seminar 2016 - Liberty Stadium, Swansea - 22nd June, 2016.
Members noted the report circulated, which was considered comprehensive feedback in respect of the Conference.

082) Christmas Lighting: to make progress.
Three providers had been invited to tender:

- Blachere Illuminations
- City Illuminations
- LITE Limited

A Member said that the providers had been asked to furnish the Town Council with appropriate information, such as emergency repairs, sub-contractor details, etc. He said that the Shopping Centre Manager had requested the information of the successful tender provider, once approved.

It was agreed that a Sub-Committee be held to consider the quotes and approved that plenary powers be delegated to that Sub-Committee in order to proceed.

083) Defibrillators: to receive update.
The defibrillators had arrived and were currently stored with Tredegar Town Council. The RFO had contacted the Schools; the school term would close imminently and it was therefore agreed that the training by the Ambulance Service be provided September 2016.

084) Grants:
Councillors P. Prosser and B Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.

Thanks from Shelter Cymru and completed end of grant forms from Tredegar History and Archive Society, Ystad Deri Community Centre, Vale View Allotments and Georgetown District Community Association.

- ***Receive a verbal report from the Civic Sub-Committee that met prior to this meeting.***
  The following recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee were reported to the Civic Meeting of Council for consideration:

  - Tredegar Leisure Centre Members' Fund – recommend a donation of £100.00 (£50.00 to each group, i.e. Decoupage and Parchment): Approved under Section 9 'Miscellaneous Provision'.
  - CHAD (The Centre for the Help and Advice for the Disabled) – recommend a grant of £200.00: Approved.
  - Sirhowy Valley Woodlands Group – recommend a grant of £200.00: Approved.

a) To receive and consider grants to Sporting and Cultural organisations.
Tredegar History and Archive Society – request for financial assistance to assist with the running costs, such as the purchase of ink, paper and room hire. Previous – 2015/2016 July 2015 CHQ No. 221 £200.00.
– Approved £200.00.
Tredegar Town U19s Football – Request for financial assistance to assist with the running costs of the club; match costs are approximately £100.00 Previous – 2015/2016 July 2015 CHQ No. 221 £200.00.
– Approved £100.00.

b) To receive and consider grants to Churches & Chapels (s.137).
None received.

Councillors D. Rowberry and B Willis declared an interest in the following items and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.
085) Planning:
a) To consider an Officer's Report (if received).
Planning Appeal Update: Land adjacent to No. 3 Aneurin Rise, Tredegar C/2015/0284 – decision of Planning Inspectorate, appeal allowed and planning permission granted.
List of Delegated Items determined between 21st March, 2016 and 17th June, 2016:

- C/2016/0101 Two detached dwellings and garages (outline), land at Coed Hirgan Farm, Dukestown – *Refused*.
- C/2016/0128 Two storey rear extension, 32 Pochin Crescent, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0088 Change of use from B2/B8 to D2 Gym, Unit 4 Bridge Street Industrial Estate, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0077 Commemorative bench on an existing concrete base, land adjacent to 9 Peacehaven, Tredegar – *Approved*.

- C/2016/0103 Commemorative bench, community garden, Beaufort Road, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2015/0431 Two storey dormer style dwelling and detached garage, land rear of Willow Court, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0043 Change of use from a retail shop to mixed use including; beauty, tanning, semi-permanent makeup, tattoo and permanent makeup removal, body piercing and I.P.L. machine (Retention), Studio 9 Advance Treatments, 10 Commercial Street, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0049 Single storey side/rear extension, kitchen/dining room extension, 4 Marian Close, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0096 Proposed garage, 91A Charles Street, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0027 Construction of two detached residential properties with individual detached garages and associated access drive from Marian Close (revised scheme), land at Marian Close, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0121 Two storey rear extension, 28 Bethel Avenue, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0107 Change of use of first floor space from A1 retail to sui generis for beauty treatments such as nail painting, eyebrow waxing and pedicures (Retention), The Sun Shop, 99 Commercial Street, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0060 Refurbishment of abandoned 19th Century Farmhouse into a single dwelling with residential curtilage, car parking and erection of garden store, Ty Morgan Howell Farm, Golwg y Mynydd, Tredegar – Members were informed that the planning application had now been *withdrawn*.
- C/2016/0078 Retention of change of use from vacant land to residential curtilage and hardstand, land adjoining 12 Gainsborough Road, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0001 Two storey detached house and detached garage, Plot 3 Mount Pleasant View, Georgetown, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0066 Change of use to A3 with ancillary function room to provide baking workshops and change decorating classes, 20 Castle Street, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0150 Application for a non-material amendment of planning permission C/2010/0172, Trehafod, Railway View, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- C/2016/0069 New garage to rear garden, 80 Ashvale, Tredegar – *Approved*.
- **Planning Applications Report:**
- C/2016/0145 Change of use from A1 to D2 use class, Unit 28a Gwent Shopping Centre, Tredegar – Recommendation planning permission is *refused*.
- C/2016/0047 Outline planning permission for one dwelling, land adjacent to Spiral Bungalow, Dukestown Road, Tredegar - Recommendation planning permission is *granted* subject to conditions.

b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any.

None received

c) To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations.

App No	Applicant	Proposal
C/2016/0177	Mr. G. Thomas Aneurin Bevan House Time Banking Wales 40 Castle Street Tredegar	Renovation and improvements, including a new shop front and alterations to windows, 10 The Circle.
- No objections		
C/2016/0189	Mr. C. Byrom 4 Castle Mews	Single storey bathroom / kitchen extension,

	Castle Street Tredegar	99 Glyn Terrace.

- No objections

C/2016/0196	Mr. R. Thomson Newton Heath Nine Arches, Penybont Tredegar	Retention of three existing CCTV cameras and one proposed CCTV camera – Newton Heath, Nine Arches, Penybont.

- No objections, subject to the applicant complying with the planning conditions.

C/2016/0202	Mr. F. Sexton 2 Sirhowy Houses Dukestown Road Tredegar	Two detached houses, land adjoining 2 Sirhowy Houses, Dukestown Road.

- No objections

d) To consider other planning matters.

None received.

086) Correspondence.

1) BGCBC

a) Deighton Fields:-

i) M. Howland – signed licence returned.

ii) Copies of emails sent between Emma Jones (Education) and Mark Howland confirming TTC have now taken on the licence for the field.

A Member noted that the grass had not been collected following cutting and was informed that grass collection was not included in the service provided. It had been agreed that a licence to occupy be sought whilst pursing the set-up of the new organisation and that the Town Council continue with the SLA in the interim.

It had also been agreed that an invitation be extended to sporting / other organisations to ascertain interest in participating in the management of Deighton Playing fields, together with the support of Tredegar Town Council; to comprise of five Town Council Members and four organisations.

Members said that the signage to the field needed to be amended to reflect the new management arrangements.

b) Public Exhibition THI / VVP Wednesday, 27th July, 2016 at The Moose Club, Tredegar between 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. - *added to website.*

A Member requested all Town Council Members to visit, as this work was undertaken liaising with County Borough Members, the Town Council and Business Forum.

c) P. Amos Re: Message from the Chief Officer.

- Noted.

Councillors D. Rowberry and B Willis declared an interest in the following items and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.

d) i) List of Licensing Applications week ending 24.06.2016
ii) List of Licensing Applications week ending 01.07.2016
iii) List of Licencing Applications week ending 08.07.2016

- Noted.

2) One Voice Wales

a) Mark Drakeford sets out his plans for Welsh tax powers.

- Noted; Councillor H. Trollope to monitor.

b) Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth 13.03.2017.

- Noted; to be considered at next meeting of Council.

c) Written statement by Welsh Government – Collection and Management of Devolved Taxes - Received.

d) Consultation on draft Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment, closing date for comments 03.10.2016.
http://gov.wales/consultations/planning/proposed-technical-advice-note-24-the-historic-environment/?skip=1&lang=cy - Received.

e) Good Practice Exchange Open Data Event 10th August, 2016 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon at Wales Audit Office, Cardiff - Received.

f) Save the Date: Sustaining Welsh Communities 26.09.2016 at Greenmeadow Golf Club, Cwmbran - Received.

g) i) Public appointments: Appointment of Vice Chairs and Independent Members to NHS Wales – closing date 05.08.2016, remunerated roles.
ii) Public appointments opportunity – Members to the Building Regulations Advisory Council for Wales, Closing date for applications 18.07.2016. (No remuneration; can claim travel).

