

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber,
Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 17th October, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

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

208) Apologies: Councillors S. Rees, B.G. Willis

209) Declarations of Interest

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

210) Invitation extended to the Service Manager – Community Services, Matthew Perry, and the Team Leader – Highways & Winter Maintenance, Nicola Davies: to discuss highways maintenance and any issues arising

Apologies from the Service Manager - Community Services, due to a personal commitment; also, the Team Leader - Highways and Winter Maintenance, who would no longer be able to attend meetings on a Wednesday evening.

211) To receive any verbal recommendations of the Performance Review Sub-Committee held immediately prior to this meeting

The following reports and recommendations arising from the Performance Review Sub-Committee were presented for consideration and approved accordingly.

- Council would be looking at the third quarter to address any over/underspends within each budget heading;
- Virement to be undertaken from ‘**Special Projects**’ budget heading to the ‘**War Memorial**’ fund.
- The report of Budget Against Actual Figures to 30th September, 2018.

Thanks were extended to the RFO for producing such detailed accounts.

212) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in October 2018

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

In line with the External Auditors’ recommendations: in respect of outstanding cheques to be written back over a six-month period, the RFO confirmed that no cheques were outstanding within the current six-month period had been written back and up-to-date.

A Member highlighted the success of TredFest which was sold out; thanks had been extended to Tredegar Town Council on all publicity literature.

Councillors H. Trollope and S. Trollope joined the meeting at this juncture (6.05 p.m.)

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, all other presented items were approved for payment. There was no transfer of funds required for the month of October, as a result of receipts from the Bevan Festival brochure; which was noted accordingly.

The RFO left the meeting at this juncture.

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

- a) Events Sub-Committee - 5th September, 2018**
- b) Civic Meeting of Council - 5th September, 2018**
- c) Performance Review Sub-Committee - 19th September, 2018**
- d) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 19th September, 2018**

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

214) Matters arising from the Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council - 19th September, 2018

- A4048 Tredegar to Blackwood – a Member said that the network was looking at cycleways in only part of the valley; from Bedwellty Pits to Argoed, cyclists had to cycle on road. It was agreed, therefore, that Council write to Blaenau Gwent to ascertain what action would be taken to link up the network.

The Mayor referred to the Events Sub-Committee held September, and discussion in relation to Armed Forces Day: he said that unfortunately someone in that meeting had taken it upon

themselves to tell members of the public that he had refused to participate in Armed Forces Day. He said that if a Member had a problem to speak to him direct and not talk to people outside of meetings.

215) Chair to sign Minutes

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

216) Correspondence

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

- 1) BGCBC
 - a) List of Licensing applications week ending 12.10.2018.
 - Noted.
 - b) Blaenau Gwent 50+ Forum “Older People’s Celebration Concert” Thursday 8th November, 2018 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at The Ballroom, Beaufort Theatre, Ebbw Vale. Free live music, limited tickets available so booking is required. Transport to venue is available, contact to arrange. RVSP to 01495 355935 or email: pps@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk – **added to website**
 - Noted; forward to Mayor.
- 2) One Voice Wales
 - a) Subordinate Legislation Consolidation and Review Consolidation of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 and Town and County Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 – One Voice Wales response to the consultation.
 - Noted.
 - b) An evening with the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Brigadier Robert Aitken CBE on 21st November, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. Cwmbran Community Council.
 - Noted; apologies received from Councillors E. Jones, H. and S. Trollope; forward to Councillor J. Thomas.
 - c) Welsh Government recruiting.
 - Noted; to be placed on TTC website.
 - d) Welsh Government Review of Digital Innovation survey/call for evidence/comments.

- Noted; Clerk to respond.
- 3) Planning Inspectorate Land between B4256 & Charles Street, Wauntysswg Farm – Notice of suspension of proceedings.
- Noted.
- 4) C. Saunders Email: Lieutenancy Attendance Remembrance Sunday. Details of the Deputy Lieutenant who has been allocated to each Town Council – **Clare replied explanation it is a RBL led event.**
- Noted.
- 5) Bacchante Crafts Plaques quotation – **forwarded to top 4 for comments**
- A Member referred to a list circulated of all organisations in Tredegar who had headquarters; Members to respond to Clerk if aware of any names omitted.
- It was agreed: purchasing of seventy plaques.
- 6) Powys County Council Powys LDP: Adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance October 2018
<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/planning-building-control/local-development-plan/ldp-supplementary-planning-guidance-spg/>
- Noted.
- 7) Cllr Tippings Suggesting the floodlighting on the War Memorial to be higher to light up cross.
- Clerk to ascertain if costs would be incurred in repositioning floodlight to War Memorial.
- 8) GAVO Offering free membership with them and a copy of their current membership list.
- Noted; Clerk to complete registration.
- 9) S. Iles Looking to become involved with Town Council.
- Clerk to liaise, suggest meet with Officers.
- 10) Communicorp Local Councils Update October 2018 Issue 222: Charles Arnold Baker 11th Edition available – **approve purchase**
- Noted; in response to questions raised, the Clerk confirmed that this publication was most

helpful but pointed out that it often became discounted later in the year of release; approved accordingly at the appropriate time.

11) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Road works report week ending 12.10.2018 & 19.10.2018.

12) AGENDA

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Agenda for meeting 10.00 a.m. Friday 19th October, 2018 at Tredegar Library.

Available for Members – received.

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

217) Planning:

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

i) None received.

ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 40

b) List of planning applications received in week 41

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

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2018/0282	Mr. J. Fleet 5 Evans Terrace St. Luke's Road Tredegar	Two storey rear extension, conversion of store to a garage, including a front extension and raising the incorporating dormer windows, 5 Evans Terrace, St. Luke's Road.
	No objections.	
C/2018/0287	Mr. D. Hughes Overlook House Georgetown Tredegar	Additional work to that approved under LBC approval C/2017/0060 dated 17.10.2017, Former Town Hall, The Circle.

No objections. In respect of comments made, it was noted disabled access had been agreed previously however a Member considered there remained a flaw. Disabled parking and lift access were to be provided to the rear of the building.

C/2018/0288

Mr. A. Boulton
1 Foundry Bridge
Abertillery

New shop front and roller shutters,
53 Commercial Street. (*Noted:
shutters to be semi perforated*)

No objections.

d) Other Planning Matters

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

- Recreation Ground - Friends of Bedwellty Park and members of the public were concerned regarding the potential leasing of the recreation ground through the Aneurin Leisure Trust, as to what type of lease would be allowed by the Local Authority and could the ground be bought in the future. Members were informed that the ground was currently still being run by the Grounds Maintenance Team of Blaenau Gwent CBC; however, the Local Authority Leader had announced that the Council would be looking at asset transfer by April 2019.

Councillors M. Cross, T. Smith and H. Trollope were working with the sporting community, and the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, as the Members had been invited to a meeting to seek the views of the public asking if anyone could facilitate, where it had been agreed to contact Coalfields Regeneration Trust. A working party had thereupon been set up with one person from each sporting organisation. A further meeting would take place following Trust representative, Alan Taylor, drawing up a constitution and terms of reference. Concerns were raised that after a certain number of years, sporting assets could be sold for housing development.

A Member said this ground had been donated by Lord Tredegar for recreational purposes on a one-hundred-year lease and, if the Local Authority disposed of the ground, it should be returned to the Estate.

Members confirmed that good practice elsewhere had been considered and adopted at the first meeting.

In response to an enquiry regarding the group to be established, it had been agreed by the working party that it be known as a Sporting Academy; which was welcomed by Members.

- Metro for S.E. Wales – concerns had been raised previously by Council that Tredegar was not included; a Member had sight of the cycle network and unfortunately the situation was exactly the same; whereby Tredegar had again been omitted, which she deemed disappointing.

It was agreed that a letter be forwarded to the First Minister, expressing concern that Tredegar was missing from the network and asking that the transport priority mapping be reviewed immediately, with a copy to the local Assembly Member.

The Clerk suggested that Officers of BGCBC may also be able to advise on this issue and would liaise accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.46 p.m.

Chair