

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber,  
Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:**                    **Councillors J. Thomas (Chair)**  
                                     **H. Trollope**  
                                     **T. Smith**  
                                     **A.E. Tippings**  
                                     **T. Gregory**  
                                     **D.W.A. Howells**  
                                     **G. James**  
                                     **A. Jones**  
                                     **D. Jones**  
                                     **E. Jones**  
                                     **P. Prosser**  
                                     **D. Rowberry**  
                                     **M. Turner**  
                                     **P. Waldron**  
                                     **B. Willis**

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

**363) Apologies:**    **Councillors M. Cross, G. Meredith and S. Trollope**

**364) Declarations of Interest.**

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

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

The Mayor thereupon presented her report on recent activities:

***March***

- 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Edith Morris, Bedwellty Park Residential Home – the Mayor had visited the Home; this lady had a fantastic day and had received a telegram from the Queen to celebrate this auspicious occasion.
- St. David's Day Dinner, The Moose – a donation of £500.00 had been made to the Mayor's Appeal; the Mayor said this had been a great event and extended thanks to The Moose for their support - past, present and in the future.
- Tredfest, Finals – as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had been unavailable to attend; thanks were extended to Councillor Alyson Tippings for her help with the judging.

Councillor Tippings said that this event supported by Tredegar Town Council was well advertised with the TTC pop-up banner prominently displayed at every event. This was a well-organised event, which was well-supported, but unfortunately, it appeared by visitors outside of the Tredegar area. The Member thereupon extended congratulations to the winner and highlighted there would be a Trefest again in October.

### **366) To receive any verbal recommendations of the Events Sub-Committee held immediately prior to this meeting**

There were no recommendations arising from the Events Sub-Committee held immediately prior to the meeting; however, the Chair provided an update on events discussed at the Events Sub-Committee, as follows:

- Summer Band Concerts – to be held 27<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, with a further two dates sponsored by Aneurin Leisure. The Chair emphasised that at least two stewards were required per event from 2.00 until 5.30 p.m. – he asked that Members liaise with the Clerk to make known which events they would attend. Councillor Haydn Trollope confirmed that he would be in attendance at the Armed Forces and Aneurin Bevan Day events.
- Armed Forces Day – this was progressing although only a small number of requests had been made to date for stalls. A bouncy castle would be provided with payment from another source.
- Bevan Festival – to be held from Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018. There were a number of events proposed – Wednesday, Quiz; Thursday, Question Time; Friday, Gala Dinner; Saturday, ‘Poetry and a Pint’; Sunday, Aneurin Bevan Day (10.00-11.00 a.m. Banner parade, led by Tredegar Town Band), guest Speakers; Oratory Literacy and Art competitions, Town Band performance in Bandstand, lighting of Miners’ lamp, which would then be taken to Parliament to the residence of the Speaker of the House.

Thanks were extended to the Chair and the Events Sub-Committee for the hard work undertaken.

### **367) Grants:**

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

Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre – Any financial assistance received would go towards the costs relating to a child’s block of therapy which includes speech/language, occupational and physiotherapy therapies.

**2016/17 March’17 CQ No. 705562 £100.00 – Approved £100.00**

Tredegar Horse Show – Any financial assistance received would be used to extend this year’s show to attract more stalls and entertainment for families

**2016/17 Feb’17 CQ No. 705549 £200. 00 – Approved £200.00**

**b) To receive and consider grants to Churches & Chapels (s.137) - Grants as of 01.04.2017 now max £300.00 – None received**

### **368) Correspondence**

1) BGCBC

a) Deighton Playing Field and Sirhowy Garden 2018 SLA agreement.

- Noted.

b) A. Evans re: Civil Parking Enforcement Query. Confirming on 22.03.2018 Council approved the implementation of CPE in response to Police giving notice that they will cease to enforce traffic regulation orders from 31.12.2018.

- Noted that Police to stand down from January 2019; it was hoped that appropriate parties would work together on parking enforcement going forward. Police to provide an extended period of six months to allow local authorities to ensure Enforcement Officers were in place – some parking enforcement would remain under the remit of the Police. In response to a question raised, Council was informed that no funding would be made available by Welsh Government.

Members referred to double yellow lines in place that were no longer required and additional lines needed in other locations; it was suggested a review of parking enforcement throughout the County Borough could be undertaken to consider re-routing needed.

Another Member highlighted this was being undertaken Wales-wide and consideration was being given for local authorities to collaborate, as no monies were to be provided.

