

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Ordinary Committee of Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm

**Present:**        **Councillor**    **J. Thomas**  
   **T. Smith**  
   **A. Tippings**  
   **H. Trollope**  
   **D. Rowberry**  
   **M. Cross**  
   **B. Willis**  
   **P. Prosser**  
   **R. Watkins**  
   **O. Price**

**In Attendance:**        **Ms C Keane – Town Clerk**  
   **Ms A Jones – RFO**

At the start of the Meeting the Leader, Cllr. Smith stated that there would be a new method of dealing with the Minutes from previous Meetings and that there would no longer be any “Matters Arising” instead there would be a series of action points. The Clerk would add an “Action Sheet.”

**142) Apologies.**                                **Cllrs G. Meredith, D. Howells, G. Bowen-Knight,**  
   **R. W. Thomas, S. Trollope and A. Cotton**

Members were advised that Cllr R. W. Thomas was undergoing new treatment and would be Absent for some time. It was agreed to receive his apologies. They were also informed that Cllr. M.O’Sullivan had suffered an injury and would also be absent for a while – his apologies were accepted too. Best wishes were expressed to both.

In the absence of the Mayor the Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

### **143) Declarations of Interest.**

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

### **144) Grants**

#### **a) To receive a verbal report and recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**

The verbal report of the Civic Sub-Committee was made and the recommendation was that a start-up grant in the sum of £150 made by Council, subject to the satisfactory receipt of the constitution and bank account.

This was agreed unanimously.

#### **b) Cultural and Sporting Grants (under the provision of the Local Govt. Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976 s.19 and S.137**

Shelter Cymru – A grant of £50.00 was approved

St James Church Tredegar Mothers Union – A grant of £200 was approved.

Silurion Boxing Club – A grant of £200 was approved.

Tredegar Operatic Society – A grant of £200 was approved.

Heads of the Valleys Gateway Club – A grant of £200 was approved.

Tredegar Thespian Players - A grant of £200 was approved.

### **c) Grants to Churches and Chapels**

Church of the Immaculate Conception Tredegar – A grant of £225 was approved.

### **145) Accounts: To Consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in September 2015 and to ratify additional payments made in August 2015.**

Copies of the Accounts had been distributed to all Members. The cheques and invoices having been reconciled and inspected by Members were approved. Bank reconciliations of all accounts were available to all Members for inspection.

The RFO asked Members to agree additional payments which had been made in July and the August Recess – these were agreed unanimously.

Damage had been caused to the public toilets and there was some discussion regarding this. It was agreed that the cleaner would complete a weekly report of incidents and damage to the toilets which he would then post to Council in a pre-paid envelope provided by Council for this purpose.

The Clerk informed Members that she had advised the Mayor to take the Chain to a local jewellers for inspection after he had reported some flaking of the ceramics and that the Clock motif was loose.

The RFO explained details of the Non-Domestic Grant payment that had been made and reported that there was now a complete audit trail for the payment of rates and the receipt of grant from the Borough.

The Clerk was requested to seek details of a vending machine for the toilets.

The Accounts were approved unanimously.

### **146) To consider the exclusion of the Press and public by virtue of the matters to be discussed under the provisions of the LGA 1972 Schedule 12a**

This was agreed.

### **147) To receive quotations for the remedial works to be carried out to the Town Clock surround and to agree a contractor.**

The RFO had submitted a report for Members detailing the works required on the Clock Wall and that five local contractors had been contacted to supply quotes for the work. Only three responded, two fulfilling the quote requirements and the third stating that they would recommend an alternative product be used.

Following much discussion it was agreed that the RFO would check whether any works featuring the alternative product would require Listed Buildings Consent. If this was the case then they should be asked to quote again. All three companies to be approached seeking a guarantee for the work. The results to be brought back to Council.

### **148) To re-open the Meeting to the Public.**

This was agreed.

*The RFO then withdrew.*

### **149) To receive and adopt the following Minutes of Council:**

- a) Minutes of the Events Sub Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015
- b) Minutes of the Performance Review Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015
- c) Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015.
- d) Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Events Sub Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015
- e) Minutes of the Civic Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

### **150) Matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **a) Minutes of the Events Sub-Committee Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

At this point a verbal report was made on the Events Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September with Vicki Nash and Chris Walters of Bedwellty House.

They had previously asked Council to be involved in the Switch-on event

It was agreed for the Clerk to check that there was sufficient road signs for the Xmas Lights switch on event

### **151) Chair to sign Minutes**

The Minutes were duly signed by the Deputy Mayor.

### **152) Correspondence**

#### **Action Required:-**

1) BGCBC a) L. Jones Re: DBS checks.

Received. It was noted that pre-arranged appointments for a team member to attend school/governor meetings to process DBS checks are done but for a minimum of 10 checks at a time.

b) B. Swain Re: Maintenance of Environmental Works at Tredegar Walkway – Thanks to Council for agreeing to cover maintenance costs for 5 years, attached a copy of the plans & contact Groundworks regarding the selection of the plants.

Received and noted that no plaques will be installed by any contributions will be recognised where appropriate.

2) Cllr Smith Resignation from Cllr Andrew Cotton.

Received with regret. It was agreed the Clerk is to implement required procedure.

3) One Voice Wales Performance Appraisal Training 12<sup>th</sup> October at Gelligaer Community Council £35 per delegate.

Received.

4) Cllr Prosser Nomination form for Janet Karn.

Received. It was noted with regret that Ms Karn was losing her employment due to cuts. Members agreed this was a great loss. It was agreed to send a letter to Ms Karn.

5) M .Fox Request to Council to make a collection for the refugees, she will support this project with her time.

Received. Agreed to inform Mrs Fox of the local collection centres opened by the local AM.

6) Vale View Allotments Querying why they should pay the insurance when they pay council rent.

Received. It was agreed to look into an umbrella insurance policy for the allotments.

7) Dress Code recommendations.

Received and Clerk to complete Dress Code policy as agreed.

#### **Consultations:-**

a) Welsh Government Shared Purpose: Shared Future – Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Consultation on Draft is running between 7.9.15 and 16.11.15. Four consultation events will take place during October details of which are available on the website

<http://gov.wales/consultations/people-and-communities/shared-future-shared-purpose/?status=open&lang=en>

Received and available for Members.

b) One Voice Wales i) Proposed changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 and Technical Advice Note 4: Retail Centre Development.

Received and available for Members.

ii) Consultation Event invitation – Public Sector Waste & Resource Efficiency Plan – consultation open 14.9.15 to 4.12.15.

Received and available for Members.

## **General Correspondence for Information:-**

- **Saron Church** - Service to commemorate the Welsh Guards Regiment 100 years anniversary on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 2pm Saron Congregational Church.

All Members invited to attend.

- **Gavo** - Access 4 All Forum Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at Bedwellty House between 10.30am & 1pm.

Interested Members to attend.

- **A. Davies AM** - Refugee Crisis: Donation Drop. Blaenau Gwent AM Alun Davies is organising a collection at his office, 23 Beaufort Street Brynmawr, of any clothing/food/shelter items (blankets, sleeping bags etc)/hygiene & toiletry items from anyone wishing to make a donation. The office is open between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday or contact Tel: 01495 311160 for further information. (website/noticeboard)

Agreed to forward this information to Mrs Fox in response to her correspondence. Members offered to collect donations if requested. Also agreed to add contact number to town council website.

- **One Voice Wales** –
  - i) Public appointments: Independent Chair and Independent Member to a Regulatory Board for Wales; Chair of Sport Wales.
  - ii) Landfill Disposals Tax – Publication of the Summary of Consultation Responses and Minister's Written Statement are available at <http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2015/?lang=en> and <http://gov.wales/consultations/finance/landfill-disposals-tax/?lang=en>

Received en bloc.

*Cllr Willis declared an interest in the following and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.*

- **BGCBC** - Licensing applications week ending 11.9.15.

Received.

- **Publications - Available in the Office for viewing:** BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 11.9.15; Ville D'Orvault, Orvault & Co. Sept/Oct 2015 issue 01; Ashwood Catalogue; BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 18.9.15.

Available for all Members.

- **Agenda - Available in the Office for viewing:** Democratic Services Committee Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 10am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Special Education, Active Living & Learning Scrutiny Committee Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Special Executive Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 1.30pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Social Services Scrutiny Committee Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 10.30am POSTPONED to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 10.30am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Environment, Economy & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 2pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 9.30am Tredegar Library; Joint Scrutiny Committee Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 10.30am Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Special Executive Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 1.30pm Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale.

Available for all Members.

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## **153) Planning:**

**a) To consider an Officer's Report** - Noted none received.

**b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee if any.** - Noted none received.

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

<b>App No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
2015/0322	Mr P Bevan 18 Maes Morgan, Tredegar.	Renewal of planning permission C/2010/0292 to construct a five bedroom detached house with integral garage, land formerly 4 pit houses off Thomas Ellis Way.
No objections in principle but as previously stated (2010/0292) the design and materials should reflect previous buildings onsite.		
2015/0327	Mr K Newton 47 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar.	Proposed rear garage, 47 Glyn Terrace.
No Objections.		
2015/0329	Mr J Allen, BGCBC Baldwin House Victoria Business Park Ebbw Vale.	Provision of a single storey building to accommodate community facilities and daycare with associated parking and landscaping, Former Sirhowy Infants School, Rhoslan.
No Objections.		
2015/0330	Mr A Herbert 2 Punch House Flats Tredegar.	Two storey detached house with hardstanding for 3 cars, Plot 2a Maes Morgan, Tredegar.
No Objections.		

**d) Other Planning Matters**

Noted none received.

**154) Matters of Local Interest or Concern**

Incomplete – Notes relating to these are not available.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

\_\_\_\_\_Chair