

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 16th October, 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors E. Jones (Chair)

D. Jones
T. Smith
A.E. Tippings
M. Cross
D.W.A. Howells
G. James
A. Jones
K. Phillips
D. Rowberry
J. Thomas
H. Trollope
S. Trollope
B. Willis

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Price

212) Apologies. Councillors P. Prosser, S. Rees, M. Turner

213) Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members to make their declarations as and when necessary.

214) To receive any verbal recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee and Performance Review Sub-Committee held immediately prior to this meeting

It was agreed that the following recommendations presented to the Civic Meeting of Council be approved accordingly:

Civic Sub-Committee

- Tredegar Arts: that a Special Grant of **£500.00** be awarded;
- Trefil RFC Under 7s and U10s: that a Special Grant of **£500.00** be awarded; and

Performance Review Sub-Committee

- To seek approval of Council of the Budget against Actual Figures to the 30th September, 2019.

215) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in October 2019

The RFO spoke to the report and explained that the bank reconciliations were available for Members to view.

- Attic Web – the RFO had now amended the payment method to be paid by a monthly Standing Order and the matter was now resolved.
- Additional expenditure, arising from the recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee, was approved by Council.

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, all presented items were approved for payment. Transfer of funds, as amended and approved by Council to reflect additional expenditure, would be undertaken in the presence of the appropriate Member and Town Clerk, which was noted accordingly.

The RFO left the meeting at this juncture.

216) To receive and adopt the following Minutes of Council:

- a) Events Sub-Committee - 4th September, 2019**
- b) Civic Meeting of Council - 4th September, 2019**
- c) Working Party 'Defibrillators' - 16th September, 2019**
- d) Civic Sub-Committee - 18th September, 2019**
- e) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 18th September, 2019**
- f) Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee - 26th September, 2019**

It was agreed that all Minutes presented be moved en bloc as a true record, with any matters arising to follow.

217) Matters arising from the Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council - 18th September, 2019

- Deighton playing field: feedback on event Greg Morgan
- Anniversary of Aberfan: this had been adopted as policy in a Tredegar school

Civic Meeting of Council - 4th September, 2019

- Land at Trefil - quad bikes / off-road vehicles – no response had been received to date. A Member said that the issue of off-road vehicles had been flagged by County Borough Members and raised with the National Parks Authority accordingly. Council emphasised the need to work in partnership with the Joint Task Force and agreed that an invite be extended to the Chief Executive, National Parks Authority

218) Chair to sign Minutes

Minutes approved were duly signed by the Mayor in the presence of Council.

219) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC
- a) S. Cargill Re: Deighton Playing Fields. Request to deliver a play session on Thursday, 31st October, 2019.
 - Agreed: Clerk to forward guidance that TTC ask all users to adhere to, to ensure the area is kept in a good condition for the community groups using the field.
 - b) Introduction to Planning event Monday, 11th November at 5.30 p.m. Monmouth Town Council, £35.00 per delegate.
 - Noted: forward to Planning representatives.

Councillors T. Smith and B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

- c) i) List of Licencing Applications, week ending 20.09.2019
 - 1) 10 Castle Street – New Premise LicenceList of Licencing Applications, week ending 27.09.2019
 - ii) List of Licencing Applications, week ending 04.10.2019
 - 1) Parc Bryn Bach – Vary the designated premises supervisor.
 - 2) Bush Hotel – Temporary events notice 20.10.2019.
 - 3) Queen Vic. - Vary the designated premises supervisor.
 - 4) Queen Vic. – Temporary event notice 19.10.2019.
 - 5) Red Lion – Temporary event notice 20.10.2019.
- 2) One Voice Wales
- a) One Voice Wales and VE Day 75: Request to register to participate in VE Day 75 Celebrations.
 - At the most recent Armed Forces Covenant Fund meeting; it had been noted that funding remained for events in Blaenau Gwent – any interested parties should contact the Armed Forces Officer, Lisa Rawlings to divert funding for such events.
 - b) State of the Nation report: An overview of growing older in Wales.
 - Noted: forward to Cllr J. Thomas.
 - c) Community Asset Transfer research: Survey by Welsh Government
 - Noted: forward to Cllr D. Jones.