It was noted that the Gwent Police Authority were the only one still policing double yellow lines. It was proposed, therefore, that the appropriate Highways Officers of Blaenau Gwent CBC be invited to attend a meeting of Council to respond to questions raised, which was agreed accordingly.

c) C. Howell re: Tender opportunity for building contractors – THI Scheme - Property: first floor, 7 The Circle, Tredegar

- Noted; place on TTC website.

- d) Invitation to attend Universal Credit Stakeholder Event Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. at The Ballroom, Beaufort Theatre, Ebbw Vale.

- Noted; place on TTC website.

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

- e) i) List of Licensing Applications week ending 16.03.2018.

ii) List of Licensing Applications week ending 23.03.2018.

1) Z. Hughes – Personal licence

2) Vero Pizza & Pasta – Replacement premises licence

3) Vibe – Change of premise name

4) The Oak - Replacement premises licence

- Noted.

2) One Voice Wales

- a) Joint One Voice Wales and SLCC Conference 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at Llandrindod Wells, £75.00 + VAT per delegate.

- Noted; Clerk to attend.

- b) UK Government call for evidence to examine how changes to the tax system could tackle the problems associated with single use plastic waste. The call for evidence looks across the lifecycle of single use plastics to examine how the tax system or charges could reduce waste. Deadline for responses is 18.05.2018.

- Noted.

- c) Green Paper “Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People” consultation, responses by 12.06.2018.

- Noted; forward to Councillor M. Turner.

- d) OVW response to Independent Review Panel re: Community and Town Council Sector in Wales Review

- Noted.

3) Wales Audit Office                      Reminder of the Survey of all Welsh town and community councils, deadline 06.04.2018 – **forwarded to Members 22.03.2018**

- Noted.

4) Tredegar Horse Show                      Now been granted Silver Medal Status for 2019. Asking whether Council would consider sponsoring a prize again this year – **2017 Show prize sponsored £50.00**

- it was agreed that Town Council sponsor Tredegar Horse Show the sum of £50.00 in support of this annual event for 2018.

## 5) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 30.03.2018 & 06.04.2018

– **distributed to Members:** received.

## 6) AGENDA

~~Democratic Services Committee Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11am Executive Room, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale~~; Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 – Cancelled; Democratic Services Committee Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Postponed; Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee – Change of Date from 27.04.2018 to Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 2.00 p.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Special Statutory

Licensing Committee Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 at 9.55 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Special General Licensing Committee Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 at 10.15 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Democratic Services Committee Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March – reconvened to Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

**Available for Members** – received

### **For Information: Items forwarded to Members**

- One Voice Wales:

Fields in Trust: Active Spaces Grants Programme – **forwarded to online Members** - *this could be an opportunity to secure funding to place refuse bins on the Deighton playing field. It was agreed this be presented to the Tredegar Public Conveniences Sub-Committee for consideration.*

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

### **369) Planning:**

#### **a) Officers Report – Information Only**

**List of Delegated Items determined between 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018:**

**List of Delegated Items determined between 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018:**

C/2017/0100 Discharge of conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 & 15 of planning application C/2006/0027, land at Marion Close, Tredegar – *Condition Discharged*.

C/2018/0015 Retention of a garage converted to a room and garage door changed to French doors, 20 Larch Lane, Tredegar – *Approved*.

C/2018/0035 Outline permission for replacement of 2 houses with 3 new dwellings, former 23 & 24 Stocktonville, Tredegar – *Refused*.

C/2018/0024 Discharge of Conditions 8, 10, 14 & 15 of planning application C/2014/0013, former Sirhowy Infants School off Rhoslan, Tredegar – *Condition Discharged*.

C/2017/0349 Application for non-material amendment of planning permission C/2014/0013 to substitute street elevation, site cross section and site layout plans to reflect changes to finished floor levels, retaining walls, landscaping and boundary treatments, former Sirhowy Infants School off Rhoslan, Tredegar – *Approved*.

**Planning Applications Report:**

C/2017/0143 Proposed residential development (18 dwellings) with associated highways and parking provision for adjacent dwellings (Outline), land at Ashvale Sports Club, Griffiths Gardens, Tredegar – *Recommending planning permission refused*.

C/2018/0001 Partial demolition and rebuild of existing dwelling, raising of the main roof and two storey rear extension, Upper Horgan Fach Farm, Crown Avenue, Tredegar – *Recommending planning permission refused*.