- Received.

h) Public Services Staff Commission Annual Report available at
http://publicservicesstaffcommission.gov.wales/guidance-and-reports/annual-report-2016?lang=en - Received.

i) Redesigning public services: The strategic importance of digital. Seminar is on Tuesday, 13th September, 2016 at

Swalec Stadium, Cardiff, 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Booking essential - Received.

j) Revised Financial Regulations – *document with Annette for review* - Received.

3) SLCC

Link to presentations made at the joint SLCC/OVW Conference - Received.

4) Ramblers Cymru

Introduction from Rebecca Brough and link to a guide to public paths for members of town and community councils to help explain the powers and impact councils can have on the local network.
http://www.ramblers.org.uk/pathsforpeople - Received.

Councillor B Willis declared an interest in the following items and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.

5) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

a) Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes, consultation period 23.06.2016 to 18.08.2016 – *forwarded to Cllr Price* – Noted.

b) Sustainable Development Fund – grant fund designed to support projects to develop and test ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in the National Park. Guidelines and expression of interest form – Noted.

c) Agenda Audit and Scrutiny Committee Friday, 15th July, 2016 at 10.00 a.m. Conference Room, Plas Y Ffynnon, Cambrian Way, Brecon - *forwarded to Cllr Price* – Noted.

d) Brecon Beacons Tourism - Would you like to become a Brecon Beacons Ambassador? Training taking place in September – Noted.

e) i) Weekly list of planning applications, 17.06.2016 – *forwarded to Cllr Price.*

ii) Weekly list of planning application, 24th June, 2016 – *forwarded to Cllr Price.*
iii) Weekly list of Planning Applications, date 1st July, 2016 - *forwarded to Cllr Price*

– Noted.

6) Armed Forces Day:

a) Change Step - Thanks for assistance and professionalism shown to them at AFD helping them to raise their profile. Thanks for being nominated as charity of the day.

It was agreed that Tredegar Town Council would add any shortfall to monies raised at the Armed Forces Day event in order that a donation of £1,000.00 be awarded to Change Step.

Councillor R. Thomas left the meeting at this juncture.

b) Brynmawr Town Council Mayor - Congratulations on the successful Armed Forces Day event and thank you for the invitation – Noted.

c) P. Morgan Jones – Thanks appreciated and Forum was very pleased to participate in an event which brought much credit to the town – Noted.

Members were informed that a link had been placed on the Town Council website in respect of thank you letters received. Following a brief discussion in respect of the suitability of the date each year, it was agreed that the Royal Welsh be contacted for alternative dates and an appropriate name for the event in support of the Armed Forces, possibly late July.

Councillor R. Thomas re-joined the meeting at this juncture.

7) GAVO

a) Nomination categories for the 2016 GAVO Awards and asking whether Council wishes to sponsor an award again this year.

– Noted; Members suggested more notice was required in respect of both submitting nominations and of the Awards Ceremony. It was agreed that previous nominees be presented for consideration.

b) Third Sector Scheme – seeking representatives to sit on the Third Sector Committee in Blaenau Gwent, closing date for applications 15.07.2016 - Received.

c) Direction of travel – Have your say on the PCCs Vision for Policing and Community Safety, comments to be submitted to maria.chapman@gwent.pnn.police.uk or by writing to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent - Received.

8) Gwent Police

Invitation to Chair and two representatives to attend a meeting with Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, on 7th September, 2016 at 6.00 p.m. Forgeside Community Centre, Coity Terrace, Blaenavon. **RSVP by 29.07.2016**

Members were informed that the new Inspector covering the Tredegar area wished to promote the Crime Prevention Panel and requested that representatives attend meetings regularly.

9) Kidney Wales Foundation

Thanks for support, request for photos and donations to be sent in as soon as possible. Two complimentary tickets will be issued for the Ambassador's Dinner Thursday, 27th October, 2016 at Marriott Hotel Cardiff, must contact them to accept the complimentary tickets.

It was agreed that the Mayor and Consort be offered the

opportunity to attend.

10) M. Gregory — Asking for assistance with an issue regarding ownership of a grave plot in Cefn Golau cemetery and fees.

A number of Members had received this correspondence, which had been passed to the relevant Executive Member at BGCBC to be resolved; it was understood that the author had been invited to attend a meeting to discuss the issue. The Town Council sympathised with this difficult situation, however it was recognised this was the remit of the County Borough Council.

11) Ombudsman — Annual Report 2015/2016 - Received.

12) R. Trimm
a) Tredegar Forum meeting 12.00 noon on 15.07.2016 at Moose Hall, Tredegar - Received.
b) Space Saviours Surveys – asking for feedback before it ends in December 2016 - Received.

13) R. Taylor-Davies
a) The Valleys that Changed the World – meeting 14th September, 2016 at 10.30 a.m. - Received.
b) Opportunity at the Eisteddfod for Valleys that Changed the World partners – looking for volunteers to staff the stand between 29th July and 6th August at Abergavenny - Received.

14) **PUBLICATIONS**
BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 01.07.16, 08.07.16 & 15.07.16.; LITE festive illuminations catalogue; Parker Wholesale catalogue Autumn 2016; Ville D'Orvault Orvault & Co July/August 2016 issue 06; Communicorp Clerks & Councils Direct July 2016 Issue 106; Brecon Beacons Sustainable Destination Partnership Newsletter July 2016; Communicorp Local Councils update July 2016 Issue 197 - Received.

15) **AGENDA**
General Licensing Committee Tuesday, 5th July, 2016 – POSTPONED; Special Audit Committee Tuesday, 28th June, 2016 at 9.30 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; General Licensing Committee now re-arranged to Tuesday, 19th July, 2016 at 10.45 a.m.; Advance notice of Statutory Licensing Committee Tuesday, 19th July, 2016 at 10.00 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee Monday, 11th July, 2016 at 10.00 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Special Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee Monday, 18th July, 2016 at 2.00 p.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Executive Committee Thursday, 14th July, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Audit Committee Monday, 12th September, 2016 rescheduled to Tuesday, 27th September, 2016 at 9.30 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Education, Active Living and Learning Scrutiny Committee Wednesday, 13th July, 2016 at 2.00 p.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Education, Active Living & Learning Scrutiny Committee Wednesday, 13th July, 2016 - report for item no. 2; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Minutes of meeting held 20.05.2016 and letter from Chair Eifion Davies - Noted.

087) Updates regarding Bedwellty House and Park—any issues to have been previously reported direct to the House Management personally.

A Member referred to claims on social media of a former County Borough / Town Councillor that stated the fountain in Bedwellty Park had been vandalised; he had been given to understand that it had been broken, not vandalised, and was awaiting repair. It was agreed that Councillors T. Smith and H. Trollope would liaise with the House on this matter.

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

a) **Joint Committee of Local Councils** – meeting cancelled
b) **Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales** – no representation available to attend
c) **One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM** – Clerk to ascertain date
d) **Tredegar Twinning** – the Twinning Association had organised a barbeque, which had been held at the community centre on Saturday
e) **School Governing Bodies** – *Deighton Primary School*: Governors were extremely happy with progress at the School in respect of the way in which teachers worked with the pupils to ascertain any concerns to be addressed directly; *Bryn Bach Primary School*: unfortunately the Governors meeting had clashed with the meeting of the CLP and Members had needed to prioritise; *Glanhowy Primary School*: substantial funding had been allocated towards work with autistic children - where there had been no provision in the Tredegar area previously to meet such needs, the School were to open a new Unit in September. A Member was aware of a LEA vacancy; if any Member wished to apply Councillor Haydn Trollope would be happy to provide help and guidance in completing the application.
f) **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – no meeting
g) **Tredegar / Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel** – as requested by the new Inspector, the Town Council representatives were reminded that regular attendance was needed
h) **Tredegar Business Forum** – the invitation had been passed to the Mayor to attend
i) **VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative** – no update available

089) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice).

- Rio Weed, grand-daughter to Tommy Weed, had been awarded Welsh Champion rhythmic gymnast, and achieved second in a competition open to contestants from across the UK; Town Council Members commended the young lady on this outstanding accomplishment.
- Since the Referendum, a spate of racial incidents had occurred – if Members were made aware of such hate crimes, these should be reported to the Leader as Equalities Champion and/or the Police.
- Improvements were needed to the area surrounding the Town Clock – the electrics needed inspecting in order to reinstate the floodlighting to the Clock face and the flooring: RFO to action.
- Members' attention was drawn to the NHS Programme featuring Councillor Phil Prosser, as a link was available on the Town Council website. Members commended Councillor Prosser on his presenting of information.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

_____ Chair