

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber,
Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 16th May, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

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

037) Apologies. **Councillor D. Jones, J. Thomas and M. Turner**

038) Declarations of Interest

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

039) Invitation extended to the Team Leader – Highways & Winter Maintenance, Nicola Davies and Lead Officer on CPE, Alun Evans (BGCBC):

To discuss highways matters and issues arising

The Clerk outlined the response of the Lead Officer on Civil Parking Enforcement, for Members' consideration.

- The Local Authority would provide any training required for the CPO Officers to issue parking tickets
- The Police now had a member of staff in post experienced in parking enforcement
- Blaenau Gwent Officers to be invited to a future meeting at the appropriate time
- Concerns raised in respect of utility companies not reinstating the highway to an acceptable standard and also the quality of highway repairs generally; agreed that the Highways Inspector be invited to attend Council

040) Grants:

The Civic Sub-Committee had met prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to consider the application of the Welsh Pony Rescue & Rehoming Charitable Trust; the recommendation of the Sub-Committee was that a **Special Grant of £300.00** be allocated. This recommendation was approved unanimously by Council.

Thanks received from Gwent Defibbers, Teenage Cancer Trust and Bobath Children's Therapy Centre – **added to website.**

a) To receive, consider and approve grants to Sporting and Cultural organisations

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of producing the two editions of their journal and their monthly talks held at Bedwellty House.

2017/18 June'17 CQ No. 616 £200.00: Approved accordingly

Oak Football Club – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of holding matches such as pitch hire, referees and new kit.

2016/17 Nov'16 CQ No. 496 £200.00: Approved accordingly

Reliance Bus Preservation Group – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the purchase of insurance for the three buses.

2017/18 June'17 CQ No. 618 £200.00: Approved accordingly

Tredegar Gardeners Club – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of having guest speakers and trips to different gardens within the National Garden Scheme.

2017/18 June'17 CQ No. 616 £200.00: Approved accordingly

Tredegar RFC Mini & Juniors – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the purchase of first aid bags and kit for the three teams.

2016/17 Nov'16 CQ No. 497 £300.00: Approved accordingly

Ystad Deri Community Centre – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of the continued repair of the guttering on the centre.

2017/18 June'17 CQ No. 623 £200.00: Approved accordingly

b) To receive, consider and approve grants to Churches and Chapels (s.137)

Tredegar Methodist Church – To assist with the costs of renewing the school/vestry room which is utilised by the community for coffee mornings, various classes such as weight watchers.

2017/18 June'17 CQ No. 624 £300.00: Approved accordingly

041) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in May 2018

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

- Town Clock planting – RFO to liaise with gardener in respect of quantity
- Town centre toilets – write to company who had provided the fobs, commending conduct; there was a £60.00 call out for re-coding of fobs, this could not be undertaken

by TTC Officers

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, all presented items were approved for payment. Transfer of funds 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.

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

- a) **Events Sub-Committee - 4th April, 2018**
- b) **Civic Meeting of Council - 4th April, 2018**
- c) **Events Sub-Committee - 16th April, 2018**
- d) **Ordinary Meeting of Council - 18th April, 2018**

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

043) Matters arising from the Minutes

Events Sub-Committee - 4th April, 2018

- Banners, Armed Forces Day and Aneurin Bevan Day – a Member applauded the officer for his initiative, but Council said that a consistent approach was needed by Council in respect of publishing and promoting events. All decisions should be directed via the Clerk for approval by full Council, other than whereby delegated powers were approved to the (four) Senior Officers.

Events Sub-Committee - 16th April, 2018

- Notify churches on route of Aneurin Bevan banner parade.

Ordinary Meeting of Council - 18th April, 2018

- Pursue update on BG Community Asset Transfer with appropriate Officer
- Gymfinity Gymnastics – tremendous achievement in America; also, congratulations to Tredegar U14s Rugby, who had won the Dragon's Plate. It was agreed that an invitation to be extended to Gymfinity Gymnastics to attend a civic reception, early evening, soft drinks and wine to be provided, and invite Mark Williams, snooker champion also. A Member suggested Council could honour Steven Jones (Marathon), who was a tremendous ambassador for Tredegar – Member to pursue relevant information.
- It was agreed that a Civic Award presentation evening be held following a meeting of Council on 6th or 20th June, 2018, as appropriate.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank Members for their support at his inauguration; Councillor Prosser for his performance; the Clerk for collecting and counting donations, to be announced on the evening; Councillor Turner for donating monies for a 'returned' raffle prize; and Councillor Smith for his help in ensuring sound equipment for the reception was set up and disassembled.

044) Chair to sign Minutes

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

045) One Voice Wales: Motions for 2018 Annual General Meeting

To propose a maximum of two motions - for debate on Saturday, 29th September, 2018 (to be submitted *no later than 12.00 noon on Thursday, 31st May, 2018*)

The following Motions were agreed accordingly:

- 'The impact of austerity is having a devastating effect on our communities. Many responsibilities and functions are being passed on to Community Councils without additional resources. We call on OVW to urge Central Government to relax its' austerity measures in order to protect public services'; and
- 'Most Community Councils in Wales have a Charter with their Unitary Authorities; however, the impact and delivery of this Charter varies greatly. We call on Conference to ask Welsh Government to enforce this Charter as part of their review of Community Councils.'

In response to concerns raised in respect of the Charter, the Leader confirmed the issue of Statute had been raised previously and OVW asked to pursue with Welsh Government accordingly.

046) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC
 - a) A. Evans & N. Davies Re: Invite to meeting. Unable to attend. Giving update.
 - Noted.
 - b) S. Cargill Re: Sirhowy Community Garden. Want to use the garden to deliver an open access play session on the morning of Friday, 1st June.
 - Clerk to liaise in respect of necessary requirements, i.e. CRB, health and safety, insurance/liability, etc., emphasise 'clean up' and not suitable for ball games due to vicinity of highway.
- Councillors T. Smith and B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.*
- c) List of Licensing Applications week ending 04.05.2018
 - i) St. Georges Church: Temporary event notice.
 - ii) Cambrian Hotel: Temporary event notice.
 - Noted.
 - d) A. Tippings Re: Community repaint project - **added to website and twitter**
 - Noted.
- 2) One Voice Wales
 - a) A guide to on One Voice Wales Services.
 - Noted.

- Deputy Leader to compile press release inviting all Merchant Navy / families to contact office if wishing to participate.

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

- 8) RPS Proposed solar park, access and ancillary development at Wauntysswg Farm, Abertysswg: Pre-application consultation.
- The Chair had written to Blaenau Gwent in support. Members requested information of community pay back on the development.
- 9) National Grid Walham to Cilfynydd Overhead Line refurbishment April update.
- Noted.
- 10) Alzheimer's Society Cymru Asking whether Council would consider organising a Memory Walk.
- Noted; enquire if annual event.
- 11) South Wales Fire & Rescue Services Headquarters Strategic Plan 2018-2023.
- Noted.
- 12) Brecon Beacons National Park Equality Act Consultation.
- Noted.

13) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 18.05.2018; Ville D'Orvault Orvault & Co. May/June 2018 Issue 17; Communicorp Clerks & Councils Direct May 2018 Issue 117 & Local Councils Update May 2018 Issue 217.

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

14) AGENDA

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Agenda for meeting Friday, 18th May, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Tredegar Library.

Available for Members – received.

047) Planning:

a) To consider an Officer's Report (if received)

- i) List of planning applications received in week 18

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

c) To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations – None received

App No	Applicant	Proposal
C/2018/0125 No objections	Mr. C. Jones 62 Whitworth Terrace Tredegar	Construction of dormer bungalow, building plot 2 rear of Queen Victoria Street.
C/2018/0133 No objections	Dr. A.U. Khan Craig-y-Nos Pochin Crescent Tredegar	First floor rear extension for bedroom / bathroom and external staircase, Craig-y-Nos. Pochin Crescent.
C/2018/0139 No objections	Mr. J. Morgan 18 St. James Park Tredegar	Refurbishment of front elevation of existing property to restore masonry features, replace windows and provide new shop front, 12 The Circle.
C/2018/0140 No objections	Mr. S. Griffiths Plot 1 Sycamore Avenue Tredegar	Refurbishment of front elevation of existing property to restore masonry features, replace windows and provide new shop front, 13 The Circle.
C/2018/0141 No objections	Claire Hiscocks 15 Southend Tredegar	Rear extensions, 15 Southend.

d) To consider other planning matters – None received

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

- IRPW 'roundtable discussion' - 18th April, 2018: feedback of Clerk
Members to liaise with RFO if wishing to claim applicable allowances
- Democratic process: recording / reporting of formal Council / Committee meetings
Following a brief discussion; Council agreed to adopt Option 2 "Retain the current protocol, but revise the methodology to capture salient points only to ensure that the agreed Council approach is implemented effectively." for a trial period of six months
- BBC 1 'BBC Wales Investigates' – drugs in Welsh towns
- Clerk to liaise with Aboricultural Officer – two ash trees cut down at right of way, Ashville, rear of Rock House.
- Sepsis Awareness – to be placed on TTC website
- Logs stolen from Bedwellty Park – referred to the Police

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.28 p.m.

Chair