

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber,
Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 18th July, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors H. Trollope (Chair)

**T. Smith
A.E. Tippings
D.W.A. Howells
G. James
A. Jones
P. Prosser
S. Trollope
B.G. Willis**

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

**119) Apologies: Councillors E. Jones, M. Cross, D. Jones, D. Rowberry,
J. Thomas, M. Turner and P. Waldron**

120) Declarations of Interest

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

121) Invitation extended to the Team Leader – Highways & Winter Maintenance, Nicola Davies: to discuss highways maintenance and any issues arising

The Clerk extended the apologies of the Officer who was unable to attend due to annual leave; following discussions with appropriate Officers, the Clerk confirmed it had been agreed that the Service Manager – Community Services, Matthew Perry, and the Team Leader – Highways & Winter Maintenance, Nicola Davies, would attend the October meeting of Council. This would provide an ideal opportunity for Officers to update Members on the conclusion of the Summer programme and intended actions within the Winter Maintenance programme.

122) To receive any verbal recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee held immediately prior to this meeting

The following recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee was presented for consideration and approved accordingly.

- Sacred Spirit Spiritual Chapel - no grant could be awarded without all appropriate criteria being met and that the application be **DEFERRED**.
- FC Tredegar Juniors - unanimously agreed that a start-up grant of **£200.00** be

recommended for **APPROVAL**.

123) Grants:

- a) To receive, consider and approve grants to Sporting and Cultural organisations**
- b) To receive, consider and approve grants to Churches and Chapels (s.137)**

None received.

124) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in July and August 2018

The RFO spoke to the report and explained that the bank reconciliations were available for Members to view. The Officer sought approval for the top level to be granted delegated powers for urgent payments during the August recess, which was agreed accordingly.

- Brochure Design & Print – the RFO provided a breakdown of this expenditure and said that income would be shown at the September cycle.
- Due to the August recess, the grant recommended at the Civic Sub-Committee held immediately prior to Council, and the amended total for July, were approved and noted accordingly.

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts all other 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.

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

- a) Events Sub-Committee - 21st May, 2018**
- b) Events Sub-Committee - 6th June, 2018**
- c) Civic Meeting of Council - 6th June, 2018**
- d) Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee - 11th June, 2018 *copy to follow***
- e) Tredegar Public Facilities Sub-Committee - 20th June, 2018**
- ~~f) Heritage Sub-Committee - 20th June, 2018 (to be reconvened)~~**
- g) Performance Review Sub-Committee - 20th June, 2018**
- h) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 20th June, 2018**

It was agreed that all Minutes presented be moved en bloc as a true record – with the exception of d) which were not yet available (to be **deferred**), with any matters arising to follow.

126) Matters arising from the Minutes

Events Sub-Committee - 21st May, 2018

- Bevan Festival brochure – in response to a question raised, the Clerk confirmed that

there were a number of brochures remaining however if the brochure was completed earlier, this could be circulated more widely.

Events Sub-Committee - 6th June, 2018

- Amendments – ‘Usdo’ to read USDAW; ‘Monroe’ amended to Munro; ‘minefield’ to Milefield.

Civic Meeting of Council - 6th June, 2018

- Councillor H. Trollope had met with the Deputy House Manager and confirmed that the café had remained open until 5.00 p.m. on Sundays for the band concerts.
- War Memorial – Clerk to liaise with Dudley’s Services.

Tredegar Public Facilities Sub-Committee - 20th June, 2018

- Deighton Festival – the Mayor said this fund-raising charity event had been a great success, enjoyed by all Members who had attended.

Performance Review Sub-Committee - 20th June, 2018

- Y Cwtch – Councillors P. Prosser and S. Trollope to assist in re-organising the Cwtch during August recess. The Deputy Leader suggesting liaising with Chris Walters, requesting Aneurin Leisure for a half-day to assist with the hanging of pictures.

Ordinary Meeting of Council - 20th June, 2018

- Fly the Flag – Members emphasised the need for flags to be taken down in a timely manner to retain in good condition and avoid any damage to the front of house, particularly as this was a listed building. Fly the Red Ensign would be held Monday, 4th September, 2018; press release circulated and invitations to be sent accordingly. All Members were encouraged to attend.

A Member referred to a mention in the Armed Forces Steering Covenant Group that the TTC representative had not been present and emphasised the need for good communication to ensure a Member was in attendance.

- Deep Cleaning, Tredegar Town Centre – complaints had been received that no road-sweeper had been on hand following the deep clean and complaints regarding the mess to the shutters in the shopping centre. Clerk to write to Service Manager – Community Services, BGCBC.
- Pen Bryn Wind Farm Community Fund – Deputy Leader to send link to Clerk to forward to any Members, on request.
- Bevan Festival Window Competition – the Mayor and Leader had great pleasure in presenting a certificate and Aneurin Bevan commemorative plate to Heads of the Valley Stationers.

127) Chair to sign Minutes

Minutes to be duly signed by the Mayor in the presence of Council, following aforementioned amendments.

128) One Voice Wales: Annual General Meeting - Saturday, 29th September, 2018

The Clerk outlined the agreed Motions and said that a representative of Tredegar Town Council would be expected to attend to present on behalf of Council; Deputy Leader said she would attend, if available.

129) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC
- a) S. Cargill Re: Summer Play Programme, Thanks and appreciation for allowing them to hold the play sessions in Sirhowy again. Asking if it would be possible to attend a meeting to provide an overview to Council of their work.
- Noted; extend an invite to Council at the appropriate time.

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

- b) List of Licensing applications week ending 06.07.2018
- 1) G. Burke – Personal Licence
 - 2) Roundabout Services – Transfer premises licence.
- Noted.
- c) M. Howland Re: Consultation on Community Asset Transfer Bedwellty Bowls Club.
Comments / representation by 01.08.2018.
- Noted; Clerk to write letter in support of approval for the transfer.

- 2) One Voice Wales
- a) Welsh Government's Our Valleys Our Future: Latest engagement project being launched 09.07.2018.
- Noted; a Member informed Council that a community piano would be located at Parc Bryn Bach that weekend onwards.
- b) Is there a tree in your community you would like to champion? Nominations or Wales Tree of the Year competition closes 06.08.2018.
- Noted; Clerk to liaise with Aneurin Leisure to ascertain if any in Bedwellty Park.

- 3) Cllr H. Trollope
- Raising a query regarding Blaenau Gwent In Bloom.
- A Member expressed disappointment at the cessation of Blaenau Gwent in Bloom and suggested that Tredegar Town Council could hold an 'in Bloom' competition for 2019, which was agreed accordingly. It was suggested Council could write to the gardening club with a view to beginning April.

- 4) Civic Nominations: a) Cllr Cross - 2 nominations.
b) Cllr Smith - 1 nomination.
- Nominations supported and approved accordingly;
 - Discussion ensued regarding a local historian; nomination approved, Councillor A.E. Tippings to complete form.
- 5) GAVO Blaenau Gwent Volunteer Awards 2018
Wednesday, 26th September, 2018, further details to follow.
- Noted.
- 6) K. Price Asking how he can arrange a drinking water tap at Milefield Allotment.
- Noted; Clerk to write and refer the request to Alun Davies, A.M.
- 7) Thank you(s): a) A. Thomas thank you for the award – **added to website**
b) T. Minister extending thanks from Pony Rescue for the grant and presentation evening invite. *Also requesting any photos to be sent to them for use on their facebook page and website.*
c) R. Davies Re: Bevan Day. Congratulations on organising a splendid event – **added to website**
- Noted.
- 8) Powys County Council Powys LDP: Draft supplementary Planning Guidance consultation from 11.07.2018 to 21.08.2018.
- Noted.
- 9) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority a)
b) LDP Consultation: Delivery agreement and Review report. Public consultation from 05.07.2018 to 30.08.2018- **forwarded to Cllr Turner**
- Noted.
- 10) National Grid Walham to Cilfynydd overhead line refurbishment update July 2018.
- Noted.

11) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 13.07.18 & 19.07.18; Ville D'Orvault, Orvault & Co. July/August 2018 No. 18; Communicorp Local Councils Update July 2018 Issue 219 – ***distributed to Members***: Received.

12) AGENDA

Environment, Regeneration & Economic Development Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 12th July, 2018 at 9.30 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Agenda meeting 20th July, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Tredegar Library; Ordinary Meeting of Council Thursday, 19th July, 2018 at 10.30 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Statutory Licensing Committee Wednesday, 18th July, 2018 at 9.55 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Special General Licensing Committee Wednesday, 18th July, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Executive Wednesday, 25th July, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Executive Room, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee Monday, 23rd July, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale.

Available for Members – received.

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

130) Planning:

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

- i) None received.
- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 26.
- b) List of planning applications received in week 27.
- c) List of planning applications received in week 28.

b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/20180202	Mr. & Mrs. Taylor 10 Walnut Close Tredegar	Erection of white PVCu conservatory to rear –10 Walnut Close.
<i>No objections.</i>		
C/2018/0002	Elgin Energy Esco Ltd c/o D. Williams RPS Planning & Development Park House, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff.	Solar park including access and ancillary development, Wauntysswg Farm, Mountain Road, Cefn Gola, Tredegar.

Observations. it was noted this was being dealt with by the Welsh Assembly; however, due to the nature of the development, Members would like to make the following observations:

- Members strongly opposed the development, which would be prominent from every direction;
- Members said a development of this nature was a very complex issue and concerns of the visual impact that such a development would have on a remote, beautiful area of Tredegar;
- No information had been received on how this would look visually and how the glare would impact on residents and road users;

- Concerns were also raised in relation to the siting in relation to Cefn Golau cemetery as an ancient monument;
- There were also issues in respect of how damaged panels could be disposed of safely;
- Finally, development could impact on the business of the local public house

d) Other Planning Matters

None received.

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

- Charity Event for Autism, Saturday, 28th July, 2018 to be held at Tredegar Rugby Club – the Mayor encouraged Members to attend and support what he was sure would be a most enjoyable event.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.18 p.m.

_____ Chair