- d) Beyond Zero Waste: Building the Truly Circular Economy conference at Principality Stadium, Cardiff in November.
- Noted: forward to Members.
- e) Understanding Welsh Places new website launched.
New Community Asset Transfer guide.
- Noted: forward to Cllrs D. Jones and K. Phillips.
- 3) Coalfields Regeneration
- 4) Cllr C Cuss
- Princetown Memorial Garden Service Saturday 9th November at 11.00 a.m. – **added to website**
- Noted; Cllrs E. Jones and H. Trollope attending.
- 5) Cllr Tippings
- Asking whether Council will consider giving a donation in lieu of flowers for Glanmor Bowen-Knight's funeral.
- Agreed: donation of £50.00 to The Hospice of the Valleys.
- 6) Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council
- Response from OVW regarding their Motion – **Forwarded to Cllr Smith**
- Noted.
- 7) Smart Money Cymru
- L. Brosnan-James wants to meet Council to provide updated information on how they can support local people.
- Noted: invite to meeting of Council.
- 8) Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
- Requesting feedback on Annual Plan for 2020-21.
- Noted.
- 9) GAVO
- Aneurin Bevan University Health Board local public meeting on the new Integrated Health & Well-being Centre Tredegar: Wednesday, 23rd October, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 pm Bedwellty House – **added to website**
- Noted.
- 10) K Preston
- Confirming Assembly visit booked for 12.11.2019 at 12.30pm Senedd.

- The following Members confirmed they wished to attend – Cllrs M. Cross, G. James, E. Jones, D. Rowberry, T. Smith, A.E. Tippings: Clerk instructed to seek tenders for transport provision.

11) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 11.10.19 & 18.10.19.

– ***distributed to Members***: Received.

12) AGENDA

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Meeting agenda 18.10.19 at 10am Tredegar Library – **available for Members**: received.

220) Planning:

a) i) **To consider an Officer's Report (if received)** - None received.

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 39.
- b) List of planning applications received in week 40.

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

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2019/ 0268	Mrs. H. James 1 Rawlinson Terrace Tredegar	Proposed garage outbuilding, 1 Rawlinson Terrace
<i>No objections</i>		
C/2019/0269	Mrs. E. Morgan 117 Vale Terrace Tredegar	Change of use from former butchers to bar restaurant with internal adaptations and 3 and external lights, 10 Castle Street.

Observations:

Planning issues were outlined: the building had only been refurbished over the last year or so, single-glazed, and had no soundproofing to roof or ceilings to reduce noise emanations; concerns were raised in respect of health and safety – in respect of disabled access and toilet for public access, and evacuation in the event of an emergency, e.g. fire, as the property had no fire escape to the rear. Members considered that all such arrangements had to be known prior to making observations to ensure such facilities would be in place.

However, a Member noted Tredegar was becoming very attractive venues to eat/drink, and the proposal as outlined, seemed positive to increase that portfolio within the town centre.

C/2019/0279 Mr. M. Evans Construction of new house, Mill
Rhydney Brewery Farm, Pochin Crescent,
Gilchrist Thomas Tredegar.
Industrial Estate
Blaenavon

No objections

C/2019/0280 Mr. D. Meehan 30MW Solar Park, access and
Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd ancillary development,
c/o agent RPS Planning Wauntysswg Farm,
& Development Abertysswg
Suite 1-2 Park House
Greyfriars Road,
Cardiff.

No objections

d) To consider other planning matters - None received.

221) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

- Attended first meeting Trefil Rugby, Shay Dunster Good Morning Britain 7.50 a.m.
- St. David's Awards - Chloe's Community Cupboard, Angel Lilly – Young People up to 19
- Armed Forces Covenant Delegate – reserve. Update: Ebbw Vale RBL announced bringing National event to Ebbw Vale in 2021. No money to upkeep their war memorial £30,000 subsidence, book TA'/Regimental in advance.
- Sirhowy Community Woodlands – sustainable base for ongoing management of the woodland, all equipment being left at Suzy's security issue, established themselves as Co. directors put forward application
- Blaenau Gwent Film Academy premiere at the Little Theatre – only one in Wales: a film adaptation of the Stephen King short story 'The Stationary Bike'
- Lighting – Bedwellty Park: visitors leaving Bedwellty House were unable to see, car owners needed to use their lights. Under health and safety by law, walkways had to be lit sufficiently for pedestrians use, as a duty of care. Clerk to raise with Aneurin Leisure Manager.
- For Members' information: The Lodge Working Party would be meeting with BG Officer, Mark Howland, on Monday at 12.00 noon.
- Credit Union – a Member suggested that Town Council could deposit funds with the Credit Union for community use and this could be agendaed for a future meeting of the Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee.
- A resident of Tredegar had experienced a terrible incident when her home had burned down. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that as this lady undertook a considerable amount of charity work in the community, Town Council would like to replace her face painting supplies, which she utilised in raising funds for charities such as Help the Heroes. Agreed: replacing of supplies to a maximum of £300.00. Members thereupon commended Chloe's Community Cupboard who had opened up their shop late that night to ensure the children had clothes and school uniforms.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

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