

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held remotely via Microsoft Teams  
on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:**                    **Councillors E. Jones (Chair)**  
                                     **D. Jones**  
                                     **T. Smith**  
                                     **A.E. Tippings**  
                                     **D.W.A. Howells**  
                                     **G. James**  
                                     **K. Phillips**  
                                     **S. Rees**  
                                     **D. Rowberry**  
                                     **J. Thomas**  
                                     **H. Trollope**  
                                     **S. Trollope**  
                                     **G. Walters**  
                                     **B. Willis**

**In attendance:**        **Clerk – Ms. C. Price**

**176) Apologies. Councillors M. Cross, A. Jones and P. Prosser**

**177) Declarations of Interest**

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

**178) To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate**

The Mayor had been contacted by the Women's Refuge to inform her contact had been made twice this month that help had been needed. She had also been contacted by an agency in Newport to inform her that someone in the locality had not eaten for four days; the agency had made the Mayor aware and she had arranged for the person to receive a food parcel for the week. A Member asked for the details, offering to help the individual also and provide assistance.

**179) To receive any verbal recommendations of all Sub-Committees / Working Party prior to this meeting:**

No Sub-Committee or Working Party meetings had been held prior to Council.

Councillor S. Rees joined the meeting at this juncture (6.40 p.m.)

## 180) Grants:

### a) To receive and consider grants to Sporting and Cultural organisations

*Councillors E. Jones and T. Smith declared an interest in the following application and took no part in discussion or voting thereon*

Sirhowy Community Centre Ltd. - Any financial assistance received would be used towards the running costs to enable them to continue to open for the community and surrounding areas i.e. food banks.

**2019/20 March'20 CQ No. 998 £200.00:** *Approved accordingly.*

**b) To receive and consider grants to Churches & Chapels (s.137) - Remains a grey area with regards to legality of financial support to religious buildings/activities – Grants as of 01.04.2017 now max £300.00** *(before awarding a grant, Council must be satisfied the grant is being given for non-religious purposes with the building being for community use)*

- None received

## 181) Correspondence

1) Welsh Government Preparation and Publication of Statutory Financial Accounts for 2020 / 2021.

- The Clerk informed Council of the expected timescales for the preparation and publication of accounts for 2020 / 2021; noted.

2) One Voice Wales HM Land Registry: Survey of Community and Town Councils in Wales, closing date 26.02.2021.

- Noted.

3) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Breast Services January 2021, fundraising campaign – added to website / Twitter.

- The publication requested help to: organise a fundraising event; help spread the word and encourage others to get involved with fundraising; take part in an ABUHB charity fundraising event.

development of a unified Breast Cancer Service on the Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr site. A Member suggested the Group could place the request in writing / complete a grant application form.

However, following a brief discussion, it was therefore agreed that Council grant a donation of £100.00.

- 4) Cllr H. Trollope CAB Blaenau Gwent January 2021 Newsletter.  
- Forward to all Members, for information.
- 5) Cymru Creations Thank you letter for the £150.00 donation.  
- Noted.
- 6) Integrated Wellbeing Network Dewis Coffee Morning 02.03.2021 via Teams – added to website.  
- Noted.
- 7) Orvault Happy New Year card.  
- Noted.

#### 8) PUBLICATIONS

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority - Personal message from Chair of Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. Recruiting a new Chief Executive – added to website; Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Vaccination Update, issue 2 & issue 3 – added to website and Twitter; IWN New Mental Wellbeing website for Gwent: Melo launch – added to website and Twitter; Armed Forces Day Supporting our Armed Forces in 2021, AFD Saturday 26.06.2021; CDLI Powys, Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Public Consultation January 2021. Six-week consultation now open on Draft Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Place Plan, closing date 09.03.2021; GAVO Census 2021 handbook; IWN Introducing Coed Lleol in Gwent, small woods Wales, Woodland wellbeing activities; Communicorp Local Councils Update Jan / Feb 2021 Issue 247 – article copied to Members  
– ***distributed to Members***: Received.

#### 9) AGENDA

None received.

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

#### 182) Planning:

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

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 02.
- b) List of planning applications received in week 03.
- c) List of planning applications received in week 04.

**b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee if any – None received.**

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

<b>App. No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
C/2021/0016	Mr. M. Haskell Malia, Reservoir Road Ebbw Vale	Construction of one two-bedroom bungalow with associated works - land off Dukestown Road
<b>No objections</b>		

**d) To consider other planning matters**

– Planning Appeal APP/X6910/D/21/3266321 garage at 51 Tynewydd:

In response to questions raised, the Clerk clarified that Council had received a notification of the appeal only; the planning application was not attached and she was therefore unable to respond on details of access. The Appeal notification was for information, with no opportunity for Council to submit comments.

**183) Updates regarding Bedwellty House and Park / Parc Bryn Bach - any issues to have been previously reported direct to the House Management / Aneurin Leisure personally**

A Member informed Council that following a meeting with the Police; action was being taken, with motorists parking on the pavement / double yellow lines in the vicinity of Parc Bryn Bach, being booked.

**184) 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** – Next meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The Leader said that Town Council had already submitted their budget in line with the Local Authority deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021, and it would be unfair on town / community councils if additional expenditure was levied.

**b) Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales** – Leader had intended to attend the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, but unfortunately had been unable due to another commitment, and had therefore submitted apologies on behalf of Town Council.

**c) One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM** – Next meeting March 2021.

**d) Tredegar Twinning** – Online meeting, with French representatives in attendance, on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February; should prove interesting – being a bilingual meeting, across two countries.

**e) Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund** – No update.

**f) School Governing Bodies** – *Deighton Primary*: the School had purchased thirty VR headsets to be used as a learning aid, which had proven a great success with pupils. A Member informed Council that there was a VR channel on YouTube, which had been established specifically as an educational tool. *Georgetown Primary*: Councillor G. Walters to attend his first meeting as School Governor on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**g) Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – Suspended until further notice. A Member informed Council of the sad news that Janet Karn's father had passed away; she would send a card and pass on the condolences of TTC accordingly.

**h) Blaenau Gwent CAB** – No meeting.

**i) Tredegar / Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel** – No meeting.

**j) Tredegar Business Forum** – No meeting.

**k) VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative** – No meeting.

## 185) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

- Dog walkers, Deighton playing field – concerns were raised in respect of individuals accessing the field and a Member suggested Council needed to assess how secure the perimeter fencing was to prevent such misuse.
- ASB, Bedwellty House / Park – a Member expressed concern that teenagers had been seen in Bedwellty Park in the afternoon drinking alcohol and taking drugs, when pensioners and young mothers were visiting the Park. Another Member said he had received a call from the PC for Central & West, in respect of issues with groups of youngsters around Tredegar, which had been reported. Police had visited the youngsters' homes and issued 'on the spot fines'; it was now the ninth day without trouble in the town. CCTV had been installed in the shopping precinct and the Shopping Precinct Manager had now received a body camera, however, he would liaise to request Police to undertake additional patrols. Clerk to write.

A Member said that youngsters had been accessing the Park using the side gate from Market Street, but had caused no problems in this surrounding area.

- Residents of Market Street and Park Row extended their thanks to the Clerk for liaising with the ABUHB on their behalf and were very pleased with the response to date.
- Silent Heroes NHS – a Member had received a request from Silent Heroes NHS; a Constitution had been compiled and the group were now looking for the use of a formal address to include within the Constitution. The Member had liaised with Senior Members who had raised no opposition and she was seeking the support of Council, which was agreed accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair