

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber,
Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 4th July, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors H. Trollope (Chair)

**E. Jones
T. Smith
A.E. Tippings
D.W.A. Howells
G. James
A. Jones
D. Jones
P. Prosser
D. Rowberry
J. Thomas
M. Turner
B.G. Willis**

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

099) Apologies: Councillors S. Trollope, P. Waldron.

It was noted that, on attending a routine hospital appointment, Councillor Waldron had been informed that surgery and appropriate medical treatment would be required.

100) Declarations of Interest

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

101) To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

- The Bevan Festival – the Mayor considered this the best event he had attended as part of Tredegar Town Council – outstanding: not only the Sunday, but also Question Time, Poems & Pints, etc., which had been enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to all those that had participated, both on the Council and externally – particularly Councillors Mark Turner, Tommy Smith and Jacqueline Thomas.
- Log Cabin, Ebbw Vale – the Mayor had received an invitation to visit the log cabin – approximately forty youngsters identified as autistic within Blaenau Gwent attended, where there was even an opportunity to hand-rear chickens – an outstanding support group.

102) Grants:

Thanks from Hospice of the Valleys were noted.

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

FC Tredegar Seniors – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase additional new football equipment to offer variety in their training sessions.

2015/16 Feb'16 CQ No. 324 £200.00: Approved.

FC Tredegar Juniors – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase additional new football equipment and coach education.

No previous grant given: Umbrella-ed using FC Tredegar Seniors constitution, do have their own separate bank account to the Seniors:

Agreed that a Civic Sub-Committee be convened and the appropriate invitation be extended for representatives to attend.

Mini Movers – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase new props and equipment such as modified hobby horses and floor cushions.

2017/18 June'17 CQ No. 614 £100.00 (start up): Approved £200.00.

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

STAR – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase new cooking utensils and towards the costs of holding craft clubs/afternoon teas/lunch clubs.

2015/16 Feb'16 CQ No. 329 £200.00: Approved.

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

Sirhowy Valley Woodlands – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase woodland seed mix.

2017/18 Oct'17 CQ No. 700 £200.00: Approved.

Southend Allotment Association – Any financial assistance received would be used for the path to the apiary.

2017/18 Oct'17 CQ No. 701 £200.00: Approved.

Tredegar Junior Netball – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase more equipment.

2016/17 Dec'16 CQ No. 524 £200.00: Approved.

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

Tredegar Ladies Netball – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase training equipment and help with the associated costs of competitions

2016/17 Dec'16 CQ No. 525 £200.00: Approved.

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

None received.

103) Correspondence

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

- 1) BGCBC
- a) Consultation on the Revision of Statement of Policy on the Gambling Act 2005 – **responses by 14.09.2018.**
 - Link to be circulated to Members with possible future consideration as Agenda item.
 - b) M. Gough, Deighton School: Asking whether field can be used for parking for their #DFest event on 06.07.2018.
 - Unable to approve on health and safety grounds; Clerk to respond.

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 Licensing Applications week ending 22.06.2018
 - 1) Designated Premises Supervisor – Shandor’s Ltd.
 - ii) List of Licensing Applications week ending 29.06.2018
 - 1) P. Pikulski – Personal licence
 - 2) Railway Tavern – Change of registered address of Premises Licence Holder
 - Noted.
- 2) One Voice Wales
- a) Conference and AGM Saturday, 29th September, 2018 at Royal Welsh Showground, discount if booking made by 31.08.2018.
 - Clerk advised that, as TTC had a Motion to present, Member-attendance was required.
 - b) Module 15 Information Management: asking if any Council wishes to host this training session and associated costs.
 - Noted.
 - c) Revised Code of Practice on Workforce Matters: The Two-Tier Code Annual Monitoring Exercise.
 - Noted; Clerk to complete on behalf of TTC.
- 3) Welsh Government
- LG Partnership workshop 17.07.2018: Practical insight for CTCs and PSBs on working together to help delivery of local well-being.
 - Noted.

- 4) K. Preston A4048 Tredegar to Blackwood: Alun Davies, A.M. available 1.00 p.m. 20.07.2018 to meet.
- Agreed; Clerk to confirm.
- 5) Cllr Smith Sound Engineer for ABD: asking for approval of £210 charge from Jamie Cotton.
- Clerk to ascertain comments in respect of event; if confirmed, letter of apology to be published in same manner; and
 - Approval of payment by 'senior' Officers; ratification by Council was noted and agreed accordingly.
- 6) Letters of thanks / congratulations:
- a) L. Price: Thanks for the payment towards the recent Orvault Civic Reception.
 - b) Cllr Smith: Copy of thank you letter sent to Mrs. O'Sullivan by Cancer Research – **added to website.**
 - c) L. Jones: Congratulations for the Bevan Day event – **to be added to website.**
 - d) Gwent Defibbers: Thank you for a wonderful day on Sunday.
 - Noted.
- 7) Cllr Tippings Copy of email sent to Aneurin Leisure regarding Facebook message about the ponds.
- There were issues with the water supply throughout the Park; this was being pursued by Aneurin Leisure Trust with Blaenau Gwent CBC and passed to the Water Authority. There had been an issue with the ponds in Bedwellty Park for the past three years.
- It was agreed that a meeting be sought by TTC to advocate with relevant parties.
- 8) A. Morgan Notifying Council that Katie Howes has been picked for under v21 team representing GB in Canada.
- Clerk to email requesting further information.
- 9) P. Posada Asking Council to support him busking.
- A Member had recently spoken with the gentleman, who had experienced problems whilst busking in The Circle on a Saturday night. Police had been involved due to

concerns in respect of safety. The Clerk confirmed she had spoken with this individual and advised him to contact Blaenau Gwent with any licensing queries / applying for a permit.

10) Sirhowy Ward
Vacancy:

- a) Cllr E. Jones: Expressing an interest in the Sirhowy Ward vacancy.
- b) Cllr Smith: Cllr E. Jones' letter informing Council of her intention to resign from the Georgetown Ward if co-option to Sirhowy Ward is successful.
 - Council accepted the request of Councillor Ellen Jones to be considered for the vacancy in the Sirhowy Ward (co-option) and accepted her resignation from the Georgetown Ward accordingly; whereupon
 - The co-option to the Sirhowy Ward was approved unanimously; Clerk to undertake publishing of vacancy within the Georgetown Ward – the Officer advised this would be displayed for three weeks, as stipulated within appropriate legislation.

11) Avanti Media

BBC Wales The Hour: looking for guests for this new flagship political debate show. Abercynon Sports Centre on Monday, 16th July, 2018 from 6.00 p.m., debate topic of the NHS.

- Councillors J. Thomas and M. Turner were nominated and approved accordingly.

12) **PUBLICATIONS**

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 29.06.2018 & 06.07.2018; Communicorp Clerks & Councils Direct July 2018 Issue 118 – ***distributed to Members***: Received.

13) **AGENDA**

Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee Monday, 25th June, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Executive Wednesday, 27th June, 2018 at 9.00 a.m. Executive Room, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Democratic Services Committee Wednesday, 4th July, 2018 at 1.00 p.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee Monday, 9th July, 2018 at 9.30 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale.
Available for Members – received.

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

104) Planning:

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

List of Delegated Items determined between 17th May, 2018 and 15th June, 2018:

C/2017/0249 Reserved matters application following an outline application for site access road, site layout and all infrastructure/site landscaping, Former Pochin Works, Newport Road, Tredegar – *Approved*.

C/2018/0121 Detached garage in the rear garden, 51 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar – *Approved*.

C/2018/0110 Application for Non-Material Amendment of planning permission C/2014/0238 – Amendment required condition 7 to be reworded, Former Pochin Works site, Newport Road, Tredegar – *Approved*.

C/2018/0141 Rear extensions, 15 Southend, Tredegar – *Approved*.

C/2018/0049 Erection of 2 two-bedroom dwellings and all associated works, Former St. Joseph's School off Glandovey Terrace, Tredegar – *Approved*.

C/2018/0083 Outline application for the construction of 4 dwellings and associated parking, site adjacent to 9 Walter Conway Avenue, Tredegar - *Approved*.

C/2018/0081 Outline application for the construction of 8 dwellings and associated parking, site adjacent to 91 Gainsborough Road, Tredegar – *Approved*.

Planning Applications Report:

C/2018/0077 Outline application for construction of 2 dwellings and associated parking, site adjacent to 59 Attlee Way, Tredegar – *Recommending planning permission granted with conditions*.

C/2018/0154 Extension of existing property, Eurocaps Ltd., Crown Business Park, Tredegar – *Recommending planning permission granted with conditions*.

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 24.
b) List of planning applications received in week 25.

b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee if any

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2018/0191	Melin Homes c/o Miss L. Hallett Asbri Planning Ltd. Unit 9 Oak Tree Court, Cardiff	Construction of 26 assisted living residential units and associated works, Former Greenacres Hostel & No. 16 St. Luke's Road.

No objections; Members welcomed the development.

C/2018/0193	Mr. A. Bolton c/o Mrs. A. Dallimore C2J Architects & Town Planners Unit 1A Compass Business Park Pacific Road, Cardiff	Conversion of existing garage to a residential unit (including raising the roof to create an additional floor), 4-5 The Circle, Tredegar.
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Observations: Members opposed the development on highways grounds and loss of amenity, i.e. garage; not a suitable area for residential and concerns regarding access and problems with anti-social behaviour.

C/2018/0195 Mr. L. Phillip
Bedruthan
The Rhyd
Tredegar To erect a raised patio area and associated enclosures to the front of the dwelling, Bedruthan, The Rhyd.

No objections

C/2018/0197 Mrs. P. Miles
16 Martindale Close
Tredegar Rear extension, 16 Martindale Close.

No objections

C/2018/0199 Mr. P. Richards
67 Vale Terrace
Tredegar Domestic garage, 67 Vale Terrace.

No objections

C/2018/0201 Mrs. D. Lewis
84 Gwent Way
Tredegar Conservatory to rear building, 84 Gwent Way.

No objections

d) To consider other planning matters -

Solar Farm – not received any information; presentation required

Councillor M. Cross joined the meeting at this juncture (6.40 p.m.)

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

- Letter of congratulations to House
- Multi-agency meetings re: ponds

106) 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** – no meeting
- b) **Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales** – no meeting
- c) **One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM** – no meeting
- d) **Tredegar Twinning** – ‘Hawaiian Night’, Chepstow on 27th July, 2018
- e) **Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund** – the deadline for the next round of funding was the end of the month
- f) **School Governing Bodies**
Glanhowy Primary School: new appointment of Deputy Head, Ellen Jones (internal appointment); Matthew Oliver, KS2 Lead for the School
St. Joseph’s Primary School: a reduction in staff found to meet budget cuts through voluntary redundancy; a member of staff was put forward to receive a Civic Award, which was agreed accordingly
- g) **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – next ‘day school’ to be held in the Abertillery area, not Tredegar, on 20th October, 2018
- h) **Blaenau Gwent CAB** – no meeting

i) Tredegar / Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel – Members attended the last meeting at Hilltop Log Cabin; Councillors H. Trollope and T. Smith joined others at Ebbw Vale Police Station to assist packing promotional literature; next meeting 30th August, 2018 at the STAR Centre

j) Tredegar Business Forum – some Members expressed disappointment at the lack of support in respect of dressing shop windows – a Member pointed out concerns had been expressed that not all shops had received the notice. Members recognized the hard work undertaken by Diane and Carol but considered it unlikely this Board would be sitting for much longer. A Member had received negative comments from one gentleman from the Orpheus in respect of Town Council’s request for shop shutters to remain open. Heads of the Valleys Stationers was again commended for the window dressing; a Member commented how lovely it was and considered the Nye Bevan portrait by Tommy Weed the best she had seen. It was confirmed that the appropriate certificate and Aneurin Bevan plate be presented in recognition of this hard work.

k) VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative – to meet the following week.

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

- Drug issue in The Circle and surrounding area – incident with local pub landlord with open drug use on his premises, with patrons taking drugs at the bar (cocaine, cannabis). Agreed, Clerk to write to Police and Crime Commissioner, with a copy to the Chief Constable.
- A Member had received correspondence from Jeremy Corbyn, M.P., thanking Tredegar Town Council for the Aneurin Bevan event held Sunday, 1st July, 2018. Agreed; letter to be provided for Clerk to publicise on TTC website.
- Aneurin Bevan plaque – concerns were expressed that the plaque mounted in Charles Street was unreadable.
- It was agreed that an Events Sub-Committee be held on 11th July, 2018 at 3.00 p.m. to undertake a de-brief of events.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

_____ Chair