- A Member said that the Leader had spoken very well on this application on behalf of Council and extended his thanks.

C/2018/0019 Retention of earthworks to re-profile land, Brynhyfryd, Trefil – *Recommending planning permission granted with conditions*.

- a Member highlighted that Town Council had requested that soil removed from the Brinore tramroad surveying mound be returned but unfortunately the Local Authority had declined to take any action. The retention of that mound had been subject to a different application which had not supported the cottage development at Little Lane due to the proximity of the Trefil landscape area. The Leader said that he had spoken as a Ward Councillor on the demolition at Crown Avenue as the cottage had historical value and the investment by the owner was welcomed.

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 11.
- b) List of planning applications received in week 12.
- c) List of planning applications received in week 13.

**b) Verbal Report of the Planning Committee – none received.**

**c) Applications**

<b>App. No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
C/2018/0087	Tai Calon Solis One Rising Sun Industrial Estate, Blaina	Outline application for construction of 8 housing units and associated parking, site adjacent to 35 Gainsborough Road, Tredegar.

**No objections**

C/2018/0089	Mr. S. Hopkins 6 Attlee Way Tredegar	Erection of two storey side extension, 6 Attlee Way.
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**No objections**

C/2018/0093	Photo-Me International 3B Blenheim Road Longmead Industrial Estate Epsom.	Installation of a modular self-service launderette facility within the demise of Ambay Service Station, Nantybwich (retrospective).
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C/2015/0350	Mr. H. Green Bedwellty Gardens Larch Lane Tredegar	Seeking approval for revised appearance re: pitch of roof and extent and position / size of dormer – Plot 13 Arches Close, Tredegar
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**No objections**

**d) Other Planning Matters -**

C/2018/0076 outline application for construction of 2 dwellings and associated car parking, adjacent to 32 Walter Conway Avenue – **wrong address, corrected to between 44 and 50 Walter Conway Avenue**

C/2018/0082 outline application for construction of single dwellings and associated parking, site adjacent to 53 Walter Conway Avenue – **wrong address, corrected to between 84 Gainsborough Road and 55 Walter Conway Avenue**

A Member said that concerns had been raised in respect of the proposed demolition of garages at the top of Attlee Way to Gainsborough Road and he would be writing to oppose this proposal due to the need of off-street parking, particularly as these garages were occupied and regularly used.

**370) Updates regarding Bedwellty House and Park - any issues to have been previously reported direct to the House Management personally**

- Park gates - a Member said he had reported the gates at the children's play area which continued to be unlocked, and expressed concern at the lack of security; Clerk to re-issue previous notification to Aneurin Leisure, as a reminder;
- Congratulations extended in respect of the St. David's Day display, which allowed visitors to scan the poetry competitors by phone to hear the children reciting.

**371) 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** – Clerk at Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council to feed back support of Tredegar Town Council to her Members.

**b) Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales** – no meeting

**c) One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM** – no meeting

**d) Tredegar Twinning** – visit from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, proposals suggested for Welsh theme for Mayor’s reception on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. A brief discussion ensued regarding the display of memorabilia. Invitation extended to Mayor and Deputy, Leader and Deputy, to attend the Annual General Meeting on the Saturday.

**e) School Governing Bodies** – *Bryn Bach Primary School*: this had been a sad meeting as the Head for the past seventeen years had tendered his resignation, as he had been successful in an appointment to an international school in Spain. Friends of Bryn Bach Primary had hosted a wonderful evening in the Carriagehouse featuring Bryn Bach Choir in a showcase evening – this had proven a great success and the Member would recommend this to other schools to present such a showcase.

*Deighton Primary School*: no meeting

*Georgetown Primary School*: the Deputy Head was leaving after being in post for some thirty years; however Members were assured the same high standards would be retained

*Glanhowy Primary School*: governor vacancy – any interested Members to contact the Clerk.

*St. Joseph's Primary School*: no meeting

- A Member congratulated all schools within Tredegar for achieving Green or Yellow status, being acknowledged as the best cluster in South East Wales.
- Ask that all Members, as school governors, submit a reminder of competition deadlines.

**f) Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** no meeting; this Forum had now reverted to a Friday morning

**g) Tredegar/Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel** – the annual general meeting was scheduled for this evening, therefore Councillors T. Smith and H. Trollope had needed to extend apologies.

**h) Tredegar Business Forum** – no meeting or invitation received

**i) VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative** – a

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

There were no matters of interest or concern received.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.54 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair